



Curriculum Information Record for a Research Degree Programme

School of Creative Media Effective from Semester A 2026/27 For Students Admitted with Catalogue Term Semester A 2026/27 and thereafter

This form is for completion by the College/School/Academy/Department for research degree programme. The information provided on this form is the official record of the Programme. It will be used for City University of Hong Kong's database, various City University of Hong Kong publications (including websites) and documentation for students and others as required.

Please refer to the Explanatory Notes attached to this form on the various items of information required.

Part I

Programme Title (in English) : Doctor of Philosophy
(in Chinese) : 哲學博士

Award Title (in English) : Doctor of Philosophy
(in Chinese) : 哲學博士

Programme Aims

This programme aims to train and produce independent researchers with state-of-the-art expertise who can create original knowledge through innovative research.

Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs)

(state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the programme according to a given standard of performance)

Upon successful completion of this Programme, students should be able to:

1. Formulate and construct effective, innovative, and original solutions to fundamental problems in their chosen subject areas
2. Demonstrate general intellectual proficiency and specialization in their chosen subject areas
3. Apply appropriate research methods and tools to the creation of independent research

4. Discuss the research process and analyse research findings through communications within the learned community
5. Create new knowledge through in-depth investigations of the chosen subject area

Part II Programme of Study

1. Research Area(s) in which research students will be admitted to: {e.g. *Applied Mathematics, Electrical Engineering*}

Computer Science, Creative Media

2. Programme Core Courses: (12 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Level	Units Worth	Remarks
SM8402	Research Skills and Methods	R8	3	
SM8405A	Professional Practice	R8	3	Year 3/4
SM8406	Independent Study for Qualifying Examination	R8	6	2-semester course (Semester A + Semester B OR Semester B + Semester A)

3. Programme Electives: (2 credits)

Research degree students can choose courses at postgraduate level offered by SCM to fulfil the coursework requirement, which are listed on the University website (CityUHK homepage → Academic → Programme and Course Catalogue → Research Degree Programme OR Master's Programme → Courses → School of Creative Media). Apart from those courses, students can choose to take other postgraduate courses offered by academic units at CityUHK or by other local tertiary institutions under the Cross-Institutional Course Enrolment Scheme. Students should note that some courses are offered specifically under a certain programme. Course selection are subject to approval by research supervisor and the School.

SM8407 Thesis Proposal Development is a suggested course for PhD students in Humanities / Art / Social Sciences and the School will pre-register the course for students concerned.

4. Qualifying Examination:

PhD students are required to pass the qualifying examination (QE) in accordance with the University regulations.

5. Qualifying/Annual Report Submission:

A qualifying report should include a survey of the relevant literature, an identification of a specific research topic, the research methodology and a discussion on possible outcomes.

Students should submit the qualifying report to their research supervisors and qualifying panel members within the specified qualifying period. The Qualifying Panel will assess the student's suitability to continue his or her studies on the basis of the qualifying report, coursework results and any other assessment as considered appropriate by the Panel. The Panel's recommendations will be forwarded to the School for approval.

After the qualifying period, students must submit progress reports (typed and in English) on an annual basis until they submit the final version of their thesis for oral defense and fulfil any other graduation requirements.

Students should submit the annual progress report to their research supervisors and qualifying panel members for assessment. On the basis of the annual progress report, the Qualifying Panel should make a recommendation regarding the student's suitability to continue his or her studies for approval by the /School.

6. Thesis:

The doctoral thesis should present the results of research investigation, give evidence of a sound understanding of the area of study, its context and applicability, make a contribution to knowledge, and make a substantial original contribution to knowledge in the subject area of computer science and digital media.

7. Additional Notes:

Apart from courses listed above, students are required to fulfil the following requirements, as well as all others as stipulated by the University and the School.

Course Code	Course Title	Level	Units Worth	Remarks
SG8001	Teaching Students: First Steps	R8	1	Not counted towards the minimum coursework requirements
--	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) programme	n/a	n/a	

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Explanatory Notes for Completing CIR-RPG

1. Research Area

This refers to the research area(s) in which the University offers MPhil and PhD studies.

2. Programme Title

This is the full title of the programme in both English and Chinese. One copy of CIR-RPG should be filled in for each research degree programme (i.e. MPhil or PhD) in each research area.

3. Award Title

This is the title in both English and Chinese granted by the University upon successful completion of the programme.

4. Number of Credit Units Required for the Award

This specifies the number of credit units required to obtain an award. Students will need to accumulate credit units at or more than this level in order to gain an award.

5. Programme Aims

This is a brief description of what the programme is about and what it intends to achieve.

6. Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs)

PILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of a programme according to a given standard of performance. The outcomes statements should be written in a manner which is clearly understood both by students and staff. The outcomes should be achievable and assessable. PILOs should address a number of areas, e.g. subject area, requirements of professional bodies, if any, graduate outcomes of CityUHK's research degree graduates provided below, etc.

Graduate Outcomes of CityUHK's Research Degree Graduates:

On graduation, City University of Hong Kong's research degree graduates will be able to achieve the following:

- *Become an independent scholar;*
- *Conceptualise methodically;*
- *Strategise competitively;*
- *Apply results beneficially;*
- *Communicate professionally.*

7. Programme of Study

This consists of three main parts – Programme Core Courses, Programme Electives and Thesis. Students are required to fulfil the criteria stipulated in each part so as to obtain an award.

Please refer to the following programme structure for research degree programmes for filling in this section:

MPhil: 7 credit units (including at least 2 credit units of research methodology and ethics course at postgraduate level);
AND a compulsory 1 credit unit course: Teaching Students: First Steps (SG8001)

PhD: 14 credit units (including at least 9 credit units of core courses and at least 2 credit units of research methodology and ethics course at postgraduate level)
AND a compulsory 1 credit unit course: Teaching Students: First Steps (SG8001)

- # College, school or departmental seminars related to research methodology are not considered as equivalent to the Research Methodology course if they consist of student presentations only, without a teaching component.

8. Programme Core Courses

These are the compulsory courses as required by the relevant faculty or school.

9. Programme Electives

These are courses from which students select courses based on their interests.

10. Additional Notes

This may consist of information on any special features of the programme.

11. Amendments/Revisions to CIR-RPG

Amendment or revisions to the information provided in CIR-RPG are subject to the procedures outlined in the University's guidelines on approval authorities for academic and research matters. College and School Boards should consider delegation of authority to C/SGSC as necessary to facilitate innovation and change as appropriate.