

INTER-FACULTY PROGRAMME

Gender Studies

Study Scheme

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

Please read the Study Scheme in conjunction with the email on “Completing certain Improving Postgraduate Learning modules in the first year of study (for fulfilment of Ph.D. and Taught Doctoral candidacy requirements) with retroactive effect from 2022-23 intake” dated 27 October 2023. (Click [here](#))

Applicable to students admitted in 2024-25 and thereafter

A. M.Phil. Student

1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) Lecture Courses:

First Year of Attendance:

(i) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5010

GDRS5011

3 units

(ii) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5020

GDRS5087

3 units

A minimum 6 units of courses which are listed as required courses from the M.Phil. programme of the student's chosen subject discipline. Additional courses from the subject disciplines can be taken to fulfil the graduation requirements of the subject department.

6 units

Second Year of Attendance:

GDRS5030

1.5 units

GDRS5040

1.5 units

Remarks: M.Phil. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and 5040 in their second year of attendance. In the last term of the last year of their normative study period, M.Phil. students will be required to present either part or whole of their theses in either GDRS5030 or GDRS5040.

Total: 15 units

(b) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8006

6 units

Part-time and continuing students: GDRS8003

3 units

2. *Other Requirements*

- (a) Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement of the Graduate School. For details, please refer to Clause 13.0 “Unsatisfactory Performance and Discontinuation of Studies” of the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies which can be accessed from the Graduate School Homepage: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.
- (b) Students must also fulfill the additional Term Assessment Requirement of the Gender Studies Programme and students’ home departments, unless special approval is granted by the Faculty Board.
- (c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination for graduation. 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.
- (d) Students are required to 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipi.html>.
- (e) Students are required to complete and pass an IPL module on “Basics of Research Data Management” in their first year of study for completion of the University-specified requirement, with effect from the 2022-23 intake. This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>.
- (f) 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/>.

3. *Transfer from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Pre-candidacy*

The M.Phil. and Ph.D Programmes are articulated, which means that subject to the approval of the Division upon student’s request, the student can transfer from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Pre-candidacy.

B. Ph.D. Student (Pre-Candidacy)

The “candidacy requirement” composes of four major parts, namely, coursework requirement, candidacy examination, thesis proposal (and oral defence) and stipulated Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) module requirements. Students must complete and fulfill the first three parts within the “maximum period for fulfilling candidacy requirements” and complete the stipulated IPL module(s) in their first year of study. Details of the requirement are listed below:

1. *Coursework Requirement*

Students are required to take a minimum of 18 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) Lecture Courses:

First Year of Attendance:

- (i) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5010

GDRS5011

3 units

- (ii) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5020

GDRS5087

3 units

A minimum 6 units of courses which are listed as required courses from the Ph.D. programme of the student's chosen subject discipline.

6 units

Elective courses:

GDRS5030

1.5 units

GDRS5040

1.5 units

Remarks: Ph.D. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and 5040 within their first two years of attendance.

GDRS5061

3 units

Remarks: Ph.D. students can take GDRS5061 Directed Studies to assist in preparation for Part I of the qualifying examination.

Total: 18 units

(b) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8006

6 units

Part-time and continuing students: GDRS8003

3 units

2. *Candidacy Examination*

The examination will be based on theory and method, covering general theories in gender studies and students' subject discipline, and the history of gender research methodology in a specific field/subject of study. For subject disciplines that require two candidacy examinations, the candidacy examination may be divided into two parts. The examination is normally conducted in the form of writing, subject to the Graduate Division's approval.

The candidacy examination will be arranged 2 times per year. Students will be asked to have the second attempt if they have failed the examination for the first time. Students will be asked to withdraw from the programme if they failed the examination for the second time.

3. *Thesis Proposal and Oral Defence*

The student will prepare a thesis proposal in consultation with the supervisor within three months of passing of candidacy examination. The student will submit the proposal, which might be taken in the form of a progress report if the research has embarked, and present it at an oral defense to the proposal committee appointed by the Gender Studies Graduate Panel.

The committee will submit their recommendation to the Graduate Panel for approval. In the case of a recommended "fail", resubmission of a revised thesis proposal shall be due within a month after the first result is announced.

4. *Other Requirements*

Students are required to complete and pass an Improving Postgraduate Learning (IPL) module on "Basics of Research Data Management" in the first year of study for partial fulfilment of candidacy requirements and completion of the University-specified requirement, with effect from the 2022-23 intake. This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>.

C. Ph.D. Student (Post-Candidacy)**1. Coursework Requirement**

Students are required to take a minimum of 1.5 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) Lecture Courses:

Elective courses

GDRS5030 or GDRS5040

1.5 units

Remarks: Ph.D. students are required to register for GDRS5030 or GDRS5040 at least once within the whole post-candidacy programme.

