Division of Philosophy

MPhil in Philosophy / PhD in Philosophy

Admission Code: PHI

Programme

PhD in Philosophy

Third Language Requirement

Students are required to complete a minimum of 9 units of courses on a language other than Chinese and English. Subject to the approval of the Division, credits gained for appropriate language courses at other institutions may be recognized.

Coursework

In addition to the 9 units of third language courses, students are required to take courses in three years. In the first two years of their study, students shall complete at least 11 units of graduate courses, which include “Research Methodology Seminar I & II,” “Guided Study” and “Special Seminar on Selected Philosophical Issues” (twice).

Students not already possessing degree in philosophy may be required to take additional units if deemed necessary. Students shall meet their supervisors regularly for academic discussion and progress report.

Thesis

Students are required to take 6 units of thesis writing courses in the third year of their study and complete a PhD thesis with substantial contribution to scholarship.

MPhil in Philosophy

Coursework

Students are required to take 23 units of courses in two years, including “Research Methodology Seminar I & II,” “Guided Study,” “Special Seminar on Selected Philosophical Issues” (twice) and 6 units of thesis writing course.

Students not already possessing degree in philosophy may be required to take additional units if deemed necessary. Students shall meet their supervisors regularly for academic discussion and progress report.

Thesis

Students are required to take 6 units of thesis writing courses in the second year of their study and complete a Master's thesis.

Please visit the Division’s homepage for details.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School¹,

PhD in Philosophy

- Applicants should have a MPhil. degree in Philosophy or a related field from a recognized university.
- Should have sufficient knowledge of general logic.
- Submit a thesis proposal of about 4 pages.
- Submit a paper (10-15 pages for English, or 10,000-15,000 words for Chinese) on a topic in philosophy
- Attend an interview (Shortlisted applicants)

MPhil in Philosophy

- Applicants should have a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy or a related field from a recognized university.
- Should have sufficient knowledge of general logic.
- Submit a self-statement (about 2,000 words, in either Chinese or English) stating their academic interests, and the methodology and topic of their proposed research.
- Submit a paper (8-12 pages for English, 6,000-10,000 words for Chinese) on a topic in philosophy.
- Attend an interview (Shortlisted applicants)

Additional Application Information

Admission Advisor

Prof. LAU, Chong Fuk

Application Deadline

1 December 2014
For applicants who apply for PhD programme through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)²

31 January 2015
For applicants who apply for MPhil/PhD programme directly with CUHK (i.e. non-HKPFS applicants)

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1. For the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School, please refer to pages 16-17.
2. For information on HKPFS, please refer to page 17.