

Joint PhD programme with National Taiwan University

Programme Duration

Students under the Joint PhD programme will spend 24 months at CityU (out of a 4-year programme) and the remaining study period at National Taiwan University (or vice-versa).

Year of Study (4-year PhD)	Study Location	
	CityU/NTU Student	NTU/CityU Student
Year 1	CityU, HK	NTU, Taiwan
Year 2	CityU, HK	NTU, Taiwan
Year 3	NTU, Taiwan	CityU, HK
Year 4	NTU, Taiwan	CityU, HK

Application

Prospective applicants should apply for admission to the Joint PhD Programme in accordance with regular procedures at both universities.

Language Proficiency Requirements

There are Language Proficiency Requirements for both universities for this Joint PhD Programme.

CityU

– The minimum English proficiency requirement for research degree programme is:

- (1) A minimum TOEFL*score of 79 (Internet-based test), with a minimum of 15 for Reading, 15 for Listening, 17 for Writing, and 18 for Speaking; or
- (2) A minimum IELTS overall band score of 6.5, with a minimum of 6 for each sub-categories including Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

**TOEFL Paper-based test (before October 2017) and Paper-delivered test (after October 2017) will not be accepted as there is no Speaking component.*

NTU

Political Science field:

– No minimum English proficiency requirement. The primary language of instruction is Chinese Mandarin. Students need to achieve Chinese proficiency level at CEFR B2 (Vantage) or above to be admitted.

Social Work field:

– English proficiency: Students must provide one of the following English proficiency certificates*: IELTS 6.0 or above/ TOEFL (iBT) 71 or above/ TOEIC 750 or above/ GEPR (by LTTC) High-Intermediate or above

**Not required for applicants from English-speaking countries, or applicants whose previous degree is obtained in English-speaking countries.*

– Chinese proficiency: Students must provide one of the following Chinese proficiency certificates#:

- (1) TOCFL Level 5 or above
- (2) Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) with Chinese Language Score B+ or above
- (3) Malaysia Independent Chinese Secondary School Unified Examination (UEC) with Chinese Score B3 or above

#Not required for applicants whose previous degree is taught in Chinese (proof required)

Qualifying Examination

Students should pass the Qualifying Examination at home universities and in accordance with the requirements of their home universities.

Coursework and Credit Transfer Requirements

Political Science field:

NTU	CityU
18 credit units and other NTU's requirements.	- 19 credit units and other CityU's requirements
Details please refer to the PhD Programme Specification: https://oiasystem.ntu.edu.tw/admission/foreign/requirement/dept.detail/id/32/degree/D/sn/35?lang=en	Details please refer to the Curriculum Information Record (CIR): https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/student/rpg/courses/courselist/pia

Social Work field:

NTU	CityU
30 credit units and other NTUSW's requirements. (The 30 credits include 4 compulsory courses (12 credits), other elective courses (18 credits), Independent Study and PhD Dissertation.)	14 credit units and other CityU's requirements (The 14 credit units include core courses (9 credit units) and research methodology and ethics courses (at least 2 credit units).)
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- Credit requirements are subject to revisions.
- Credit transfer for up to 50% of the programme's required credit units is allowed.
- The required residence period for research degree studies is equivalent to half of the relevant (normal) period of study, To fulfil the requirement, physical residence is required. Participants of this programme are therefore required to stay in NTU/CityU physically for a period of 24 months (half of 48 months).

Publication Requirements

Students are expected to fulfil all conditions in accordance with the degree requirements of both institutions, with an academic standard comparable to the counterparts in the international arena.

Thesis Assessment

Students shall write their theses and summaries in English, and shall prepare their defences in both English and Chinese. The theses shall be written, presented and distributed in accordance with the rules and standards as required by both institutions.

For details, please consult respective departments.

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