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CULS 5215 MA Research Paper

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*Interested students must submit a two-page proposal in week 1. Students can only enrol in the course upon approval.

MA Research Paper is an elective course, designed specifically for students who would try to work independently on a topic of their own choice. To a large extent, this is a self-taught course, even though there will be group and individual supervision to guide you through from start to finish. Given the constraint of time, student initiative is most important.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge Outcomes

λ In-depth understanding of a chosen topic in Cultural Studies

λ Research on and organization of primary and original materials

Skills Outcomes

- λ Independent study
- λ Construction of proposal and thesis through research and reading
- λ Articulation of theory and practice
- Attitude Outcomes
- λ Confidence in independent research
- λ Sound judgment on selecting research topics and source materials.

Requirements

- Participation (In-class discussion and final review): 15%

- Research Proposal: 15%
- Progress Reports: 20%
- Research Paper: 50%
- Group Meetings: Students who join this elective course need to attend 2-3 group meetings; and the date for the second and third meeting will be set during the first meeting. The purpose of these group meetings is for students to share, discuss and present initiate research topic(s), method, and literature review. Individual Consultations: In addition to the 3 required progress consultations during Week 6 and Week 10, students are welcome to arrange other meetings with your supervisor(s).

Progress reports: Written portions of the Research Paper must be handed in to supervisor during the weeks required for assessment related consultations.

Week 6 Meeting: students are required to produce at least one sizable written section of the proposed research paper (no need to submit on VeriGuide. Put a hard copy in my mailbox 24 hours before the meeting).

Week 10 Meeting: at least half of the length required should be submitted (no need to submit on VeriGuide. Put a hard copy in my mailbox 24 hours before the meeting).

MA Research Paper: The length of the Paper should be 8000-15000 in English; 12000-20000 in Chinese. For format and other requirements consult Department's website.

Deadline for submitting the Research Paper will be at **midnight 23, April, 2019**. Students have to upload a softcopy to the 'VeriGuide', as well as hand in a hardcopy with a signed Academic Honesty Statement to mailbox of their supervisors in KKL 3/F. Late submission will be penalized.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong places very high importance on honesty in academic work submitted by students, and adopts a policy of zero tolerance on cheating and plagiarism. Any related offence will lead to disciplinary action including termination of studies at the University. Students must submit their assignments to the Webpage of "VeriGuide" (維誠). (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/veriguide>)

Although cases of cheating or plagiarism are rare at the University, everyone should make himself/herself familiar with the content of this website and thereby help avoid any practice that would not be acceptable.

Section 1 What is plagiarism

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p01.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p01.htm)

Section 2 Proper use of source material

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p02.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p02.htm)

Section 3 Citation styles

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p03.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p03.htm)

Section 4 Plagiarism and copyright violation

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p04.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p04.htm)

Section 5 CUHK regulations on honesty in academic work

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Section 6 CUHK disciplinary guidelines and procedures

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p06.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p06.htm)

Section 7 Guide for teachers and departments

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p07.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p07.htm)

Section 8 Recommended material to be included in course outlines

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p08.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p08.htm)

Section 9 Electronic submission of assignments via VeriGuide

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p09.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p09.htm)

Section 10 Declaration to be included in assignments

[https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_\(2013-14\)/p10.htm](https://www.cuhk.edu.hk/policy/academichonesty/Eng_htm_files_(2013-14)/p10.htm)

Use of Generative AI tools

All use of AI tools is prohibited in assignments and assessment tasks

For assignments and assessment tasks that count towards the final course grades, students are not allowed to submit work which is produced with the collaboration of or supported by the use of any generative AI tools (e.g. ChatGPT)*.

Any breach of the regulations will be considered an act of academic dishonesty and will be handled according to the University's *Procedures for Handling Cases of Academic Dishonesty*.

In case of queries, students should seek advice from the course teacher.