POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

Period of Study

For doctoral programmes, the normative and maximum periods of study for full-time students with a research Master's degree are 36 and 84 months respectively; and 48 and 84 months respectively for students without a research Master's degree. For part-time students of doctoral programmes with a research Master's degree, the normative and maximum periods of study are 48 and 96 months respectively, while part-time students without a research Master's degree, the normative and maximum periods of study are 64 and 96 months respectively. Under the "articulated" M.Phil.–Ph.D. programmes, the normative and maximum periods of study for full-time students of the Ph.D. stream with a research Master's degree are 36 and 72 months respectively; and 48 and 84 months respectively for students without a research Master's degree. For part-time students of Ph.D. stream under the "articulated" M.Phil.–Ph.D. programmes with a research Master's degree, the normative and maximum periods of study are 48 and 84 months respectively, while part-time students without a research Master's degree, the normative and maximum periods of study are 64 and 100 months respectively. The normative period of study for Master's programmes ranges from one to two years for full-time study and two to three years for part-time study. The diploma programmes normally last one year for full-time students and one year to two years for part-time students.

Regulations

Students must familiarize themselves with the General Regulations Governing Postgraduate Studies/ Rules Governing Full-time Staff Registering in Doctoral Programmes/General Information for Research Postgraduate Students, which stipulate requirements on course load, academic probation, leave of absence, graduation assessment, etc. Questions on registration, course selection, applications for change of programme, study mode, normative period of study, registration, leave and transcript may be directed to the Graduate School Office.

Course Code and Sequence

A course code is comprised of four alphabets and four numerals. The first four alphabets stand for the subjects (e.g., CHLL, ENGE, BIOL stand for Chinese, English and Biology respectively). The first numeral stands for the level of study. Undergraduate courses are coded 1 to 4 while Postgraduate courses are coded 5 to 9.

Normally, lower level courses should be taken before upper level courses. However, for the sake of flexibility, most courses are open to students of all years of attendance subject to satisfactory fulfilment of prerequisite and corequisite requirements.

Courses of each programme included in the Chinese University Student Information System (CUSIS) will be offered according to resources available each year and are subject to approval by respective Faculty Boards.