Departmental Orientation for RPG Students

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Agenda

- **RPG programmes overview**: Lawrence Yeung
  - Handbook for MPhil & PhD Programmes
    (http://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/current-students/handbooks)

- **ELEC 7001**: WH Lam

- **TA duties**: WY Cheung / Lijun Jiang
**DRPC**

- Looking after all aspects of research students:
  - admission, coursework enrolment, progress monitoring, candidature confirmation, leave approval, . . .

- **DRPC consists of:**
  - Prof. Lawrence Yeung (Chairman)
  - Dr. G. Chesi (Co-Chairman)
  - Prof. V.O.K. Li (ex-officio)
  - Prof. K.T. Chau
  - Prof. D. Hill
  - Prof. R. Hui
  - Prof. R.Y.K. Kwok
  - Prof. E.Y.M. Lam
  - Dr. K.M. Tsia
  - Prof. K.K.Y. Wong

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People you should know ...

- **Demonstrator & TA Management:** Dr. Lijun Jiang
  Dr. WY Cheung

- **RPG Review Panel:** Dr. K.S. Lui

- **RPG Programme Committee:** Dr. G. Chesi

- **Safety Officer:** Dr. Anthony Choi

- **Plagiarism:** Prof. K.T. Chau
RPG Programmes

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No Postgraduate Scholarship (PGS) if beyond the Study Period.

No/Deducted PGS if

- (a) unsatisfactory academic progress, or
- (b) unsatisfactory TA performance

**Progress Monitoring**

- Every 6 months,
  - You submit a Progress Report
  - Your supervisor submits a Supervision Report

- If academic progress is unsatisfactory,
  - A written warning will be issued by DRPC.
  - If still no improvement, a sanction of $4000/month from the PGS may be imposed (PGS may be terminated)
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**Confirmation of Candidature:**
- *(PhD only) after ~ 1 yr, interviewed by a panel formed by Supervisor*
- ~ 2 months before the end of the Probation Period
- Submit [Progress Report](#)
- Submit a detailed Scheme of Research (literature survey, research plan)
- Interviewed by the [RPG Review Panel](#) (presentation + Q&A)
- If progress is satisfactory, confirm candidature; Otherwise …
- **After confirmation of PhD candidature, pay rise (~ $500/month)**
Coursework Requirements

4 compulsory Graduate School Courses (not for 3-yr PhD):
(1) Introduction to Thesis Writing
(2) Research Ethics
(3) Transferrable Skills
(4) Research Methods

1 compulsory PG Seminar Course (i.e. ELEC 7001), and

+ (MPhil) 3 RPG Courses or 2 RPG Courses & 1 MSc Course
(4-yr PhD) 4 RPG Courses or 3 RPG Courses & 2 MSc Courses
(3-yr PhD) 2 RPG Courses

• Courses could be offered by other Departments or Universities
• Must complete all Graduate School Courses + ≥ 50% Other Courses before the end of the Probationary Period.
EEE Coursework Requirements

- At least two EEE offered courses for PhD and one for MPhil

- Letter grades will be assigned to EEE offered courses

- To confirm the candidature, at least one EEE offered course with an average GPA of 3.0 or above
  - Failed courses will be included in GPA calculation
Thesis Examination

Submit your thesis before the end of the Study Period

Department appoints internal and external examiners for your thesis
- MPhil: 1 internal + 1 external
- PhD: 2 internal + 1 external

Allow 6 weeks for examiners to read the thesis and submit report

Oral examination & recommendation

Decision made by Faculty Board of Examiners and the Graduate School
To Succeed in Research

“Genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration.” Thomas Edison

- Talent is useful, but **Hardworking, Commitment and Perseverance** are just as important
- The power of questions
- Language and communication skills
- Student-supervisor relationship
- ...

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