In the last term of the last year of their normative study period, Ph.D. students will be required to present either part or whole of their theses in either GDRS5030 or GDRS5040

(b) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8012

12 units

Part-time students: GDRS8006

6 units

Continuing students: GDRS8003

3 units

2. Other Requirements

(a) Students must fulfill the Term Assessment Requirement of the Graduate School. For details, please refer to Clause 13.0 "Unsatisfactory Performance and Discontinuation of Studies" of the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies which can be accessed from the Graduate School Homepage: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.

(b) Students must also fulfil the additional Term Assessment Requirement of the Gender Studies Programme and students' home departments, unless special approval is granted by the Faculty Board.

(c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination for graduation. 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.

In addition to completing the IPL modules stipulated for partial fulfillment of candidacy requirements, students are also required to complete the following IPL modules for graduation:

(d) Complete an 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipi.html>.

(e) 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/>.

3. 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 interest is gender studies. Students must consult the Head of the Graduate Division for Gender Studies on their thesis titles and the make-up of their thesis committees.

Applicable to students admitted in 2023-24

A. M.Phil. Student

1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) First Year of Attendance:

- (i) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5010

GDRS5011

3 units

- (ii) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5020

GDRS5087

3 units

A minimum 6 units of courses which are listed as required courses

6 units

from the M.Phil. programme of the student's chosen subject discipline.

Additional courses from the subject disciplines can be taken to fulfil the graduation requirements of the subject department.

(b) Second Year of Attendance:

GDRS5030

1.5 units

GDRS5040

1.5 units

Remarks: M.Phil. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and 5040 in their second year of attendance. In the last term of the last year of their normative study period, M.Phil. students will be required to present either part or whole of their theses in either GDRS5030 or GDRS5040.

Total: 15 units

(c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8500

6 units

Part-time and continuing students: GDRS8300

3 units

2. 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: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.

- (b) Students must also fulfill the requirement of students' home departments.

- (c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination. 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.

- (d) 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.
- (e) Complete an IPL module on “Research Data Management Training”. This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>. Students are required to complete and pass the module in their first year of studies, with effect from the 2022-23 intake.
- (f) 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/>.

3. *Transfer from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Pre-candidacy*

The M.Phil. and Ph.D Programmes are articulated, which means that subject to the approval of the Division upon student’s request, the student can transfer from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Pre-candidacy.

B. **Ph.D. Student (Pre-Candidacy)**

The “candidacy requirements” composes of three major parts: coursework requirements, candidacy examinations, and thesis proposal with oral defense. Students must complete and fulfill all three parts within the “maximum period of fulfilling candidacy requirements”. Details of the requirements are listed below:

1. *Coursework Requirement*

Students are required to take a minimum of 18 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) First Year of Attendance:

(i) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5010

GDRS5011

3 units

(ii) 1 from the following 2 courses

GDRS5020

GDRS5087

3 units

A minimum 6 units of courses which are listed as required courses from the Ph.D. programme of the student’s chosen subject discipline.

6 units

(b) Elective courses:

GDRS5030

1.5 units

GDRS5040

1.5 units

Remarks: Ph.D. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and 5040 within their first two years of attendance.

GDRS5061

3 units

Remarks: Ph.D. students can take GDRS5061 Directed Studies to assist in preparation for Part I of the qualifying examination.

Total: 18 units

(c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8500

6 units

Part-time and continuing students: GDRS8300

3 units

2. *Candidacy Examination*

The examination consists of two sections: Part I (Gender Theories & Methodologies) and Part II (Subject Discipline). All Ph.D. students must pass candidacy examinations in the two areas.

Part I (Gender Theories & Methodologies) is a written examination in theory and method, covering general theories in gender studies and the history of gender research methodology in a specific field/subject of study.

Part II (Subject Discipline) is an examination worked out between the student and the supervisor in a format in accordance with the rules and requirements of their respective subject disciplines.

Part I of the candidacy examination will be arranged 2 times per year. Students will be asked to have the second attempt if they have failed the examination for the first time. Students will be asked to withdraw from the programme if they failed the examination for the second time.

The passing, failing and the possible arrangement of supplementary examination(s) of Part II of the candidacy examination will be according to the rules and requirements of the respective subject disciplines of the students.

3. *Thesis Proposal and Oral Defence*

The student will prepare a thesis proposal in consultation with the supervisor within three months of passing of candidacy examination. The student will submit the proposal and present it at an oral defense to the proposal committee appointed by the Gender Studies Graduate Panel.

The committee will submit their recommendation to the Graduate Panel for approval. In the case of a recommended "fail", resubmission of a revised thesis proposal shall be due within a month after the first result is announced.

