

**PHIL 4800**  
**Thesis 論文**

**Course Outline**

**Time : M 10:30am-1:15pm**

**Location : LSK203**

**Course overview**

Final year students are required to take this course and write a thesis that represents the culminating experience of their undergraduate studies. The course involves both classroom learning and self-directed thesis project with supervision by course teachers.

**Learning outcomes**

Through class discussion, presentation and individual research, students are expected to:

- Demonstrate familiarity with the primary and secondary sources pertaining to their thesis topic,
- Be able to identify some significant philosophical issues on the topic, and
- Explore in depth and discuss competently these issues

**Learning activities**

1. Seminars on research methodology
2. Individual presentation and discussion on thesis topic
3. Writing a thesis

**Assessment scheme**

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Meeting supervisor	Meetings to discuss thesis progress (20 mins each)	20%
Thesis outline	Thesis outline (250-500 words) with annotated bibliography	10%
Thesis paper	Research paper of at least 5,000 words	50%
Class presentations	Thesis outline; summary of final thesis findings (20 mins each)	20%

**Remarks on Assessment Scheme**

1. Thesis outline must provide a detailed account of your arguments (250-500 words) and include a descriptive bibliography of at least eight sources you will refer to in your thesis.
2. The thesis should be written in English but you are expected to use materials in both English and Chinese (if possible). The length should be at least 5,000 words not including footnotes and bibliography. The reference style is Chicago (See: [https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide/citation-guide-1.html](https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide/citation-guide-1.html)).
2. There will be two class presentations, each lasting 20 mins. The first will introduce your thesis topic while the second is to share your overall findings about your thesis topic.
3. On weeks 6 and 12 you will meet with your supervisor to first discuss your thesis outline, and the second time to discuss your progress, preliminary thesis draft, and any other matters.

**Grade Descriptor**

Please refer to: [http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade\\_descriptors.pdf](http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade_descriptors.pdf)

### Course schedule

<i>Week</i>	<i>Topics and Remarks</i>
Sept 4	No Class – Inauguration Ceremony
Sept 11	Research Methodology lecture
Sept 18	No Class – Use this time to research thesis topic
Sept 25	In-Class presentations of thesis topic
Oct 2	No Class – Public Holiday <b>Thesis Outline due before midnight (send by email)</b>
Oct 9	Meet with Supervisor to discuss thesis outline
Oct 16	No Class – Work on thesis
Oct 23	No Class – Public Holiday
Oct 30	No Class – Work on thesis
Nov 6	
Nov 13	
Nov 20	Meet with Supervisor to discuss progress
Nov 27	No Class – Continue working on thesis
Dec 4	In-class presentations of final thesis <b>Thesis due before midnight on Dec. 10 (send by email)</b>

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