

# Faculty of Social Science



## Division of Economics

The Division of Economics provides carefully-designed systematic and scientific programmes. The objectives of these programmes are to offer the students an analytical framework, to stimulate them to think about economic issues, and to enhance their abilities to analyze them independently. The students receive a solid foundation and rigorous training in economic theory, mathematics and statistics. They are also required to apply economic theory and analytical tools to analyze a range of economic issues. Both theory and applications are stressed.

### MPhil-PhD in Economics

Code: ECO

#### Programme

##### MPhil Stream

An MPhil candidate must meet a minimum requirement of 21 units of coursework (7 term courses) and 6 units of Thesis Research course per term. In the 21 units of coursework, 12 units of required courses and 9 units of elective courses should be finished.

##### PhD Stream

The programme is research-oriented. Students are required to take 4 required courses in the first year. Students without a Research Master's degree are required to take three additional elective courses. Students have to take Thesis Research course every term. Advancement to PhD candidature is conditional upon the passing of a Qualifying Examination. The examination consists of two papers. Paper I includes Microeconomic Theory and Macroeconomic Theory, while Paper II is on one chosen field of study.

#### Fields of Specialization

Please visit the Division's homepage for more information.

#### Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School<sup>1</sup>. Applicants for MPhil programme should have majored in Economics or related disciplines with a Bachelor's degree and a good background in Mathematics or Statistics. Applicants for PhD programme should possess a Master's degree in Economics or related disciplines, and with a good background in Mathematics or Statistics. Those applicants with a Bachelor's degree can also apply for PhD programme, but have to demonstrate excellent research potential. All applicants for PhD programme and non-local applicants for MPhil programme are required to take the GRE General Test; those without the GRE score may still be considered, but they will be at a disadvantage.

#### Additional Application Information

Applicants for MPhil programme are required to provide favorable recommendations from academic referees. Applicants for PhD programme are required to furnish proof of their research capability in the form of strongly favorable comments from academic referees. An interview is normally required.

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Application Deadline : 28 February 2010



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1. For the general qualifications required for admission to the Graduate School, please refer to pages 18-19.