4. *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: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.
- (b) 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.
- (c) 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/>.

C. **Ph.D. Student (Post-Candidacy)**

1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to take a minimum of 1.5 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) Elective courses:

GDRS5030 or GDRS5040

1.5 units

Remarks: Ph.D. students are required to register for GDRS5030 or GDRS5040 at least once within the whole post-candidacy programme.

In the last term of the last year of their normative study period, Ph.D. students will be required to present either part or whole of their theses in either GDRS5030 or GDRS5040

(c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8600

12 units

Part-time students: GDRS8500

6 units

Continuing students: GDRS8300

3 units

2. 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: <https://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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.

(d) Complete an IPL module on "Research Data Management Training". This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>. Students are required to complete and pass the module in their first year of studies, with effect from the 2022-23 intake.

(e) 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/>.

3. 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 interest is gender studies. Students must consult the Head of the Graduate Division for Gender Studies on their thesis titles and the make-up of their thesis committees.

Applicable to students admitted in 2022-23**A. M.Phil. Student****1. Coursework Requirement**

Students are required to complete a minimum of 15 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) First Year of Attendance:

GDRS5010 **3 units**

GDRS5020 **3 units**

A minimum 6 units of courses which are listed as required courses from **6 units**

the M.Phil. programme of the student's chosen subject discipline.

Additional courses from the subject disciplines can be taken to fulfil the graduation requirements of the subject department.

(b) Second Year of Attendance:

GDRS5030 **1.5 units**

GDRS5040 **1.5 units**

Remarks: M.Phil. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and 5040 in their second year of attendance. In the last term of the last year of their normative study period, M.Phil. students will be required to present either part or whole of their theses in either GDRS5030 or GDRS5040.

Total: 15 units

(c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8500 **6 units**

Part-time and continuing students: GDRS8300 **3 units**

2. 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: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.

(b) Students must also fulfill the requirement of students' home departments.

(c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination. 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.

(d) 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.

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3. *Transfer from M.Phil. to Ph.D. Pre-candidacy*

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B. **Ph.D. Student (Pre-Candidacy)**

The "candidacy requirements" composes of three major parts: coursework requirements, candidacy examinations, and thesis proposal with oral defense. Students must complete and fulfill all three parts within the "maximum period of fulfilling candidacy requirements". Details of the requirements are listed below:

1. *Coursework Requirement*

Students are required to take a minimum of 18 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) First Year of Attendance:

GDRS5010 **3 units**

GDRS5020 **3 units**

A minimum 6 units of courses which are listed as required courses from the Ph.D. programme of the student's chosen subject discipline. **6 units**

(b) Elective courses:

GDRS5030 **1.5 units**

GDRS5040 **1.5 units**

Remarks: Ph.D. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and 5040 within their first two years of attendance.

GDRS5061 **3 units**

Remarks: Ph.D. students can take GDRS5061 Directed Studies to assist in preparation for Part I of the qualifying examination.

Total: 18 units

(c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8500 **6 units**

Part-time and continuing students: GDRS8300 **3 units**

2. *Candidacy Examination*

The examination consists of two sections: Part I (Gender Theories & Methodologies) and Part II (Subject Discipline). All Ph.D. students must pass candidacy examinations in the two areas.

Part I (Gender Theories & Methodologies) is a written examination in theory and method, covering general theories in gender studies and the history of gender research methodology in a specific field/subject of study.

Part II (Subject Discipline) is an examination worked out between the student and the supervisor in a format in accordance with the rules and requirements of their respective subject disciplines.

Part I of the candidacy examination will be arranged 2 times per year. Students will be asked to have the second attempt if they have failed the examination for the first time. Students will be asked to withdraw from the programme if they failed the examination for the second time.

The passing, failing and the possible arrangement of supplementary examination(s) of Part II of the candidacy examination will be according to the rules and requirements of the respective subject disciplines of the students.

3. *Thesis Proposal and Oral Defence*

The student will prepare a thesis proposal in consultation with the supervisor within three months of passing of candidacy examination. The student will submit the proposal and present it at an oral defense to the proposal committee appointed by the Gender Studies Graduate Panel.

The committee will submit their recommendation to the Graduate Panel for approval. In the case of a recommended “fail”, resubmission of a revised thesis proposal shall be due within a month after the first result is announced.

4. *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: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.
- (b) 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipi.html>.
- (c) 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/>.

C. **Ph.D. Student (Post-Candidacy)**

1. *Coursework Requirement*

Students are required to take a minimum of 1.5 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

- (a) Elective courses:

GDRS5030 or GDRS5040

1.5 units

Remarks: Ph.D. students are required to register for GDRS5030 or GDRS5040 at least once within the whole post-candidacy programme.

