

4-year PhD Program (effective from 2019/20 onwards)

Program Plan

Within the four years of normal study period, all full-time Ph.D. students are required to complete the following requirements for graduation.

1. Coursework (at least 22 units)
 - a. Mandatory Common Core Program (3 units)
 - b. Research Seminar (4 units)
 - c. Mandatory Course on research methods (3 units)
Students are required to take either SOSC 7410 Research Methods for Global Studies, or POLS 7060 Research Methods for Public Administration Practitioners, or an equivalent course approved by the Department Head.
 - d. Other courses (12 units)
2. Pre-thesis examinations
 - a. Qualifying examination
 - b. Confirmation of PhD candidature (research prospectus and seminar presentation)
3. Written thesis and oral examination
4. Overseas attachment (3 to 6 months of international research learning experience)
5. Poster/oral presentation
Students are required to give at least one poster/oral presentation at reputable international conferences, workshops, or events.
6. Publication
Students are required to have at least one article published or accepted for publication in an internationally-recognized journal or in a book by a reputable publisher in the capacity of the first or corresponding author.