

**REGULATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE IN ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION  
(MChinMed[Acup&Mox])**

*These regulations are applicable to candidates admitted in the academic year 2016-17 and thereafter*

*(See also General Regulations and Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula)*

The degree of Master of Chinese Medicine in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (MChinMed[Acup&Mox]) is a postgraduate degree awarded for the satisfactory completion of the curriculum of 2 academic years or equivalent in the School of Chinese Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, on a part-time basis.

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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**Admission requirements**

**MAM1(a)** To be eligible for admission to the curriculum leading to the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine in Acupuncture and Moxibustion, a candidate shall:

- (i) comply with the General Regulations but with a waiver of Regulation G2(b);
- (ii) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula but with a waiver of Regulation TPG2(b); and
- (iii) hold the degree of Bachelor of Traditional Chinese Medicine or Bachelor of Chinese Medicine of this University or a qualification of equivalent standard from another University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; or a Bachelor's degree in medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy or another healthcare related programme and a diploma in acupuncture from a University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose.

**MAM1(b)** A candidate who does not hold a Bachelor's degree may be permitted to register if he/she

- (i) is a Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioner with the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong;
- (ii) holds a diploma in acupuncture from a University or comparable institution accepted for this purpose; and
- (iii) has a minimum of five years' experience as an acupuncturist and is able to produce evidence in support thereof.

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**Award of degree**

**MAM2** To be eligible for the award of the degree of Master of Chinese Medicine in Acupuncture and Moxibustion, a candidate shall

- (a) comply with the General Regulations;
  - (b) comply with the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula; and
  - (c) complete the curriculum requirements and satisfy the examiners in accordance with the regulations set out below.
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## **Period of study**

**MAM3** The curriculum shall normally extend over two academic years of part-time study. Candidates shall not be permitted to extend their studies beyond the maximum period of registration of three academic years of part-time study, unless otherwise permitted or required by the Board of the Faculty.

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## **Completion of curriculum**

**MAM4** To complete the curriculum, a candidate shall

- (a) satisfy the requirements prescribed in TPG 6 of the Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Curricula;
- (b) take not less than 69 credits in the manner specified in these regulations and the syllabuses, and follow the instructions in the syllabuses prescribed for the curriculum and complete satisfactorily all required written, practical or clinical work;
- (c) satisfy the examiners in the courses by continuous assessments and/or written examinations;
- (d) complete the capstone experience satisfactorily, including all practical and clinical work for the prescribed practical course and clinical attachment; and
- (e) complete a satisfactory dissertation on a subject approved by the Board of Studies and pass an oral examination on the dissertation itself.

A candidate who fails to fulfill the requirements within the prescribed maximum period of registration shall be recommended for discontinuation under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

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## **Dissertation**

**MAM5** The title of the dissertation shall be submitted for approval by a date as prescribed in the syllabuses. The dissertation, which shall be written in either Chinese or English, shall be submitted by a date as prescribed in the syllabuses and be examined with an oral examination. The candidate shall submit a statement that the dissertation represents his/her own work (or in the case of conjoint work, a statement countersigned by his/her co-worker, which shows his/her share of the work) undertaken after registration as a candidate for the degree.

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## **Assessment**

**MAM6** Examinations shall normally be held upon completion of the course, where applicable.

**MAM7** A candidate's coursework, including completion of written assignments and participation in practical work, as the case may be, shall be taken into account in determining the candidate's result in the theoretical and practical courses. Clinical attachment shall be assessed based on case reports and performance in the attachment.

**MAM8** A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any form of assessment/examination may be permitted to present himself/herself for re-assessment/re-examination at a time specified by the Board of Examiners, or he/she may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

**MAM9** A candidate who has failed to satisfy the examiners in any prescribed practical and clinical work may be permitted to fulfill such deficiencies to the satisfaction of the examiners within a specified period.

**MAM10** A candidate who has failed to present a satisfactory dissertation and oral examination may be permitted to submit a revised dissertation and re-sit the oral examination within a specified period, or he/she may be recommended for discontinuation of studies under the provisions of General Regulation G12.

**MAM11** The examinations and assessments of the MChinMed(Acup&Mox) curriculum shall normally be conducted in Chinese.

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### Grading system

**MAM12** Individual courses (except clinical attachment) shall be graded according to the following grade points system:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Grade Point</u>
A+	Excellent	4.3
A		4.0
A-		3.7
B+	Good	3.3
B		3.0
B-		2.7
C+	Satisfactory	2.3
C		2.0
C-		1.7
D+	Pass	1.3
D		1.0
F	Fail	0

**The clinical attachment shall be graded as “Pass” or “Fail” and shall not be included in the calculation of the GPA.**

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### Classification of awards

**MAM13** On successful completion of the curriculum, candidates who have shown exceptional merit may be awarded a mark of distinction as determined by the Board of Examiners, and this mark shall be recorded in the candidates' degree diploma.

**MAM14** The Chinese title of the degree shall be “中醫學碩士(針灸學)”.

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**SYLLABUSES FOR THE DEGREE OF  
MASTER OF CHINESE MEDICINE IN ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION  
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*(To be read in conjunction with Regulations for MChinMed[Acup&Mox])*

Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 69 credits curriculum requirement in the prescribed sequence for the MChinMed(Acup&Mox) curriculum, which consists of theoretical courses and capstone experience including clinical attachment and dissertation, as set out below:

Curriculum structure	Credit Units
Taught courses	
(a) Theoretical knowledge	9
(b) Research knowledge	9
(c) Clinical knowledge	15
(d) Latest development of acupuncture in clinical practice	3
Capstone experience	
- Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture	12
-Dissertation	21
Total	69

The clinical attachment may be taken in blocks during any designated time assigned for such purpose within the candidates' period of registration.

