

# FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

## Division of Economics

The Division of Economics provides carefully-designed systematic and scientific programmes. The objectives of these programmes are to offer the students an analytical framework, to stimulate them to think about economic issues, and to enhance their abilities to analyze them independently. The students receive a solid foundation and rigorous training in economic theory, mathematics and statistics. They are also required to apply economic theory and analytical tools to analyze a range of economic issues. Both theory and applications are stressed.

### MPhil-PhD in Economics

Admission Code: ECO

#### Programme

##### MPhil Stream

An MPhil candidate must meet a minimum requirement of 21 units of coursework (7 term courses) and 6 units of Thesis Research course per term. In the 21 units of coursework, 12 units of required courses and 9 units of elective courses should be finished.

##### PhD Stream

The programme is research-oriented. Students are required to take required courses in the first year. For students who possess research Master degrees, the minimum number of units is 15 units, including 12 units of required courses, and 3 units of elective course. For students who do not possess research Master degrees, the minimum number of units is 21 units, including 12 units of required courses, and 9 units of elective courses. Students have to take Thesis Research course every term. Advancement to PhD candidature is conditional upon the passing of a Qualifying Examination.

#### Fields of Specialization

Please visit the Division's homepage for more information.

#### Admission Requirements

In addition to the general requirements of the Graduate School<sup>1</sup>, applicants for MPhil programme should have majored in Economics or related disciplines with a Bachelor's degree and a good background

in Mathematics or Statistics. Applicants for PhD programme should possess a Master's degree in Economics or related disciplines, and with a good background in Mathematics or Statistics. Those applicants with a Bachelor's degree can also apply for PhD programme, but have to demonstrate excellent research potential. All applicants for PhD programme and non-local applicants for MPhil programme are required to take the GRE General Test; those without the GRE score may still be considered, but they will be at a disadvantage.

#### Additional Application Information

All applicants are required to provide favorable recommendations from academic referees. Applicants for PhD programme are required to furnish proof of their research capability in the form of a research proposal of about five pages. An interview is normally required.

##### Admission Advisor

Prof. YIP, Chong Kee

##### Application Deadline

###### 1 December 2016

For applicants who apply for PhD programme through the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)<sup>2</sup>

###### 1 December 2016

For applicants who apply for MPhil/PhD programme directly with CUHK (i.e. non-HKPFS applicants)



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<sup>1</sup> For the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School, please refer to pages 16-17.

<sup>2</sup> For information on HKPFS, please refer to page 17.