

PhD candidates have to complete a minimum number of units of Lecture courses and Thesis research courses, during the pre-candidacy and post-candidacy stage. However, since the study period of the students may vary, the total number of Thesis research courses to be taken may also vary, which will affect the total number of units taken by each student for graduation.

Example:

(1) A student with a research master's degree who pursues PhD study will have completed the following within the normative study period:

<i>Pre-candidacy stage (2 years):</i>	<i>Lecture courses</i>	<i>27 units</i>
	<i>Thesis research courses</i>	<i>6 units x 4 terms = 24 units</i>
<i>Post-candidacy stage (2 years):</i>	<i>Thesis research courses</i>	<i>12 units x 4 terms = 48 units</i>

The student will therefore complete 99 units for graduation.

(2) A student without a research master's degree who pursues PhD study will have completed the following within the normative study period:

<i>Pre-candidacy stage (3 years):</i>	<i>Lecture courses</i>	<i>27 units</i>
	<i>Thesis research courses</i>	<i>6 units x 6 terms = 36 units</i>
<i>Post-candidacy stage (2 years):</i>	<i>Thesis research courses</i>	<i>12 units x 4 terms = 48 units</i>

The student will therefore complete 111 units for graduation.

### PhD Stream – Pre-Candidacy

#### 17. Candidacy Requirement

##### 17.1 Course Requirements

##### 17.1.1 Lecture courses

A student will have to complete 27 units of lecture courses as part of the candidacy requirement, with 6 units of required courses, and 21 units of elective courses. The course list is same as that in Section 10.1.

Up to four elective courses can be replaced by courses in other postgraduate programmes at CUHK(SZ) subject to the endorsement by supervisors and the approval by the Graduate Panel.

Student can submit undergraduate and postgraduate transcript and apply for waiver of the elective courses and units. The courses to be waived must be approved by the graduate panel.

Minimum number of units required

27
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##### 17.1.2 Thesis research courses

Each student must register for Thesis Research courses every term. The minimum required is listed below

Minimum number of units per term

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