

RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Both PhD and MPhil degrees are research-oriented. A student is required to:

- complete an approved programme of supervised research;
- present a written thesis which demonstrates an advanced level of knowledge and understanding in the candidate's field of study and which describes and summarizes the research undertakings and findings;
- satisfy the Board of Examiners in an oral examination (and any other examination if deemed necessary), on matters relevant to the subject of the thesis; and
- comply with supervision, attendance and all coursework requirements as laid down by the respective Faculty/School/Academy.

A full-time candidate registered provisionally for the MPhil degree is subject to a probationary period of up to 12 months (for a part-time candidate, up to 18 months). A full-time candidate registered provisionally for the PhD degree is subject to a probationary period of up to 18 months (for a part-time candidate, up to 21 months). At the end of the probationary period and after the submission of a research prospectus to the University's Research Postgraduate Studies Committee, the candidate will be assessed and candidature will be confirmed or terminated.

Period of Study

The period of study for full-time and part-time students is as follows:

	PhD Degree	
	Full-time	Part-time
Minimum Period	24*/30 months	36*/60 months
Normal Period	36/48** months	72 months
Maximum Period	60 months	96 months
	MPhil Degree	
	Full-time	Part-time
Minimum Period	21 months	36 months
Normal Period	24 months	48 months
Maximum Period	48 months	72 months

- * The shorter period is applicable to PhD entrants who possess a master's degree in a closely related field.
- ** The longer period is applicable to PhD entrants who do not possess a research master's degree. Studentship is normally provided for 36 months. If students wish to extend beyond 36 months, they should apply in writing, with the recommendation of the Dean, for approval by the Graduate School, at a time when they have pursued their studies for 24-30 months.

Note: Any exception to these rules requires the approval of the Research Postgraduate Studies Committee.

Fields of Study

At Hong Kong Baptist University, the selection of areas of study and research is based on the student's interests and the University's resources. To assist prospective students in identifying possible options, a list of disciplines/fields of study offered by the respective departments is shown as follows.

Faculty of Arts

Chinese Language and Literature (CHI)

Chinese Language; Etymology; Classical Chinese Literature; Modern Chinese Literature; Chinese Literary Theory and Criticism; Chinese Religion and Philosophy; Chinese Classical Studies; Study of Ceremonial Rites

English Language and Literature (ENG)

Linguistics/Language Studies

Bilingualism; Contrastive Linguistics; Intercultural Communication; Gender and Language; Language Acquisition; Phonetics and Phonology; Pragmatics; Semantics; Sociolinguistics; Syntax; Text/Discourse Analysis; World Englishes

Literary Studies

Children's Literature; Chinese-Western Comparative Literature; Gender and Literature; Identity & Diaspora in Literature; Irish Literature; Literature and Film; New Literatures in English; Nineteenth-Century Literature; Renaissance Literature; Romantic Literature; Shakespeare Studies; Twentieth-Century Literature; Victorian Literature; Women in Literature

Language Centre (LC)

Linguistics

Chinese Syntax/Semantics; Cognitive Linguistics; Lexical Semantics

Applied Linguistics

Bilingual and Bicultural Education; Chinese Language Teaching; Corpus Linguistics; Intercultural Communication & Cultural Awareness; Interlanguage Analysis; Second Language Acquisition; Spoken and Written Discourse (Chinese & English); Syllabus and Materials Design; TESOL/TEFL.

Music (MUS)

Classroom Music; Choral Conducting; Piano Pedagogy; Music for Young Children

Religion and Philosophy (REL)

Christian Studies

Biblical Studies and Biblical Theology; History of Christian Thought; Contemporary Theology; Chinese Theology; Philosophical Theology; Moral Theology; Christian Social Ethics; Christian Spirituality; Christianity and Chinese Culture; Systematic Theology

Religious Studies

Comparative Religion; Buddhism; Confucianism; Daoism; Neo-Confucianism; Contemporary Chinese Religions; Islam; Approaches to the Study of Religion; Religion and Modern Society; Religion and Ritual

