

Engineering Doctorate (Engineering Management) ENGDEM

A 4-year Part-time / A 3-year Full-time Professional Doctorate Programme

STUDENT HANDBOOK (2026-27)

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1. PROGRAMME AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The programme aims to provide an integrated curriculum of theory, practice and research to develop professionals' innovative thinking and capabilities in the application of knowledge to solve strategic important problems in industry. Its objectives include:

- To develop graduates who can make original and practical research and development contributions to the engineering fields in which they are employed.
- To produce professionals who can meet the demands of and potentially influence the outcomes of rapidly changing technology-based businesses.
- To equip graduates with the advanced knowledge and capabilities needed for potential leaders in their chosen fields of practice.
- To provide an avenue for specialisation and upgrading of qualifications that has direct relevance to the engineering profession.
- To encourage links between research and the workplace.

2. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE (See Appendix I)

The programme consists of a taught and a research component:

Taught component: 3 required and 4 elective courses, 21 credit units

Research component: a thesis with normal duration of 3 years, 36 credit units

Total Duration of Study:

Normal: 4 years

Maximum: 6 years

Taught Component

As professional activity is usually multi-disciplinary and business/management-driven, the courses available to ENGDEM students should be comprehensive to cover a mixture of technology, innovation management and experience in order to provide industry with competent and knowledgeable managers in technology and innovation.

Required Courses (9 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Wgt	Level	Units Worth
SYE8024D	Integrative Engineering Management	1	D8	3
SYE8025D	Research Methods in Engineering Management	1	D8	3
SYE8008D	EngD Seminar	1	D8	3

Elective Courses (Minimum 12 credits)

Course Code	Course Title	Wgt	Level	Units Worth
SYE5006	Operations Management	1	P5	3
SYE5009	Industrial Marketing Management for Engineers	1	P5	3
SYE6009	Project Management	1	P6	3
SYE6012	Technological Innovation and Entrepreneurship	1	P6	3
SYE6014	Asset and Maintenance Management	1	P6	3
SYE6015	Supply Chain Management	1	P6	3
SYE6037	Managing Strategic Quality	1	P6	3
SYE6043	Quality and Reliability Engineering	1	P6	3
SYE6045	Industrial Case Study	1	P6	3
SYE6047	Quality Improvement: Systems and Methodologies	1	P6	3
SYE6050	Engineering Economic Analysis	1	P6	3
SYE6053	Business Process Improvement and Innovation	1	P6	3
SYE6101	Estimation and Control of Random Dynamic Systems	1	P6	3
SYE6102	Managerial Decision-making Systems with Artificial Intelligence	1	P6	3
SYE6103	Financial Engineering for Engineering Managers	1	P6	3
SYE6105	Risk and Decision Analysis	1	P6	3
SYE6106	Intelligent Manufacturing for Engineering Managers	1	P6	3
SYE6107	Contemporary Occupational Safety and Health Management	1	P6	3
SYE6108	Energy Conservation and Management	1	P6	3
SYE6109	Semiconductor Manufacturing and Management	1	P6	3
SYE6110	Data Analysis and Artificial Intelligence for Systems Engineering	1	P6	3
SYE6111	Transportation and Logistics Management	1	P6	3
SYE6201	3D IC Stacking and Advanced Packaging Technology	1	P6	3
SYE6202	Semiconductor Process Equipment and Materials	1	P6	3
SYE6204	VLSI/ULSI process integration	1	P6	3
SYE6205	Semiconductor Thin Film Engineering	1	P6	3
SYE6206	Packaging for Nanoelectronics	1	P6	3
SYE6207	Characterization Techniques for Semiconductor Manufacturing	1	P6	3
SYE8202	Systems Modelling and Management	1	R8	3
SYE8204	Process Modelling and Control	1	R8	3
SYE8205	Managerial Economics	1	R8	3

Subject to the approval by Programme Leader based on the relevance to the EngD research work, postgraduate courses offered by other Departments and College/Schools may be permitted and considered as Elective courses case by case.

Because of the relatively small class sizes, not all electives will be available in each semester.

Research Component

Course Code	Course Title	Wgt	Level	Units Worth
SYE8104D	Doctoral Thesis	-	D8	36

Each student will be required to produce a doctoral thesis that will demonstrate his or her ability to make a tangible contribution to learning and to professional practice, and to appreciate and understand the relationship of his/her own investigations to a wider field of knowledge.

