

## **REGULATIONS FOR HIGHER DOCTORATES**

Any publication based on work approved for a higher degree should contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree.

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## **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)**

### **M27 Definition**

The degree of Doctor of Medicine is a research postgraduate degree, awarded for original observations that make a definite contribution to medical knowledge, presented in the form of a thesis deserving of publication.

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### **M28 Admission Requirements**

A candidate for registration for the degree of MD

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) shall be
    - (i) a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of this University whose degrees have been conferred not less than three years before the date of application for registration;
    - or
    - (ii) the holder of equivalent qualifications from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose who is a full-time Teacher or equivalent appointee of at least five years' standing in one of the departments of the Faculty of Medicine of this University;
  - (c) shall submit satisfactory evidence of his or her postgraduate training and appropriate experience in the field of study proposed.
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### **M29 Registration**

- (a) A candidate shall be permitted to register on the first day of any month of the year and shall be required to submit his or her thesis not later than at the end of five calendar years from his or her date of first registration.
  - (b) A supervisor shall be appointed by the Head of the Department of Medicine to guide the candidate on the planning and execution of the research work and presentation of the thesis.
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### **M30 Title of Thesis**

A candidate shall submit the title of the thesis for approval not later than three months before the submission of his or her thesis for examination; no modification of the title shall be made thereafter without further approval.

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### **M31 Submission of Thesis**

- (a) The thesis usually consists of a series of papers on the same or related subject published or unpublished provided that it shall be presented in the form of a thesis and shall be

written in English. A mere compilation is not acceptable as a thesis. An extensive, in-depth and critical review of the background literature is expected.

- (b) A candidate shall present four copies of the thesis for examination typed or printed and bound in accordance with the regulations governing the format, binding, and presentation of theses, together with the thesis submission form signed by the supervisor, as well as a written declaration that it represents his or her own work and that it has not been submitted to any other institution in application for admission to a degree, diploma, or other qualification. If the thesis contains contributions that are not the candidate's own work, the extent of such contributions shall be declared.

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### **M32 Examinations**

The candidate shall be examined by examiners appointed for this purpose both on the thesis itself and at an oral examination on the subject of the thesis. The examiners shall be nominated by the Head of the Department of Medicine, who may also serve as the Chairman, a non-voting member, of the Thesis Examining Committee.

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### **M33 Examination Results**

- (a) A candidate who has satisfied the examiners shall be recommended for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Medicine.
- (b) A candidate who has not satisfied the examiners
- (i) may be required to resubmit his or her thesis after making corrections and amendments as required by the examiners, without a new examination; or
  - (ii) may be required to revise and resubmit his or her thesis for a new examination within a period not exceeding one calendar year, as specified by the Thesis Examining Committee and may also be required to satisfy the examiners at a new oral examination as appropriate on the subject of the revised thesis; or
  - (iii) may be deemed to have failed and shall not be permitted to submit his or her thesis again for re-examination.

**M34** Any publication based on work approved for the degree of Doctor of Medicine shall contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

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## **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SURGERY (MS)**

### **M35 Definition**

The degree of Master of Surgery is a research postgraduate degree, awarded for original observations that make a definite contribution to medical knowledge within the general field of surgery, presented in the form of a thesis deserving of publication. The degree of MS is equivalent in status to its counterpart in Medicine, i.e. the degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD).

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### **M36 Admission Requirements**

A candidate for registration for the degree of MS

- (a) shall comply with the General Regulations;
- (b) shall be

- (i) a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of this University whose degrees have been conferred not less than five years before the date of application for registration;  
or
  - (ii) the holder of equivalent qualifications from another university or comparable institution accepted for this purpose who is a full-time Teacher or equivalent appointee of this University of at least five years' standing, in the field of general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, or any other surgical specialty.
- (c) shall submit satisfactory evidence of his or her postgraduate training and appropriate experience in the field of study proposed.
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### **M37 Registration**

- (a) A candidate shall be permitted to register on the first day of any month of the year and shall be required to submit his or her thesis not later than at the end of five calendar years from his or her date of first registration.
  - (b) A supervisor shall be appointed by the Head of the Department of Surgery to guide the candidate on the planning and execution of the research work and presentation of the thesis.
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### **M38 Title of Thesis**

A candidate shall submit the title of the thesis for approval not later than three months before the submission of his or her thesis for examination; no modification of the title shall be made thereafter without further approval.

