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## Program Information

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## Study Scheme

*Postgraduate Student Handbook 2020-21 (GRS-I)*

## INTER-FACULTY PROGRAMME

## Gender Studies

Study Scheme

## Ph.D. Programme in Gender Studies (Full-time and Part-time)

## Applicable to students admitted in 2018-19 and thereafter

## 1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 22.5 units of courses (including GDRS8500)

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| (i) Required courses:   |                  |
| <i>First Year of Attendance:</i>  | <b>6 units</b>   |
| GDRS5010, 5020  |                  |
| <i>Graduates of the CUHK M.Phil. Programme in Gender Studies may apply for exemption from Courses GDRS5010 and 5020, subject to the Division Head's approval.</i> |                  |
| <i>Second to Subsequent Year(s) of Attendance:</i>  | <b>4.5 units</b> |
| GDRS5030, 5040  |                  |
| <i>These courses may be taken more than once; and are required to be taken for a minimum of 3 terms.</i>  |                  |
| <i>Thesis Monitoring Course:</i>  | <b>6 units</b>   |
| GDRS8500  |                  |
| <i>Students are required to take GDRS8500 every term, following the completion of qualifying exams and approval of the thesis proposal.</i>                       |                  |
| <br>(ii) Elective courses:  |                  |
| GDRS5061 – GDRS5069 ( <i>may be taken more than once</i> )  | <b>3 units</b>   |
| Any 3 units of courses to be chosen either from the course list of the Ph.D. Programme or other relevant courses offered by this Division or other Divisions      | <b>3 units</b>   |

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**Total: 22.5 units**

## 2. Comprehensive/Qualifying Examination

All Ph.D. students must pass written qualifying examinations in two areas. One examination shall be in theory and method, covering general theories in gender studies and the history of gender research methodology in a specific field/subject of study. The second examination will be worked out between the individual student and the supervisor in an area related to the thesis research. The examinations are given in December and May. Students must submit a written request to the Head of the Graduate Division for Gender Studies by 15 June if they intend to sit for the exam in December; and by 15 November if they intend to sit for the exam in May.

Students are required to pass the qualifying examination within the maximum period as listed below:

With research Master's:	Full-time	30 months
	Part-time	42 months
Without research Master's:	Full-time	42 months
	Part-time	58 months

### 3. Other Requirements

- (a) Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement of the Graduate School. For details, please refer to Section 13.0 "Unsatisfactory Performance and Discontinuation of Studies" of the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies which can be accessed from the Graduate School Homepage: <http://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.
- (b) Students are required to submit a research thesis. The requirements and conventions of the supervisor's discipline will govern the length and style of the thesis. The thesis should be an original contribution to scholarship. The Ph.D. degree will be awarded on the basis of this thesis and an oral examination.
- (c) Complete an Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) module on "Observing Intellectual Property and Copyright Law during Research". This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipi.html>.
- (d) Students are required to complete an online Research Ethics Training (RET) module on "Publication Ethics" offered by the Office of Research and Knowledge Transfer Services (ORKTS) and obtain a valid Publication Ethics Certificate for graduation. Relevant information can be accessed from the RET website at <https://www.research-ethics.cuhk.edu.hk/web/>.

### 4. Remarks

- (a) A student shall identify a supervisor of his or her desired field of study as soon as possible. The Graduate Panel shall approve the student's proposal of supervisor and formally invite the respective faculty member to provide supervision. The Graduate Panel shall also approve the membership of the student's thesis committee.
- (b) A student's thesis committee should include at least one member whose academic interests are related to gender studies. Students must consult with the Head of the Graduate Division for Gender Studies with regard to their thesis titles and the make-up of their thesis committees.