The thesis could be:

1. a specific company-based project; or
2. an industry-based project

It can also take the form of a cohesive collection of a number of small projects from either a single company or a few companies that are integrated to solve problems with greater impact to the company(ies) or the whole industrial sector. The candidate's contribution should aim to improve specific areas of professional practice and demonstrate how his/her findings lead to improvements in industry.

3. ACADEMIC REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Students should observe all University regulations and guidelines at all times. In particular, students should note the following, which are available in the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies' website:

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

- Code of Practice for Research
- Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure
- Guidelines for Thesis Examination for Research Degree and Professional Doctorate Programmes
- Guidelines on Ethical Review of Research Involving Human or Animal Subjects
- Policy on Intellectual Property

4. ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic honesty is central to the conduct of academic work. Students are responsible for knowing and understanding the Rules on Academic Honesty. To enhance students' understanding on academic honesty, all students are required to complete a tutorial on academic honesty and make a declaration on their understanding of this core academic principle online on or before **30 November** in order to access their course grades.

For details, please refer to following website:

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/ah/>

5. COMMUNICATIONS

The following channels of communication are available:

(a) Students and the Department

- (i) Students who are having academic difficulties with a course should speak directly to the lecturer of that course.
- (ii) Students who wish to discuss the overall organization of the programme or to discuss issues on a particular part of the programme should speak to the Programme Leader/Deputy Programme Leader.
- (iii) A formal consultative process between students and staff exists in the Department in the form of a Joint Staff and Student Consultative Committee. One student from each year will sit on the Committee.
- (iv) One student from each year of the Programme will be elected to sit on the Programme Committee.

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(b) Students and the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies

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(c) Electronic ID and E-mail Account

To facilitate access to the IT facilities and services of the University, a single unified Electronic ID (EID) has been assigned to each student for study at CityUHK. A CityUHK student's free e-mail account is in the following format: "EID-c@my.cityu.edu.hk". As e-mail is a more personal and convenient means of communication, the University uses it as a formal channel to disseminate notices and announcements to students. Students are advised to check their e-mail box regularly.

(d) CityUHK e-Portal

The CityUHK e-Portal provides students with a personalised Web interface to the University's communications and electronic resources. Students can log onto the e-Portal from the CityUHK homepage (www.cityu.edu.hk) using their Electronic ID, where students can obtain information about the academic calendar, registration details, fee payment account balance, class timetables, examination information, coursework results, etc.

(e) Up-to-date Students' Contact Information

To facilitate communication between the University and its students, it is important for students to keep SGS informed of any changes to their contact information (e.g. telephone number, correspondence address, emergency contact information, etc.). Notification of such changes can be made by following the procedures given below:

- Go to <http://www.cityu.edu.hk> from any terminal on campus or off campus, then point to “**Quick Links**” at the top and click “**AIMS**”.
- Log onto AIMS.
- Click on “Personal Information”, then “Personal Data for Communication”

Students who need to update their personal data (e.g. name) should send in writing the updated data, together with any supporting documents (e.g. HKID card, etc.), to SGS for processing.

6. PROGRESS THROUGH STUDY

(a) Medium of Instruction/Assessment

The normal medium of instruction and assessment at the University is English. The work (e.g. annual progress reports, thesis, etc.) submitted by students should also be in English unless otherwise stated.

(b) Study Duration

The normal and maximum study durations for the ENGDEM programme are four and six years respectively. Students should complete their studies within the maximum study period. Students who encounter any difficulties in their studies should talk to their supervisor as early as possible so that it will not hamper their completion by the specified maximum period.

(c) Simultaneous Registration

Students are not allowed to register simultaneously in another programme of study in the University or in any other institution without the prior permission of SGS. This also applies to students who are on leave.

(d) Course Registration and Class Attendance

Students will be invited for course selection before the commencement of an academic year. Students can view their class schedule through the Web about two weeks before the relevant semester starts by following the procedures given below:

- i) Go to <http://www.cityu.edu.hk> from any terminal on campus or off campus, then point to “Quick Links” at the top and click “AIMS”.
- ii) Log onto AIMS.
- iii) Click "Course Registration" menu.
- iv) Click "Weekly Schedule", choose the appropriate term and press "Submit".
- v) You will find your class schedule in matrix form.
- vi) Press the "View Detail Schedule" button at the bottom of your matrix timetable to display details of your class schedule.

Students should check if the course registration is correct. Those who wish to add/drop courses should submit an application to SGS using an SGS52A Form (<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/student/form/PD>) by the add/drop deadline (normally the first day of the second week of a semester). Late course add/drop requests will not be processed.

