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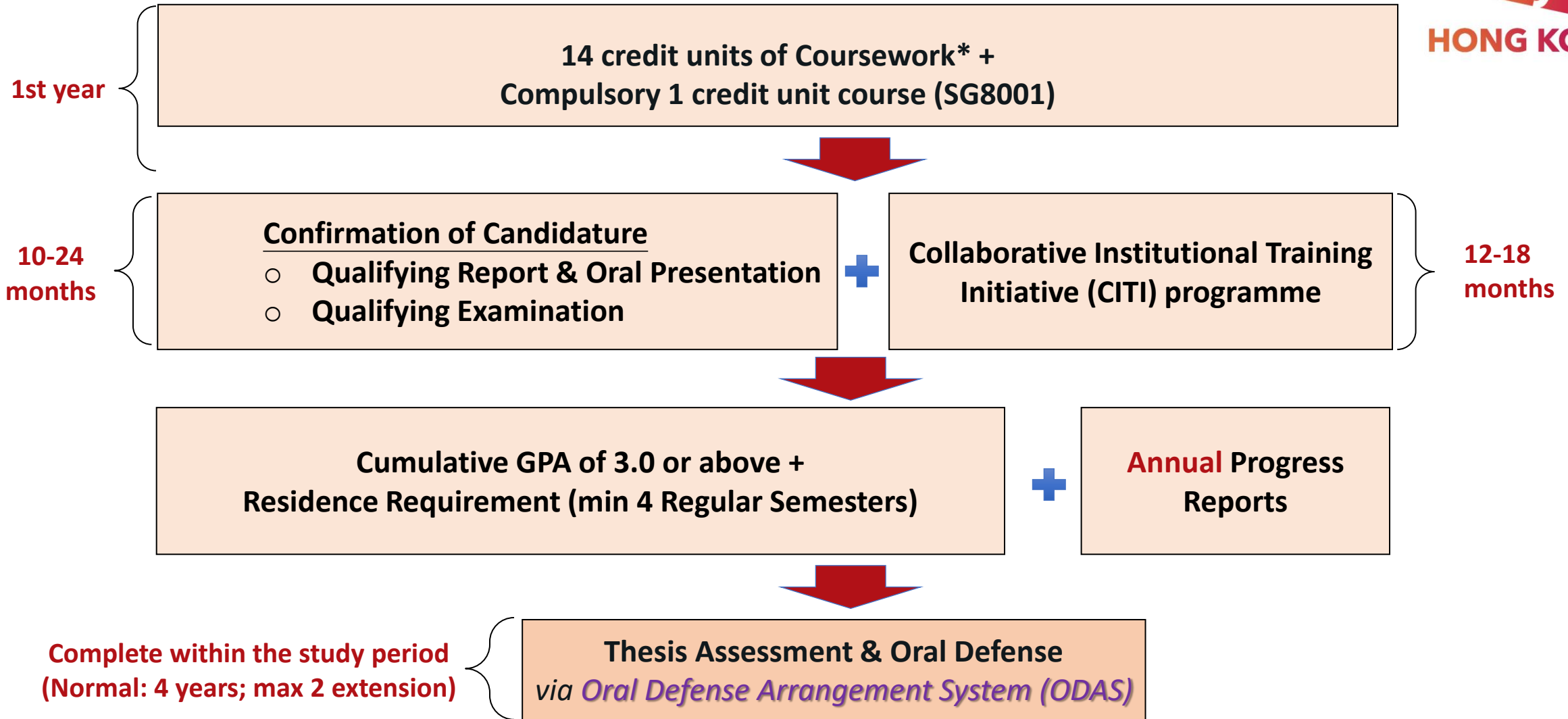
2026/27 Research Degree Student Orientation

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PhD Studies

PhD Programme Structure



**Minimum: 9 credit units of core courses and 2 credit units of research methodology and ethics course at postgraduate level.*

Study Period

Programme of Study	Full-time	Part-time
MPhil	2 years	3 years
PhD	4 years	6 years

- All **non-local students** must have a valid visa for studying at CityUHK throughout the study period until the Senate approves the conferment of their degree award.
- In case you cannot finish your study as scheduled, make sure to apply for **study extension** and visa extension **three months before** your candidature ends and your visa expires.
- Pursuing studies without a valid student visa is a **breach of the law**. Contact the HK Immigration Department with any questions regarding your visa status.
- Apply for **Study Leave** for academic purposes outside Hong Kong.
- Studentship recipients need to seek prior approval for **Paid Employment**.