### Applicable to students admitted in 2017-18

#### 1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 21 units of courses (including GDRS8500)

- (i) Required courses:
 

<i>First Year of Attendance:</i>	<b>6 units</b>
GDRS5010, 5020	
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<i>Second to Subsequent Year(s) of Attendance:</i>	<b>3-4.5 units</b>
GDRS5030, 5040	
<i>These courses may be taken more than once; and are required to be taken for a minimum of 3 terms.</i>	
<i>Thesis Monitoring Course:</i>	<b>6 units</b>
GDRS8500	
<i>Students are required to take GDRS8500 every term, following the completion of qualifying exams and approval of the thesis proposal.</i>	
- (ii) Elective courses:
 

GDRS5061 – GDRS5069 ( <i>may be taken more than once</i> )	<b>3 units</b>
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Any 3 units of courses to be chosen either from the course list of the Ph.D. Programme or other relevant courses offered by this Division or other Divisions **3 units**

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**Total: 21-22.5 units**

## 2. *Comprehensive/Qualifying Examination*

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	Part-time	42 months
Without research Master's:	Full-time	42 months
	Part-time	58 months

## 3. *Other Requirements*

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### **Applicable to students admitted in 2016-17 and before**

#### 1. *Coursework Requirement*

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- Required courses:  
*First Year of Attendance:* **6 units**

GDRS5010, 5020

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*Second to Subsequent Year(s) of Attendance:* **3 units**

GDRS5030, 5040

*These courses may be taken more than once; and are required to be taken for a minimum of 3 terms.*

*Thesis Monitoring Course:* **6 units**

GDRS8500

*Students are required to take GDRS8500 every term, following the completion of qualifying exams and approval of the thesis proposal.*

(ii) Elective courses:

GDRS5061 – GDRS5069 (*may be taken more than once*) **3 units**

Any 3 units of courses to be chosen either from the course list of the Ph.D. Programme or other relevant courses offered by this Division or other Divisions **3 units**

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**Total: 21 units**

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#### Course List

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Unit</u>
GDRS5010	Gender Studies:Theory	3
GDRS5020	Gender Studies: Methodology	3
GDRS5030	Advanced Topics in Gender Studies I	1
GDRS5040	Advanced Topics in Gender Studies II	1
GDRS5061	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5062	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5063	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5064	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5065	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5066	Directed Studies	3
GDRS8500	Thesis Research	3

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#### Learning Outcomes

1. Our research programmes aim to educate researchers to embark on careers that would allow them to become world leaders in their fields, working as university professors, principal investigators in research institutes, senior managers in enterprises, or experts in other professions related to the pursuit and application of knowledge.
2. The University expects **doctoral degree graduates** of research programmes to have acquired in-depth knowledge in a number of major areas of an academic discipline while maintaining a broad understanding of other related fields. Doctoral degree graduates should have accumulated enough educational experience and background learning to be capable of performing independent research to advance scholarship, with global standards. In particular, doctoral graduates should have the ability to identify research trends and opportunities, venture into new research areas when appropriate, define long-term research objectives, formulate original research problems, and originate and develop solution methodologies. Doctoral graduates should be capable of producing research output at a level that can either lead to publications in high-ranking scholastic venues, or to novel applications in relevant industrial, commercial, or other public sectors, or to other forms of useful knowledge transfer to society. They should have gained proficiency in techniques of knowledge dissemination through presentation and writing and some teaching experiences through student tutoring.
3. The University expects **master's degree graduates** of research programmes to have acquired advanced knowledge in major areas of an academic discipline while maintaining a broad understanding of other related fields. Master's degree graduates should have gained enough background knowledge to enable them to perform research with minimal supervision. In particular, they should have the ability to formulate individual research tasks and to develop solution methodologies under minimal supervision. Master's degree graduates should be capable of producing original, innovative research output, some of which may lead to publication in well-respected scholastic venues. They should have gained proficiency in techniques of knowledge dissemination through presentation and writing.
4. For graduates of research programmes at both doctoral and master's level, communication and language skills at a level appropriate to university graduates are expected already at the time of admission. In particular, fluent communication skills are expected in the language(s) essential to their research areas. In general, a high level of proficiency in English is expected as it is commonly regarded as the default international research language. Ability in a second language is encouraged.

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