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### **M39 Submission of Thesis**

- (a) The thesis usually consists of a series of papers on the same or related subject published or unpublished provided that it shall be presented in the form of a thesis and shall be written in English. A mere compilation is not acceptable as a thesis. An extensive, in-depth and critical review of the background literature is expected.
  - (b) A candidate shall present four copies of the thesis for examination, typed or printed and bound in accordance with the regulations governing the format, binding, and presentation of theses, together with the thesis submission form signed by the supervisor, as well as a written declaration that the thesis represents his or her own work and that it has not been submitted to any other institution in application for admission to a degree, diploma, or other qualification. If the thesis contains contributions that are not the candidate's own work, the extent of such contributions shall be declared.
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### **M40 Examinations**

The candidate shall be examined by examiners appointed for this purpose both on the thesis itself and at an oral examination on the subject of the thesis. The examiners shall be nominated by the Head of the Department of Surgery, who may also serve as the Chairman, a non-voting member, of the Thesis Examining Committee.

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#### **M41 Examination Results**

- (a) A candidate who has satisfied the examiners shall be recommended for conferment of the degree of Master of Surgery.
- (b) A candidate who has not satisfied the examiners
  - (i) may be required to resubmit his or her thesis after making corrections and amendments as required by the examiners, without a new examination; or
  - (ii) may be required to revise and resubmit his or her thesis for a new examination within a period not exceeding one calendar year, as specified by the Thesis Examining Committee, and may also be required to satisfy the examiners at a new oral examination as appropriate on the subject of the revised thesis; or
  - (iii) may be deemed to have failed and shall not be permitted to submit his or her thesis again for re-examination.

**M42** Any publication based on work approved for the degree of Master of Surgery shall contain a reference to the effect that the work was submitted to the University of Hong Kong for the award of the degree of Master of Surgery.

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#### **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAWS (LLD)**

**LL10** The degree of Doctor of Laws shall be open to any person who (a) is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of the University of Hong Kong or (b) has held for a period or periods totaling at least five years the post of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader, or Professor in the University of Hong Kong provided that he is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of a university approved by the Senate.

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**LL11** A candidate for the degree shall produce evidence, from published work, that he has made original contribution to knowledge of such a high order as to entitle him to an authoritative standing in his branch of learning.

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**LL12** Each application shall be accompanied by a list of published work on which the candidature is based, together with four sets of these works and a statement (of not more than 1,000 words) signed by the candidate setting out the basis of his case for the award of the degree. The candidate shall also submit a written declaration that the work has been done by himself and, in the case of work done in collaboration with others, specifying clearly his own contribution in each case. He shall indicate what part, if any, of the work has been submitted for another degree in this or any other university by himself.

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#### **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LETTERS (DLitt)**

**A24** The degree of Doctor of Letters shall be open to any person who (a) is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of the University of Hong Kong or (b) has held for a period or periods totaling at least five years the post of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader, or Professor in the University of Hong Kong provided that he is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of a university approved by the Senate.

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**A25** A candidate for the degree shall produce evidence, from published work, that he has made original contribution to knowledge of such a high order as to entitle him to an authoritative standing in his branch of learning.

**A26** Each application shall be accompanied by a list of published work on which the candidature is based, together with four sets of these works and a statement (of not more than 1,000 words) signed by the candidate setting out the basis of his case for the award of the degree. The candidate shall also submit a written declaration that the work has been done by himself and, in the case of work done in collaboration with others, specifying clearly his own contribution in each case. He shall indicate what part, if any, of the work has been submitted for another degree in this or any other university by himself.

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## **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE (DSc)**

**Sc13** The degree of Doctor of Science shall be open to any person who (a) is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of the University of Hong Kong or (b) has held for a period or periods totaling at least five years the post of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader or Professor in the University of Hong Kong provided that he is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of a university approved by the Senate.

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**Sc14** A candidate for the degree shall produce evidence, from published work, that he has made original contribution to scientific knowledge of such a high order as to entitle him to an authoritative standing in his branch of science.

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**Sc15** Each application shall be accompanied by a list of published work on which the candidature is based, together with four sets of these works and a statement (of not more than 1,000 words) signed by the candidate setting out the basis of his case for the award of the degree. The candidate shall also submit a written declaration that the work has been done by himself and, in the case of work done in collaboration with others, specifying clearly his own contribution in each case. He shall indicate what part, if any, of the work has been submitted for another degree in this or any other university by himself.

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## **REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (DSocSc)**

**SS26** The degree of Doctor of Social Sciences shall be open to any person who (a) is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of the University of Hong Kong or (b) has held for a period or periods totalling at least five years the post of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Reader, or Professor in the University of Hong Kong provided that he is a graduate of not less than five years' standing of a university approved by the Senate.

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**SS27** A candidate for the degree shall produce evidence, from published work, that he has made original contribution to knowledge of such a high order as to entitle him to an authoritative standing in his branch of learning.

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**SS28** Each application shall be accompanied by a list of published work on which the candidature is based together with four sets of these works and a statement (of not more than 1,000 words) signed by the candidate setting out the basis of his case for the award of the degree. The candidate shall also submit a written declaration that the work has been done by himself and, in the case of work done in collaboration with others, specifying clearly his own contribution in

each case. He shall indicate what part, if any, of the work has been submitted for another degree in this or any other university by himself.

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