Getting Started!

All new students should:

1. Set up Email Account:

- Check **CityUHK student email** regularly for important info and updates

2. Complete the Quiz and Declaration of Academic Honesty:

- Check out <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/ah>
- Complete an **online tutorial**, an **online quiz**, and an **online declaration by 30 November 2026** in order to access course grades online

3. Set up your Coursework Plan:

- Discuss with your supervisor
- Submit SGS16A/SGS16B to your supervisor and the Department for approval
- Submit the approved form via the Department to SGS

Getting Started! (cont'd)

4. Set up Research Record:

- Create your **Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID)**
- Report it through **CityUHK Scholars**
(<http://libguides.library.cityu.edu.hk/cityuscholars>)

A centralized database for recording research output for Annual Output Exercise and Qualifying /Annual Progress Report purposes.

5. Set up Regular Meetings:

- Discuss with your supervisor and set up the schedule
- Arrange it through [Meeting Management and Research Log \(MMRL\)](#)
([CityUHK AIMS > Student Record > My Study Details \(for Research Degree Programmes\) > Meeting and Research Log](#))

Research Supports

- **Conference Grants Award**
 - Up to 90% of the cost of round-trip passage and conference registration fee
 - Up to HK\$30,000 in total for two conference presentations
- **Research Activities Fund**
 - Basic Scheme of up to HK\$30,000 in total
 - Enhanced Scheme of up to HK\$60,000 in total plus up to HK\$15,000 travel allowance
- **Distinguished Visiting Professors (DVP) Scheme**
 - Work with DVPs from leading institutions such as the University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, Princeton University and MIT
- **Subsidy for Thesis Editing**
 - Up to HK\$3,000 per thesis

Please refer to the respective schemes for specific requirements.

Resources

Orientation Webpage

- Student Enrolment ▾
- Academic Information
- Guidebook for Research Degree Studies
- Other Information ▾
- Download Forms

Academic Information

- [Academic Calendar ↗](#)
- [PhD Study Journey](#)
- [Coursework Requirements](#)
- [Regulations and Guidelines](#)
- [Code of Conduct \(Research Students, Supervisors, Co-Supervisors\)](#)
- [Learning Outcomes and Performance Indicators](#)
- [Thesis Assessment and Examination](#)

[Research Degree Programmes](#) [Hear from Our Students](#) [Professional Development](#) [Student Well-being and Support Services](#) [Useful Information for Non-local Students](#) [Connect with CityUHK](#)

Student Well-being and Support Services

CityUHK is committed to helping you thrive through holistic support. Explore these resources to enhance your postgraduate experience.

Cultural Connection and Support



Counselling and Growth



Sports and Wellness



<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/student/rpg/>

SGS Website – SGS Postgraduate Chatbot



SGS Postgraduate Chatbot



Sign In

CityUHK EID

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[Change / Reset Password](#)

OR

 Login with iAM Smart

[User guide for first-time "iAM Smart" Users](#)

[User guides for Single Sign On \(SSO\) and Multi-Factor Authentication \(MFA\)](#)

SGS Postgraduate Chatbot

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Important: The information provided by this chatbot

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How can I assist you today, ?

Please select your programme:

Research Degree Programmes

Professional Doctorate Programmes

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Please tell me how to confirm the PhD candidature.

Dear [redacted], thank you for reaching out to the CityUHK Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies (SGS).

Regarding your question about "confirm the PhD candidature" According to **Chapter 7 "Confirmation of Candidature & Annual Progress Reports" Section 7.1–7.3**, please note that:

- 1. Requirements for confirmation of PhD candidature**
All PhD students will have their PhD candidature confirmed only after they have successfully passed BOTH of the following:
 - **Qualifying Report and Oral Presentation** (Section 7.1; 7.2)
 - **Qualifying Examination (QE)** (Section 7.1; 7.3)
- 2. Qualifying Report and Oral Presentation – content and timing**
 - For PhD students (both full-time and

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<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/student/rpg/>



Guidebook for Research Degree Studies

It contains all the important information such as:

- Confirmation of Candidature
- Coursework Requirements
- Thesis Examination
- Leave of Absence
- Fees and Financial Awards & Assistance

Check out the latest version on the SGS website:

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/studentlan/rpg/intranet/guidebook/>

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Thank you!