The mode of assessment for courses (except for MCHM6101, MCHM6104 and MCHM6105 which are assessed by 100% written and practical examination, where appropriate) comprises continuous assessments (30%-100%) and written examinations (0%-70%). Candidates are also required to undertake a clinical attachment, submit a dissertation and make an oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiner(s).

**First Year**

MCHM6100	Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (3 credits)
MCHM6101	Classical Literature in Acupuncture (3 credits)
MCHM6102	Biomedical Courses Allied to Acupuncture (6 credits)
MCHM6103	Manipulative Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (6 credits)
MCMH6104	Therapeutics in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (6 credits)
MCHM6303	Medical Statistics (3 credits)

**Second Year**

MCMH6105	Practical Tui-na (3 credits)
MCHM7201	Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture (12 credits)
MCHM6201	Seminars on Acupuncture and Moxibustion (3 credits)
MCHM6203	Dissertation (21 credits)
MCHM6205	Experimental Acupuncture (3 credits)

### **MCHM6100. Research Methodology in Chinese Medicine (3 credits)**

This course includes project design, clinical trial, summary of clinical experience in Chinese Medicine, experimental research, literature review, medical statistics, etc.

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### **MCHM6101. Classical Literature in Acupuncture (3 credits)**

The purpose of this course is to provide an in-depth study of acupuncture as an academic discipline. A critical understanding of the major texts and literature in this field is expected as the main learning outcome. The module contents include:

- (i) academic history of acupuncture and moxibustion;
  - (ii) focused study of original text in the “Canon of Internal Medicine” on “the theory of meridians and collaterals” with special emphasis on Chapter 10 of “ling shu jing luo” in relation to the circulatory pathways of the 12 meridians;
  - (iii) selected readings of acupuncture classics (“Nei Jing”, “Nan Jing” and “Jia Yi Jing”); and
  - (iv) selected readings of subsidiary texts and literature in acupuncture from Sui-Tang dynasties to Ming-Qing era.
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### **MCHM6102. Biomedical Courses Allied to Acupuncture (6 credits)**

This course provides coverage of the essential topics in biomedical sciences which are cognate to the pursuit of research in acupuncture:

- (i) human endocrinology: introduction to modern concepts of clinical endocrinology with an emphasis on studying the mechanism of hormonal action and the inter-relationship between the endocrine system and the immune, nervous and humoral systems.
  - (ii) Immunology: introduction to modern advances in immunology; immune reaction and immune response processes, pathways and mechanisms; immunological methods applied in medicine and research.
  - (iii) Neurophysiology: study of functional differentiation in the human brain with specific emphasis on cerebral cortical specializations; recording principles in neurophysiology.
  - (iv) Neurochemistry: biochemical basis of neural functions; brain substrates and metabolites; chemical nature of neural transmission.
  - (v) Neuropharmacology: pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of CNS drugs; broad introduction to psychopharmacology, drug addiction and drug abuse, anesthetics, pain and opioid analgesia.
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### **MCHM6103. Manipulative Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (6 credits)**

This course aims at studying the manipulative techniques in clinical acupuncture, including the techniques in Electro-acupuncture, Laser-acupuncture, Ear-acupuncture, Scalp-acupuncture, and Magnet-point therapy, etc.

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### **MCHM6104. Therapeutics in Acupuncture and Moxibustion (6 credits)**

This is a course in clinical acupuncture aiming at studying the management of common and severe diseases with acupuncture.

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### **MCHM6303. Medical Statistics (3 credits)**

This course introduces the basic principles, techniques of medical statistics and design of clinical

experiment. The course content will include analysis of numerical variables and classified variables, matched data analysis, linear correlation and linear regression, non-parametric statistics and cases follow-up data analysis, etc.

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### **MCHM6105. Practical Tui-na (3 credits)**

Tui-na is Chinese Therapeutic Massage. The module introduces the common tui-na techniques and their indications.

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### **MCHM7201. Advanced Clinical Attachment in Acupuncture (12 credits)**

This course is to be completed in the second year of study, it will be conducted in well-established clinical settings and/or any other designated sites as arranged by the School of Chinese Medicine of The University of Hong Kong. It enables students to acquire in-depth knowledge on the application of acupuncture therapy in treating common illnesses.

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### **MCHM6201. Seminars on Acupuncture and Moxibustion (3 credits)**

This module includes the following seminars:

- (i) The Three-Dimensional Anatomy of Acupoints
  - (ii) Traditional Time-Therapeutics in Acupuncture
  - (iii) The Development in Meridian Research
  - (iv) Research on Classical Literature in Acupuncture
  - (v) The Directions of Experimental Research in Acupuncture
  - (vi) Pain and Curing Pain with Acupuncture
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### **MCHM6203. Dissertation (21 credits)**

The dissertation shall be carried out on an assigned topic in experimental acupuncture, or in clinical acupuncture, or in an area of acupuncture study meriting extensive literature review. Candidates will be required to attend research workshops and seminars during the course of carrying out. The title of dissertation shall be submitted for approval by not later than February 28 of the final academic year and the dissertation shall be submitted not later than June 30.

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### **MCHM6205. Experimental Acupuncture (3 credits)**

This course comprises the following modules aiming at introducing experiments in acupuncture research:

- (i) Methodology in Meridian Research
  - (ii) The Common Techniques in Acupuncture and Moxibustion
  - (iii) Methods in Acupuncture Research Using Animals
  - (iv) The Mechanism of Action in Acupuncture and Moxibustion
  - (v) Experiments on the Mechanism of Action in Acupuncture and Moxibustion
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