Philosophy

History of Western Philosophy; History of Chinese Philosophy; Hermeneutics; Contemporary Philosophy; Epistemology; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Language; Moral Philosophy; Applied Ethics; Social and Political Philosophy; Comparative Philosophy; Religion and Modern Science; Postmodernism; Philosophy of Culture

Humanities Studies

(Interdisciplinary) (HUM)

Gender Studies; Cultural Studies; Arts and Aesthetics; Postmodernism; Post-Colonialism; Comparative Studies; New Media Studies; Globalization

Translation Studies

History of Translation; Translation Theory; Chinese Discourse on Translation; Western Translation Theory; Comparative Study of Chinese and Western Translation Theory; Applied Translation Studies; Literary Translation; Legal Interpreting; Legal Translation; Power and Interpreting; Power and Translation; Gender and Translation; Discourse Analysis; Drama Translation; Translation and the Performing Arts; Translation and Post-modernism; Translating Texts of Traditional Chinese Medicine into English; Translation Pedagogy; Professionalism and Translating; Translation and Intuition



School of Business

Accountancy and Law (ACLW)

Financial Accounting; International Accounting; Auditing; Management Accounting; Taxation; Accounting Information Systems; Corporate Governance; Business Financial Management; Accounting and Capital Market; Accounting Education; Commercial Law; Labour Law; China Law; Company Law; Legal Aspects of China Business

Economics (ECON)

Chinese Economy; Hong Kong Economy; Monetary Economy; Economic Growth and Development; Labour Economics; Industrial Economics; Financial Economics; International Economics; Public Finance; Econometrics; Health Economics

Finance and Decision Sciences (FDS)

Financial Derivatives; Risk Management; Portfolio Management and Securities Analysis; Behavioural Finance; Investment Strategy; Market Micro-structure; Corporate Finance; Corporate Governance; Corporate Restructuring; Management Information Systems; Management Science; E-Commerce; Operations Research; Information System Ethics; Adoption of Information Technology; Behavioural Aspect of Information Technology; Information Technology in Education; Information Systems in SMEs; Telecommunications and Multimedia Management; Business Intelligence; Knowledge Management; e-Logistics and Supply Chain Management; e-Marketing and Customer Relationship Management; Information Systems Auditing

Management (MGNT)

International Management ; Strategic Management ; Organizational Behaviour; Human Resources Management; Employee Relations ; Cross -Cultural Management ; Corporate Social Responsibility and Business Ethics; General Management; Management in China

Marketing (MKT)

Strategic Marketing and Planning; Services Marketing; Marketing Issues in China; Cross-Cultural Marketing; Marketing Communication; Industrial Marketing; Sales Management; Small-Firm Marketing; Entrepreneurship; Ethical Issues in Marketing; Marketing and Society

School of Chinese Medicine (SCM)

Biomedical Sciences/Chinese Medicine/ Pharmacy in Chinese Medicines

- Clinical and Laboratory Studies on Gastroenterology, Neuro-degenerative Diseases and Pain
- Clinical and Laboratory Studies on Anti-inflammatory and Anti-cancer Effects of Chinese Herbal Medicines
- Laboratory Studies on Metabolic Syndromes such as Diabetes Mellitus and Fatty Liver Disease
- Pharmacokinetic, Metabolomic and Pharmaceutical Studies on Chinese Herbal Medicines
- Herbal Drug Resources, Authentication, Standardization and Quality Assurance
- Molecular Pharmacology and Targets of Herbal Medicines
- Genomics and Proteomics on the Actions of Chinese Herbal Medicines



School of Communication

Academy of Film (AF)

Asia Pacific Cinema; Chinese Language Cinema and Television; Documentary Film; Early European Cinema; Feminist Film Theory and Criticism; Film Policy; Hong Kong Cinema; New Media; Realist Film Theory and Criticism; Screen Industry and Globalization



Communication Studies (COMS)

Organizational Communication; Leadership Communication; Intercultural Communication; Chinese Communication; Advertising; Integrated Marketing Communication; Consumer Behaviour; Rhetorical Theory and Practice; Public Relations; Crisis Communication; Conflict and Negotiation; Health Communication; Mass Communication; Communication and Culture; New Media, Computer-Mediated Communication; Media and Society; Communication Management