For class attendance during typhoons or rainstorms, please visit the Web page on “Adverse Weather Arrangements” (www.cityu.edu.hk/fmo/awa/index.htm).

(e) Credit Transfer

Students who possess postgraduate or other qualifications of relevance to the EngD degree may apply for credit transfer. Normally, credit transfer will only be granted for previously completed units of study that can be demonstrated as contributing to the student’s total programme of study in the ENGDEM programme. The maximum number of credits that can be transferred is as follows:

For students with a master’s degree from a different field:

6 credit units of coursework

For students with a master’s degree from relevant fields:

12 credit units of coursework

According to the Regulations Governing Professional Doctorate Programmes (7.1), credit transfer is limited to 50% of taught course requirement in terms of credit units. With reference to the above regulation, students are still required to take at least 10.5 credit units of coursework.

Students who wish to apply for credit transfer should submit an application to SGS using an SGS54 Form (<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/student/form/PD>) before the deadline set by the University. Please note that separate application forms are necessary for academic qualifications attained in different institutions. For instance, if a student wishes to transfer credits previously obtained in two institutions, he or she should complete two forms. A fee of \$140 will be charged for each application form submitted.

Transfer credits will not be counted in the calculation of a student’s GPA, except where special arrangements have been made.

Students should not take the courses for which transfer credits have been granted. As the University will normally pre-register students into selected courses, students should ensure that they are not registered into such courses at the start of a semester.

(f) Examination and Announcement of Coursework Results

For general information on assessment and examinations, please access the “Thesis Assessment and Oral Defense” Website (<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/sgs/student/rpg/thesisexam/intro>).

Students can view their personal examination timetable and course grades via AIMS by following the procedures below:

	Want to?	Where?
1.	Check course grades	AIMS > Student Record > My Academic Record > Grade Detail
2.	Check academic standing	AIMS > Student Record > My Academic Record > Academic Standing Report
3.	Find the name of Academic Advisor assigned by the academic unit	AIMS > Student Record > My Study Details (for Professional Doctorate Programmes) > Qualifying Panel
4.	Report illness or other circumstances affecting assessment	AIMS > Student Record > My Applications (for Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate Programmes) > Mitigation Request Related to Assessment

7. FEES AND CHARGES

(a) Tuition Fee and programme related fees:

Students will be charged tuition fees according to the number of credit units taken. They are normally required to pay a minimum tuition fee of 6 credit units (for combined mode or part-time mode) or 15 credit units (for full-time mode) before the start of Semesters A and B. The balance of the tuition fee chargeable for the semester will be collected after the close of the course add/drop period.

Students can check the current and future tuition fees of the study programme in Account Summary in AIMS under **Student Record > My Finance**.

Type of Fee	Amount	Remarks
Taught course fee* maximum 21 credit units	For local students: \$10,600 per credit For non-local students: \$11,600 per credit	Non-refundable; to be paid on a semester basis
Fee for research component	Equivalent to 36 credit units	Non-refundable; to be paid in six instalments (6 credits per installment) and on a semester basis upon commencement of the thesis; Early thesis completion will not result in a reduction of the fees
Continuation fee for research component	Equivalent to 6 credit units per semester	Non-refundable; to be paid only if students cannot complete their theses in 6 semesters
Examination fee	HK\$1,500	Non-refundable
Re-examination fee	HK\$1,500	Non-refundable; applied to students who are required to undertake a second oral examination

(b) Other Fees and Charges:

Please note that fees are subject to revision from time to time without prior notification.

Type of Fee	Amount	Remarks
Application fee for credit transfer	HK\$140 per application	Non-refundable
Continuation fee during leave of absence	HK\$1,500 per semester	Applies to students under leave of absence; during the leave period, students can continue to use the University's facilities during the leave period
Late charge	2% of the outstanding fee per billing cycle	Applies to student who fail to settle the fees by the set deadline
CityU Postgraduate Association (CUPA) membership fee	HK\$150 (for part-time students)	One-off payment covering a student's entire period of candidature; charge will be arranged by CUPA and Finance Office
Graduation fee	HK\$400	Payable on enrolment; to be deducted from the acceptance fee paid if applicable; refundable to students on study withdrawal or study termination
Reinstatement fee	HK\$400	Non-refundable; for reinstatement of students status after termination of studies due to non-payment of fees
Application fee for transcript/ testimonial/certified true copy	HK\$40 per copy (online application) HK\$60 per copy (paper form application)	Non-refundable
Replacement of student ID card	HK\$100	Non-refundable

* When credit transfer is granted, students do not need to attend the exempted courses and pay the relevant course fees.