In the last term of the last year of their normative study period, Ph.D. students will be required to present either part or whole of their theses in either GDRS5030 or GDRS5040

- (c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to take the following thesis research course every term:

Full-time students: GDRS8600	12 units
Part-time students: GDRS8500	6 units
Continuing students: GDRS8300	3 units

2. *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: <https://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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipi.html>.
- (d) Complete an IPL module on "Research Data Management Training". This is an online module and relevant information can be accessed from the website: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/download/IPL-Researchskills.pdf>. Students are required to complete and pass the module in their first year of studies, with effect from the 2022-23 intake.
- (e) 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/>.

3. *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 interest is gender studies. Students must consult the Head of the Graduate Division for Gender Studies on their thesis titles and the make-up of their thesis committees.

Applicable to students admitted in 2018-19 to 2021-22

A. M.Phil. Student

1. Coursework Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 9 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

- (a) First Year of Attendance:

GDRS5010, 5020	6 units
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- (b) Second Year of Attendance:

GDRS5030, 5040	3 units
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Remarks: M.Phil. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and GDRS5040 in their second year of attendance and will receive a grade based on their presentation, participation, and a final report on all the semester's talks. Students will present either part or whole of their theses in the second term they register for this seminar.

Total: 9 units

(c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to register for GDRS8500 in each term starting from their second year until they have submitted their graduation thesis:

GDRS8500

3-6 units

2. *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: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.

(b) Students must also fulfill the requirement of students' home departments.

(c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination. 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.

(d) 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.

(e) 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/>.

3. *Remark(s)*

A student's thesis committee should include at least one member whose academic interest is gender studies. Students must consult the Head of the Graduate Division for Gender Studies on their thesis titles and the make-up of their thesis committees.

B. Ph.D. Student

1. *Coursework Requirement*

Students are required to complete a minimum of 16.5 units of courses (excluding thesis research courses).

(a) First Year of Attendance:

GDRS5010, 5020

6 units

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.

(b) Second to Subsequent Year(s) of Attendance:

GDRS5030, 5040

4.5 units

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

(c) 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 **3 units**

Ph.D. Programme or other relevant courses offered by this Division or other Divisions.

Total: 16.5 units

(d) Thesis Monitoring Courses:

GDRS8500 **6 units**

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

2. *Candidacy 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: <https://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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.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. *Remark(s)*

- (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 interest 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 or before**A. M.Phil. Student**1. *Coursework Requirement*

Students are required to complete a minimum of 8-9 units of courses for graduation (excluding thesis research courses).

- (a) First Year of Attendance:

GDRS5010, 5020

6 units

- (b) Second Year of Attendance:

GDRS5030, 5040

2-3 units

Remarks: M.Phil. students are required to register for GDRS5030 and 5040 in their second year of attendance and will receive a grade based on their presentation, participation, and a final report on all the semester's talks. Students will present either part or whole of their theses in the second term they register for this seminar.

Total: 8-9 units

- (c) Thesis Research Courses:

Students are required to register for GDRS8500 in each term starting from their second year until they have submitted their graduation thesis:

GDRS8500

3-6 units2. *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: <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk>.
- (b) Students must also fulfill the requirement of students' home departments.
- (c) Students are required to submit a research thesis and pass an oral examination. 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.
- (d) 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: <https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/clear/prodev/ipl.html>.
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3. *Remark*

A student's thesis committee should include at least one member whose academic interest is gender studies. Students must consult the Head of the Graduate Division for Gender Studies on their thesis titles and the make-up of their thesis committees.

B. Ph.D. Student

Students are required to complete a minimum of 15-16.5 units of courses (excluding GDRS8500 Thesis Monitoring Course).

(a) First Year of Attendance:

GDRS5010, 5020

6 units

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.

(b) Second to Subsequent Year(s) of Attendance:

3-4.5 units

GDRS5030, 5040

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

(c) 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.

Total: 15-16.5 units

(d) Thesis Monitoring Courses:

GDRS8500

6 units

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

2. *Candidacy Examination*

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3. *Other Requirements*

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4. *Remarks*

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Course List

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Unit</u>
GDRS5010	Gender Studies:Theory	3
GDRS5011	Introduction to Gender Studies	3
GDRS5020	Gender Studies: Methodology	3
GDRS5030	Advanced Topics in Gender Studies I	1.5
GDRS5040	Advanced Topics in Gender Studies II	1.5
GDRS5061	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5062	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5063	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5064	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5065	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5066	Directed Studies	3
GDRS5087	Feminist Methodology	3
GDRS8003	Thesis Research	3
GDRS8006	Thesis Research	6
GDRS8012	Thesis Research	12
GDRS8300	Thesis Research	3
GDRS8500	Thesis Research	6
GDRS8600	Thesis Research	12

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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.