Journalism (JOUR)

Media Law and Ethics; History and Theory of Journalism, with Emphasis on Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Southeast/East Asian Countries; Interaction Between Journalism and Society/Politics/Economy/Culture; Investigative Journalistic Writing; History and Theory of Photojournalism; History and Theory of Broadcast Journalism; On-Line Journalism; Journalism Education; International Journalism and Comparison of World News Systems; Impact of New Technology on Journalism; Telecommunication, Chinese Media Reform, Media Literacy and Education; Business and Financial Journalism

Faculty of Science

Biology (BIOL)

Angiogenesis and Ginseng Pharmacology; Regulation of microRNA biogenesis; Aquatic Ecology; Biosynthesis of Natural Product; Ecotoxicology of Heavy Metals and Persistent Organic Pollutants; Electronic and Electrical Waste Management; Environmental Impact Assessment; Environmental Impact of Diving Tourism; Plant Physiology; Plant Molecular Genetics; Plant Functional Genomics; Proteomics; Immunopharmacology; Molecular Endocrinology and Toxicology; Neurobiology Organic Waste Management; Phytoremediation/Bioremediation of Contaminated Soil and Water; Water Pollution

Chemistry (CHEM)

Analytical Chemistry; Bioinorganic/Biophysical Chemistry; Biosensor; Chemical Engineering; Chemical Instrumentation; Chemosensor; Chinese Herbs; Computational Chemistry; Electroanalytical Chemistry; Engineering processes ; Environmental Chemistry; Food Analysis and Safety; Heterogeneous Catalysts; Industrial Chemistry; Inorganic Chemistry; Mass Spectrometry; Organic Synthesis; Organometallic Chemistry; Material Design and Synthesis; Physical Chemistry; Phytochemistry; Polymer; Solid State; Surface Science



Computer Science (COMP)

Computer Vision; Data Engineering and Database; Data Mining; Health Informatics; High Performance Computing; Interactive Computing; Machine Learning; Multi-Agent and Complex Systems; Multimedia Communications and Systems ; Networking; Pat tern Recognition and Biometrics; Web Intelligence; Wireless Communications and Pervasive Computing

Mathematics (MATH)

Statistics; Multivariate Analysis; Data Mining; Multivariate Distribution; Statistical Inference; Experimental Design; Computational Statistics; Applied Statistics; Applied Probability; Spatial Statistics; Stochastic Geometry; Biostatistics; Bioinformatics; Numerical Analysis; Numerical Linear Algebra; Numerical Solution of Partial Differential Equations; Finite Element Methods; Finite Difference Methods; Spectral Methods; Computational Mechanics; Variational Principles in Mechanics; Computational Fluid Dynamics; Numerical Software; Parallel Computation; Multidimensional Integration Monte Carlo and Quasi-Monte Carlo Methods; Computational Complexity; Financial Mathematics; Neural Networks; Image Processing; Image Restoration; Image Coding; Pattern Recognition; Computer Vision; Optimal Control; Mechanics; Operations Research; Optimization; Dynamic Programming; Combinatorics; Graph Theory

Physics (PHYS)

Experimental

Analytical Laser Spectroscopy; Metamaterials; Microfluidics; Molecular Electronics; Ocean Sensing; Plasmonics; Precision Optical Instrumentation; Bio-imaging and Modeling of Cell Dynamics, Biophotonics and Single Molecule Biophysics; Biosensing; Organic and Inorganic Luminescence Materials and Devices; Organic Light-Emitting Diodes; Organic Thin Film Transistors; Organic Solar Cell; Optics and Transports of Organic Thin Films

Theoretical

Bioinformatics and Systems Biology; Complex Dynamical Systems; Condensed Matter and Statistical Physics; Dynamics of Neural Systems; Metamaterials and Photonic Crystals; Potential Models; Electronic Structure Simulations of Materials; Quarkonium Spectroscopy; Spontaneous Emission

Faculty of Social Sciences

Education Studies (EDUC)

