

## YOUR TIMELINE: MASTER BY RESEARCH

### Semester 1

- a. Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (2 weeks before semester begins)
- b. Nominate supervisory committee. Fill up GS-10a (Downloaded online) and submit hard copy to Graduate Studies and International Affairs Section at the Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication
- c. Fill up GS-11 (online) (Week 10)

### Semester 2

- a. Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (3 weeks before semester begins)
- b. Register for SPS5903 at the beginning of the semester and defend your proposal in Week 12
- c. Fill up GS-11 (online) (Week 10)

### Semester 3

- a. Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (3 weeks before semester begins)
- b. File notice of submission of thesis GS-14a (online)
- c. Fill up GS-11 (online) (Week 10)

### Semester 4

- a. Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (3 weeks before semester begins)
- b. Submit thesis. Fill up GS-15a (online)



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## FACULTY OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND COMMUNICATION

## POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

## CROSS DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES

- Discourse Studies
- Applied Comparative Linguistics
- Cultural and Literary Studies
- Translation and Interpretation
- Literacy Studies

### Discourse Studies

This programme aims to investigate the use of spoken, written or multimodal forms of communication; relationships between elements within a language; or relationships between language, agency and social contexts. Research in this field employs various approaches, such as linguistic and critical linguistic approaches, critical discourse analysis, genre study and ethnomethodology.

### Applied Comparative Linguistics

This programme examines similarities and differences in linguistic properties between languages or language varieties. Research in this field focuses on comparative analysis of the aspects of phonology, morphology, syntax, lexis or semantics of languages, and related applications.

### Cultural and Literary Studies

This programme involves the scholarly interpretation of literary and cultural texts, as well as contemporary social phenomena, popular culture, and their historical contexts. Research in this field includes approaches, such as reader response, textual analysis or comparative analysis, and theories related to cultural production.

### Translation and Interpretation

This programme addresses theoretical and practical concerns among scholars and practitioners working in various areas of translation and interpretation. Research in this field involves a consideration of various related theories and techniques, literary translation, language and linguistic issues, cultural translation issues, human versus machine translation, and the social and economic implications of translation and interpretation.

### Literacy Studies

This programme aims to examine the nature of literacy as skill-based, social and reflexive practice in various contexts, and types of literacy, including functional literacy, workplace literacy, cultural literacy, critical literacy and media literacy. Research in this field investigates the use and impact of spoken and written texts, the processes and skills involved in literacy events, and the related cultural, linguistic and social processes.

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

### Credit Requirements:

Candidates are required to complete a minimum of 3 credits of coursework (Research Methods) or, any other related courses approved by the supervisory committee.

### Other requirements:

#### SPS6999 Doctoral Research

The candidate is required to register for the course SPS6999 Doctoral Research **every semester** throughout his/her candidature. This course entails a research project and at the end of the candidature, the candidate will submit a thesis. The thesis will then be sent for examination and a viva voce will be held to determine the candidate's competence in the area of study.

#### Comprehensive Examination

The candidate pursuing the doctoral programme is required to pass a written and oral comprehensive examination. This examination is taken upon completion of all coursework stipulated in the programme. The comprehensive examination evaluates the candidate's knowledge in the area of study, and his/her ability to integrate knowledge about research and theory to address basic issues in the area concerned.

#### SPS6903 Seminar

The candidate is required to enroll for the course SPS6903 which is a presentation of the research proposal. This course should be taken when the candidate's research proposal has been approved by his/her supervisor. The course will be assessed and the candidate will be given either a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory grade.

## MASTER OF ARTS

### Credit Requirements:

Candidates are required to take a minimum of 6 credit hours. Research Methods and any other related courses approved by the supervisory committee

### Other requirements:

#### SPS5999 Master Research

The candidate is required to register for the course SPS5999 Master's Research **every semester** throughout his/her candidature. This course entails a research project and at the end of the candidature, the candidate will submit a thesis. The thesis will then be sent for examination and a viva voce will be held to determine the candidate's competence in the area of study.

#### SPS5903 Seminar

The candidate is required to enroll for the course SPS5903 which is a presentation of the research proposal. This course should be taken when the candidate's research proposal has been approved by his/her supervisor. The course will be assessed and the candidate will be given either a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory grade.

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- Fill up GS-11 (online) (Week 10)
- Register for SPS6903 at the beginning of the semester and defend your proposal in Week 12
- Sit for Comprehensive Exam (CE). Fill up GS-12 manually at Graduate Studies and International Affairs Section at the Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication

### Semester 3

- Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (3 weeks before semester begins)
- Fill up GS-11 (online) (Week 10)

### Semester 4

- Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (3 weeks before semester begins)
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### Semester 5

- Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (3 weeks before semester begins)
- File notice of submission of thesis GS-14a (online)
- Fill up GS-11 (online) (Week 10)

### Semester 6

- Register for courses according to University and Department requirements (3 weeks before semester begins)
- Submit thesis. Fill up GS-15a (online)