If you have financial difficulties and are unable to settle the tuition by the deadline, you should submit an application for deferment of tuition payment to the Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies at least five working days before the payment deadline.

The Finance Office will issue reminder(s) to students who have outstanding fees in their student account. A late charge (equivalent to 2% of the outstanding fee) will be added to the account for every reminder issued. Students who still have not settled their accounts after being given two reminders by the Finance Office will have their study terminated by the University and all of their course registrations will be cancelled. Once study has been terminated, the student is not allowed to use any University facilities and is not permitted to attend any examination.

8. ACADEMIC INFORMATION, STUDENT RECORDS AND SERVICES

Please refer to the following link for the general information of the Professional Doctorate Programme in the website of SGS:

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

🏠 > student > Professional Doctorate Programmes (PD)

Research Degree
Programmes (RPg)

Professional Doctorate
Programmes (PD)

Taught Postgraduate
Programmes (TPg)

Download Forms

Professional Doctorate Programmes (PD)



Academic Information

- Academic Calendar
- Regulations and Guidelines
- Course Registration
- Course Assessment
- Course Examinations
- Thesis Assessment and Examination
- Annual Progress Report
- Award Certificate and Commencement

Student Records and Services

- Update of Contact Information and Personal Data
- Academic Transcript/Testimonial/Certified True Copy
- e-Certification for Graduates

9. PROGRAMME SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Please refer to the following link for the specific information of the Engineering Doctorate (Engineering Management) in the website of SGS.

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

 > Student > Professional Doctorate Programmes (PD) > Engineering Doctorate (Engineering Management)

Research Degree Programmes (RPg) ▾

Professional Doctorate Programmes (PD)

Taught Postgraduate Programmes (TPg)

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- Programme Features
- Fees
- Medium of Instruction / Assessment
- Courses, Course Registration and Class Attendance
- Credit Transfer
- Examination and Announcement of Coursework Results
- Supervision
- Submission of Annual Progress Reports
- Thesis Submission and Assessment
- Student Records and Services
- Communication Channels

10. ACADEMIC STAFF

Please refer to the following link for the academic staff of the SYE Dept.

www.cityu.edu.hk/sye/stafflist.htm

Model Programme Path For ENGDEM 2026 cohort

(Normal Duration : 4 Years)

	Semester A	Semester B
YEAR 1	SYE8024D	E
	SYE8025D	E
YEAR 2	E	E
	SYE8104D Doctoral Thesis	
YEAR 3	SYE8104D Doctoral Thesis	
YEAR 4	SYE8104D Doctoral Thesis	

E : Elective (Required 12 cus - 3 cus per course)

◆ : EngD Seminar (SYE8008D) scheduled annually at the end of Semester A. EngD students will be informed of other relevant Research Seminars organized by SYE/CityU.

◆ : Oral Examination

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Appendix II

The course syllabus may be updated from time to time, please visit the University website <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/catalogue/pg/202627/programme/ENGDEM.htm> for more information.

SAMPLE

SYE8008D - EngD Seminar

Offering Academic Unit	Department of Systems Engineering
Credit Units	3
Course Duration	Year 1-4 of EngD candidature
Equivalent Course(s)	SEEM8008D EngD Seminar (offered until 2021/22); ADSE8008D EngD Seminar (offered until 2023/24)
Course Offering Term*:	Semester A 2026/27, Semester B 2026/27

* The offering term is subject to change without prior notice

Course Aims

The EngD Seminar provides:

- i. a cooperative learning environment in which students from different cohorts of the programme can mix, interact, challenge and support each other throughout their EngD candidature;
- ii. formal periodic forums for the EngD students to:
 - broaden their knowledge and expertise;
 - present their research findings and share their learning experiences with their peers and academic staff;
 - cultivate critical thinking and stimulate generation of new ideas;
 - help promote research culture among the EngD students; provide first-hand interaction with experienced engineering management professionals on contemporary issues.

Assessment (Indicative only, please check the detailed course information)

Continuous Assessment: 100%

Detailed Course Information

[SYE8008D.pdf](#)

(Please note that the information given in this Handbook is accurate at the time of printing in August 2026. Changes to the information may be made from time to time without prior notification.)

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