Educational Psychology; Developmental Psychology; Language Education; ICT in Education; Education Policy Research; Comparative Education; Curriculum Studies; Educational Leadership; Teacher Education; Teacher Development; Social Context of Education; Moral Education; CyberPsychology; Mobile Learning; Information Literacy; Blended Learning; Critical Thinking and Metacognition; Leisure Education; Social Psychology; History of Education; Special Education Needs; Music Education

Geography (GEOG)

Biometeorology; Climatic Variability and Climate Change; Environmental Perceptions and Attitudes; Environmental Policy; Urban Open Space Systems; Sedimentological, Paleoenvironmental and Marine Physical Environments; Regional Planning; Urban Geography; Urban Planning; Asian Theories of the City; Critical Geography; Transport Geography; Travel Behaviour; Time Geography; Urban Housing Markets; Rural-Urban Migration in China; Energy Studies; Aspects of Political Geography; Cultural and Social Geography; GIS and Remote Sensing Applications; Rural transformation in China (Regional Foci comprise principally Hong Kong and Mainland China, with the Department stressing public policy applications.); International Development Studies

Government and International Studies (GIS)

China Studies

Government and Politics of The People's Republic of China; Social Movements in China; Chinese Labour Movement; Chinese Peasantry; Chinese Local Politics; Tibet and Chinese National Minorities; Hong Kong Politics and Transition; Taiwan Politics

European Studies

French/German/British/Polish Politics; Politics in Poland and Central European Countries; European Comparative Politics; European Integration; Government and Governance of the European Union; French and German Language and Culture

International Relations

Chinese Foreign Policy; European Foreign Policies; Euro-China Relations; International Political Economy; Relations Across the Taiwan Strait; China and Africa

Political Theory

Theory of International Relations; Chinese Political Philosophy in the 20th Century; Comparative Western and Chinese Political Theory

History (HIST)

Ancient Chinese History; Chinese Women Studies ; Contemporary China; Contemporary Chinese Political Thought; European Diplomatic History; History of Chinese Journalism; Hong Kong Studies; History of the Qing Dynasty; Medieval Chinese History; Modern Chinese History; Modern Chinese Intellectual History; Modern European History; Modern Western Intellectual Thought; Missionaries in Modern China; Sino-British Relations; Sino-Japanese Relations; Sino-Western Intellectual Exchange; Sino-American Relations; South China Studies; Traditional and Modern Historiography

Physical Education (PE)

Contemporary Issues in Physical Education, Sport, and Recreation; History and Philosophy of Physical Education and Sport; Health Fitness, Wellness, and Quality of Life; Exercise Physiology, Sports Injuries, and Nutrition; Sports Psychology; Sports Sociology; Sport and Recreation Management; Leisure Activity

Social Work (SOWK)

Counselling; Family Issues and Therapy; Mental Health and Mental Disorders; Children and Woman Issues; Disability and Rehabilitation; New Immigrants; Child Neglect and Child Abuse; Substance Abuse; Social Work with Disadvantaged Groups; Empowerment Practice; Narrative Therapy; Social Work Pedagogy; Social Movements, Social Welfare and Social Policy in Hong Kong, China and Asia; Carers and Caregiving; Ageing and Social Care; Sexual Violence Against Young People; Youth Policy in East Asia; Young People in Social Withdrawal; Intimate Relationship among Young People with Particular Concern on Cyber Intimacy; Critical Youth Work; AIDS and Stigmatization

Sociology (SOC)

Chinese Societies; Hong Kong Society and Culture; Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theories; Gender Studies; Sexualities; Health and Illness; Life Courses; Marriage and the Family; Social Networks; Social Stratification; Social Demography; Migration; Media Studies; Urbanization; Globalization and Development; Urban Sociology; Social Movements; Work and Industry; Social Problems; Ethnic Identity; Diaspora; Business Networks; Popular Culture; Cultural Sociology

Academy of Visual Arts

Visual Arts Studies (VA)

It includes any field that aligns with the expertise of the Academy, which encompasses but is not limited to: Body Aesthetics and Performance Art, Chinese Art, Modern and Contemporary Art, Design, Folk Art and Culture, Hong Kong Art, Interactive Media, Time-based Media, Theories of Material Culture, Museum and Curatorial Studies, Public Art and Community, and Visual Culture Studies.

