

## 3.2.5 Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

### Admission Policy

Applicants seeking admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme must have a good Master's degree in a relevant discipline or a Second Class Upper Honours degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline. Applicants will be evaluated on their ability to undertake a rigorous academic programme as demonstrated by references, and the applicant's written analysis of past research experience. The candidate should be motivated, outward-looking, and open to new ideas. Additionally, the candidate should preferably have some background in Mathematics and Economics.

### Requirements

The PhD programme is conducted on a full-time basis. The PhD coursework curriculum comprises eight core modules, two electives and a PhD Qualifying Examination (QE). The usual candidature period is 4 years (maximum candidature period is 5 years).

#### Core Modules

The coursework modules read should include the following eight core modules:

- PP6702 Foundations of Public Policy
- PP6703 Foundations of Public Administration
- PP6704 The Economics of Public Policy
- PP6705 The Politics of Public Policy
- PP6706 Quantitative Methods for Public Policy Research
- PP6707 Qualitative Methods for Public Policy Research
- PP6708 Research Design in Public Policy
- PP6770 Public Policy Graduate Seminar

#### PhD Qualifying Examination (QE)

The PhD Qualifying Examination (QE) shall comprise:

- A comprehensive written examination; and
- An oral defense of the PhD thesis proposal.

Candidates must complete the eight core coursework modules (or equivalent) with a Cumulative Average Point (CAP) of 3.5 before proceeding to the QE. The comprehensive written examination will be designed to test the candidate's analytical, conceptual and integrative skills in the discipline of public policy. A candidate will undertake the oral defense of his / her thesis proposal after passing the comprehensive examination.

