

Course Title	:	Directed Thesis* 指導論文
Course Code	:	CHI 4301
Year of Study	:	Fourth
No. of Credits	:	6
Teaching Hours	:	Meeting with supervisor an hour fortnightly
Category in Major Programme	:	Elective
Prerequisite	:	Nil

*Should be taken in the Fourth Year

Brief Course Description:

Students would choose topics of their interest and discuss with their theses supervisors from time to time. References and books for the students to read are to be discussed and agreed among students and supervisors.

Aims:

The main objective of the directed thesis is to train students to carry out research on a specific topic in their area of study, or to complete a piece of media or creative writing preceded by a critical introduction. The course offers a capstone experience for students to synthesize the knowledge, linguistic skills and analytical ability which they have acquired in their undergraduate years.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. carry out independent research study;
2. capable of producing research articles or media/ creative writings of 10,000-15,000 words;
3. demonstrate their analytical skills;
4. demonstrate their critical thinking ability.

Indicative Content:

Students are required to write either one of the following:

- 1) A research paper which must demonstrate originality, thorough research, solid knowledge of a specific subject of study, sound argumentation, good linguistic skills, and proper presentation and format.
- 2) A piece of media or creative writing with a critical introduction which must demonstrate originality, effective writing techniques, good linguistic skills, proper

presentation and structure, as well as relevant research and critical analysis of a particular type of media or creative writing.

Teaching Method:

Tuition is by individual tutoring rather than formal class teaching. Students are required to discuss their progress and any problems encountered in research with their supervisors, who meet with students on an individual basis for an hour fortnightly and offer advice on topic selection, data collection, use of reference materials, approach, presentation, argumentation, writing techniques, etc.

Measurement of Learning Outcomes:

1. Students are assessed from time to time. Continuous assessments (20%) include research proposals, initial study reports, first drafts and final drafts (LO1, LO3, LO4).
2. Final research product (80%): Students are required to demonstrate knowledge of the chosen topics as well as ability of integration, critical and analytical thinking in their Directed Theses (LO1, LO2, LO3, LO4).

Assessment:

Final research product: 80%

Continuous assessment: 20%

References:

To be discussed with the supervisor.

Important Notes:

- (1) Students are expected to spend a total of 9 hours (i.e. 3 hours of class contact and 6 hours of personal study) per week to achieve the course learning outcomes.
- (2) Students shall be aware of the University regulations about dishonest practice in course work, tests and examinations, and the possible consequences as stipulated in the Regulations Governing University Examinations. In particular, plagiarism, being a kind of dishonest practice, is “the presentation of another person’s work without proper acknowledgement of the source, including exact phrases, or summarised ideas, or even footnotes/citations, whether protected by copyright or not, as the student’s own work”. Students are required to strictly follow university regulations governing academic integrity and honesty.
- (3) Students are required to submit writing assignment(s) using Turnitin.
- (4) To enhance students’ understanding of plagiarism, a mini-course “Online Tutorial on Plagiarism Awareness” is available on <https://pla.ln.edu.hk/>.

中文系文學課程評量準則 (包括 CHI 4301 指導論文)

Performance Element 表現部份	Outstanding A, A-	Good 良好 B+, B, B-	Fair 一般 C+, C, C-	Pass-Failure 合格-不合格 D+, D, F
Idea 概念 (30 points) (30 分)	Original views with sound judgment. Demonstrates a high level of understanding the subject material. 對科目內容理解透徹，見解獨到及結論合理。 (26-30 points) (26-30 分)	Views with good judgment. Demonstrates a good level of understanding the subject material. 對科目內容有良好理解和見解。 (20-25 points) (20-25 分)	Views with some judgment. Demonstrates a fair level of understanding the subject material. 對科目內容理解和見解一般。 (16-19 points) (16-19 分)	Demonstrate little or no level of understanding the subject material. 對科目內容甚少或完全不理解。 (0-15 points) (0-15 分)
Analysis/ elaboration 分析/闡述 (30 points) (30 分)	Well written, full analysis with detailed quotations and examples. 言之有據，引文詳細及舉例充分。 (26-30 points) (26-30 分)	Most points analyzed with detailed quotations and examples. 大部份觀點附以詳細引用和實例。 (20-25 points) (20-25 分)	Some points elaborated with quotations and some examples are given. 部份觀點有所闡述。 (16-19 points) (16-19 分)	Little or no arguments, off topics. 甚少，或者完全沒有分析，離題。 (0-15 points) (0-15 分)
Organization 結構	Well organized with focus. 結構嚴謹，有焦點。	Good organization 全文結構良好。	Fair organization presented. 結構一般。	Little or no organization. 結構鬆散或沒有結構。

(20 points) (20 分)	(18-20 points) (18-20 分)	(14-17 points) (14-17 分)	(11-13 points) (11-13 分)	(0-10 points) (0-10 分)
Citation techniques 引用技巧	Accurate use of referencing technique, materials are relevant. 引文技巧運用準確, 資料相關。	Good use of referencing technique with minor errors 能良好運用引文技巧, 可以有少許錯誤	Fair use of referencing technique with some errors. 展示引用技巧, 但有一些錯誤。	No use of referencing technique. 沒有運用引用技巧。
(10 points) (10 分)	(10 points) (10 分)	(8-9 points) (8-9 分)	(6-7 points) (6-7 分)	(0-5 points) (5 分)
Grammar and accuracy 文法及準確性	Accurate and proper use of words, sentence structures and paragraphs with fine figure of speech 準確和合適的用字, 句子結構及段落。 具備良好的修辭技巧。	Accurate and proper use of words, sentence structures and paragraphs 準確和合適的用字, 句子結構及段落	Proper use of words, sentence structures and paragraphs with a few typos 合適的用字, 句子結構及段落。 有少量錯字、別字。	Frequent occurrence of common errors and typos; lacks a sense of word choice, sentence composition and paragraphing 頻常出現常見錯誤、錯字、別字, 缺乏對選字、句子組成及分段的理解
(10 points) (10 分)	(10 points) (10 分)	(8-9 points) (8-9 分)	(6-7 points) (6-7 分)	(0-5 points) (0-5 分)