

Master of Cultural Studies (Part-time / Full-time)**文化研究碩士課程 (兼讀制/全日制)****Assessment & Graduation Requirements****教學評核及畢業要求**

for 2026 cohort 2026 入學學生適用

General Remarks

All courses will adopt a 100% continuous assessment scheme based primarily on students' performance in class presentations and the quality of their term projects/papers or research projects. This assessment method is more appropriate than examination, as our programme puts heavy emphasis on students' ability in critical reflection and analysis. Continuous assessment also serves the purpose of monitoring students' progress and giving timely feedback to students, which again will be more beneficial to their learning.

Assessment Policy

The teacher of each course provides the students with written details of the assessment methods and the relative weighting of each component in accordance with the approved assessment scheme of the course. This should be done within the first two weeks of a course.

To ensure fair and consistent grading across courses within a programme, all course grades need to be endorsed by the Department Board, which may make any adjustments if deemed necessary. The scheme of grade points adopted by the University is as follows:

Grade	Standard	Grade Points
A	Excellent	4.00
A-		3.67
B+	Good	3.33
B		3.00
B-		2.67
C+	Pass	2.33
C		2.00
C-		1.67
F	Bad Failure	0.00

2.7 Student Progression Requirements

[Please also refer to Section 16 of the [Regulations Governing Taught Doctoral/Master's Degree Programmes \(for 2026-27 intake and after\)](#)]

The minimum Cumulative GPA (CGPA) requirement for progression in this programme is 2.50 out of 4.0. Generally, students should be subject to an academic review at the end of each term. In the case where a student enrolled in less than 6 credits in a term, the academic review shall be done when he/she has cumulatively enrolled in 6 credits or more. A student whose CGPA is below 2.50 at the academic review will be put on academic probation in the following term or discontinued from studies as prescribed in Section 2.9. At the end of the term in which the student on academic probation has cumulatively enrolled in 6 or more credits, if he/she obtains a CGPA of 2.50 or above, probation will be lifted. Otherwise, his/her studies will be discontinued. A student may be put on academic probation for only one time during his/her whole period of study in the programme. After the academic probation is lifted and the student continues on the programme, the student will be discontinued from his/her studies if his/her CGPA is below 2.50 at a subsequent academic review. A warning concerning the need to improve his/her academic performance should be issued to a student whose CGPA is at or above the level required for progression but below the level for graduation, i.e., a student whose CGPA is at or above 2.50 but below 2.67 (which is the minimum required for graduation).

A part-time student who has not satisfied the requirements for graduation by the end of the third year from the date of first registration will be required to pay a fee on a per course basis subsequently. A full-time student who has not satisfied the requirements for graduation by the end of the second year from the date of first registration will be required to pay a fee on a per course basis subsequently. With due justification acceptable to the MCS Programme and Curriculum Committee and upon approval by the Cultural Studies Department Board, students may be permitted to suspend their studies for up to two terms.

Students will not be allowed to change their study mode.

Discontinuation of Studies

[Please also refer to Section 17 of the [Regulations Governing Taught Doctoral/Master's Degree Programmes \(for 2026-27 intake and after\)](#)]

The Senate may, on the recommendation of the Postgraduate Studies Committee (the Committee), discontinue the studies of a student at any time on the grounds of the candidate's unsatisfactory performance or failure to comply with specific stipulations in the [Regulations Governing Taught Doctoral/Master's Degree Programmes](#).

The studies of a student will normally be discontinued if,

- (a) he/she fails to have his/her academic probation lifted at the end of the term when he/she has taken cumulatively 6 or more credits since he/she has been put on probation, or
- (b) his/her CGPA is below 2.50 at an academic review after the academic probation is lifted and the student continues on the programme;
- (c) he/she fails to fulfill progression requirements specified in Section 2.8; or
- (d) he/she fails to fulfill all requirements for graduation within the maximum study period.

A student's academic standing, as referred to in Section 2.9.2, is subject to the approval of the Senate

upon the recommendation of the Committee. A student whose studies have been discontinued may appeal through the Registrar against the decision. Details are stipulated in Section 9 of the [Regulations Governing University Examinations and Course Work](#).

Graduation Requirements

To graduate a student should have successfully passed 8 courses^[1] ^[2] or 9 courses^[3] and earned 24 credits in accordance with the course structure and requirements. Evaluated for graduation will be conducted at the conclusion of the semester in which he/she may satisfy all the conditions for the award of degree and with a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.67 or above. If a student is not allowed to graduate, he/she will be re-evaluated for graduation at the end of subsequent semesters. The maximum period of part-time study will be 5 years from the date of first registration. The maximum period of full-time study will be 3 years from the date of first registration.

Award Classification

Distinction will be awarded when a student achieves a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, and has fulfilled the requirements for graduation of a master degree programme.

Notes:

[1] For MCS students, they can take 8 courses: four 3-credit core courses and four 3-credit elective courses.

[2] For MCS(DMC) students, they are required to take 8 3-credit core courses.

[3] For MCS students, they can take 9 courses starting from 2013-14: four 3-credit core courses, three 3-credit elective courses, and two 1.5-credit elective courses (if applicable).