Curriculum Information Record for a Research Degree Programme

Department of Public and International Affairs
Effective from Semester A 2022/23_
For Students Admitted with Catalogue Term
Semester A 2022/23 _ and thereafter

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(in Chinese) :  哲學博士

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4. Present seminar and conference papers to gather feedback for thesis writing and/or submissions to journals/edited collections

Part II Programme of Study

1. Research Area(s) in which research students will be admitted to:

Policy and Administration

2. Programme Core Courses: (10 credits)

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<td>Qualitative Methods</td>
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<td>Current research methodology and ethics course offered in POL PhD</td>
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<td>PIA8123*</td>
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*Students should - with the agreement of the supervisor - take either PIA8616 or PIA8123

3. Research Methodology and Ethics Course(s): (3 credits)

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4. **Programme Electives (6 credits):**

Select 2 from the following for a total of 6 credits

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@ If students take this course as programme core course, they are not allowed to take this course as an elective.

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6. **Qualifying Examination (for PhD only):**

The exam will contain four sections; corresponding to the current primary areas of doctoral training (methods, politics/philosophy/policy studies, Comparative Politics and Political Economy, and Development and International Studies). The PhD students could either nominate or be nominated by their supervisor for two of the four sections to answer, with the methods examination being mandatory.
7. **Qualifying/Annual Report Submission:**

Students must submit qualifying report within the specific qualifying period. After completing Qualifying period, students must submit annual progress report on an annual basis until they have submitted the final version of their thesis for oral examination and have completed any other programme requirements. In addition, during year 2 of their study, they are required to deliver a presentation regarding their thesis plan and answer questions from their panel members and other attendees.

8. **Thesis:**

The PhD thesis should demonstrate the student’s ability to design a sophisticated research agenda, collect data from a variety of sources (including fieldwork where appropriate), deploy complex methodologies in a systematic way, build a coherent argument that addresses relevant literature and debates, and indicate prospects for making serious theoretical contributions. The PhD thesis should be of such a standard that, after necessary revisions, it can be realistically expected to get published as a monograph or journal articles.

9. **Additional Notes:**

N.A.

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