RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Both PhD and MPhil degrees are research-oriented. A student is required to:
(a) complete an approved programme of supervised research;
(b) present a written thesis which demonstrates an advanced level of knowledge and understanding in the candidate’s field of study and which describes and summarizes the research undertakings and findings;
(c) satisfy the Board of Examiners in an oral examination (and any other examination if deemed necessary), on matters relevant to the subject of the thesis; and
(d) comply with supervision, attendance and all coursework requirements as laid down by the respective Faculty/School/AVA.

A full-time candidate registered provisionally for the MPhil degree is subject to a probationary period of up to 12 months (for a part-time candidate, up to 18 months). A full-time candidate registered provisionally for the PhD degree is subject to a probationary period of up to 18 months (for a part-time candidate, up to 21 months). At the end of the probationary period and after the submission of a research prospectus to the University’s Research Postgraduate Studies Committee, the candidate will be assessed and candidature will be confirmed or terminated.

Period of Study

The normal period of study for full-time and part-time PhD and MPhil students are:

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<td>PhD students</td>
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Fields of Study

At Hong Kong Baptist University, the selection of areas of study and research is based on the student’s interests and the University’s resources. To assist prospective students in identifying possible options, a list of disciplines/fields of study offered by the respective departments is shown as follows.

Faculty of Arts

Chinese Language and Literature (CHI)
Chinese Language; Etymology; Classical Chinese Literature; Modern Chinese Literature; Chinese Literary Theory and Criticism; Chinese Religion and Philosophy; Chinese Classical Studies; Study of Ceremonial Rites

English Language and Literature (ENG)
Linguistics/Language Studies
Bilingualism; Contrastive Linguistics; Intercultural Communication; Gender and Language; Language Acquisition and Language Learning; Phonetics and Phonology; Pragmatics; Semantics; Sociolinguistics; Syntax; Text/Discourse Analysis; World Englishes; Applied Linguistics; Professional Communication; Multimodal Communication; Hong Kong English