





MPhil & PhD PROGRAMMES

哲學碩士及博士學位課程資料簡介

2021/22

Global Connections



Higher Education



Diverse Research Areas

Liberal Arts Education • Transformation For Life 博雅教育成就一生

Meaning of the **Lingnan Logo**



The mountain, river, trees and path illustrated in the University logo each symbolise a profound principle:

- The White Cloud Mountain depicts the highest aspiration in life;
- The Pearl River represents the wide dissemination of Lingnan education;
- The lychee trees with ripe fruit hanging in clusters represent the commitment to realise the precept "For God, for Country, and for Lingnan";
- The path represents the road to the future by virtue of hard work;
- The panoramic view of the campus in the emblem 'reminds alumni and friends of Lingnan of their loyalty wherever they may be. The red and grey colours of the emblem help nourish the sentiment; they are "blood-red and iron-grey", symbolising loyalty and steadfastness. The red and grey reflect the Lingnan spirit, a spirit inspiring them to lay the foundations for a splendid future forever'1.
- Lee, Sui-ming. A Phoenix of South China: The Story of Lingman (University) College Sun Yat-sen University. Hong Kong: The Commercial Press, 2005.



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Lingnan at a Glance



Ranked 2nd
in the World
for Quality Education

(THE University Impact Rankings, 2020)



World's
Top 35 for

International Faculty
(QS World University Rankings, 2021)



Accredited as a Five
Stars Institution and
received the maximum
five stars in the
areas of Teaching,
Employability, Research,
Internationalisation,
Facilities, Arts
and Culture, and
Inclusiveness

(The QS Intelligence Unit)





in Hong Kong







School of Graduate Studies



Peer-type working relationships

with academics



Cumulative Theses Downloads:

605,000+

Times from

200+

Countries/Regions

(as at July 2020)





Research Strength:
Ranked TOP 2 in
Translation,
Visual Studies and
Philosophy

(University Grants Committee (UGC): Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) 2014)





165 faculty

from **20** countries with PhD and other advanced degrees from Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, NUS, Oxford, Peking, Princeton, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Yale, etc.

General Information *on Research Postgraduate Studies*

Introduction

Lingnan University, formerly Lingnan College, is the only liberal arts university in the HKSAR, with the longest established tradition among the local institutions of higher education. The University was incorporated on 30 July 1999 following the enactment of the Lingnan University Ordinance. Its history, however, dates back to 1888, when its forerunner, the prestigious Lingnan University in Guangzhou, China, was founded.

The University has developed its research postgraduate programmes in stages. Linguan accepted its first batch of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) students in Social Sciences and Translation in September 1995.

In 1997, MPhil programmes in Chinese and Business were added to the portfolio. In 2000, the University launched its Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programmes taking into account that Lingnan had successfully produced MPhil graduates and strengthened its staff profile. In the same year, as the University had staff expertise in research areas outside the disciplines of the existing programmes, the domain of its postgraduate programmes was expanded.

The degree of MPhil or PhD will be awarded by the University when a candidate has successfully completed an approved programme of supervised research, has presented a written thesis satisfying the requirements specified for that award, has successfully defended the thesis in the presence of the examiners, and has satisfied other requirements as stipulated by the University authorities.

Programmes of Studies

The University invites applications for the following research postgraduate programmes at master's and doctoral levels:

Arts: Chinese, Cultural Studies, English, History, Philosophy, Translation, and Visual Studies;

Business: Accounting, Decision Sciences, Finance, Information Systems Management,

Insurance, International Business, Management, Marketing, and Operations Management;

Science: Environmental Science (master's level only); and

Social Sciences: Economics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology and/or Social Policy.

Both MPhil and PhD programmes lead to in-depth study in specific research areas.

The University recruits mainly full-time students. As the University Grants Committee no longer funds new part-time students, part-time students have to be self-financed.

Period of Study

Academic Year

The University academic year starts at the beginning of September and ends at the end of August in the following calendar year.

Normal Duration

The normal duration expected for the completion of an approved programme of research leading to the degree of MPhil or PhD is as follows:

Degree	Study Mode	Normal Period
MPhil	Full-time	2 years
WPMII	Part-time	3 years
	Full-time	3 years (with a relevant master's degree)
PL D		4 years (without a relevant master's degree)
PhD	Part-time	5 years (with a relevant master's degree)
		6 years (without a relevant master's degree)

Minimum Duration

Subject to the discretion of the Postgraduate Studies Committee, the minimum period of research is as follows:

Degree	Study Mode	Minimum Period
MPhil	Full-time	18 months
WETHI	Part-time	30 months
DI-D	Full-time	30 months
PhD	Part-time	42 months

General Information *on Research Postgraduate Studies*

Maximum Duration

Exceptionally, the period of registered research may be extended to a maximum period as specified below:

Degree	Study Mode	Maximum Period
MPhil	Full-time	36 months
WPNII	Part-time	48 months
	Full-time	60 months (with a relevant master's degree)
DI-D		72 months (without a relevant master's degree)
PhD	Part-time	84 months (with a relevant master's degree)
		96 months (without a relevant master's degree)

Recognition of Previous Research Work

If a candidate has undertaken part of a research programme as a registered candidate for a research degree in a university or such other recognised institution of higher education, he/ she may make an application explaining what work has been done and its relevance to the University programme. The maximum credit to be given to such work, in the event such application has been approved, shall not exceed 50% of the normal period of research.



Supervision and Progress

The Postgraduate Studies Committee under the Senate of the University administers and manages all aspects of the progress of all candidatures, with the support of the School of Graduate Studies.

Lingnan University's faculty includes many world-class scholars and a large number of fine up-and-coming younger academics. The University has 165 faculty from 20 countries with PhD and other advanced degrees from Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, NUS, Oxford, Peking, Princeton, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Yale, etc. The diversity of research expertise among staff means that the University can offer expert supervision in many areas, including supervision of interdisciplinary projects.

Upon admission, each MPhil student will be assigned a Supervisor (may be with one or more Co-supervisor(s) where appropriate), while a PhD student will be assigned a Chief Supervisor and at least one Co-supervisor. Supervisors will closely guide their students in the early phases of their research and thereafter will be responsible for helping them to work independently.

The student and his/her supervisor should from the outset of the MPhil/PhD study discuss and agree on a provisional thesis topic and the coursework to be taken if necessary. A student may be required to take some undergraduate/postgraduate course(s) in order to strengthen his/her academic background.

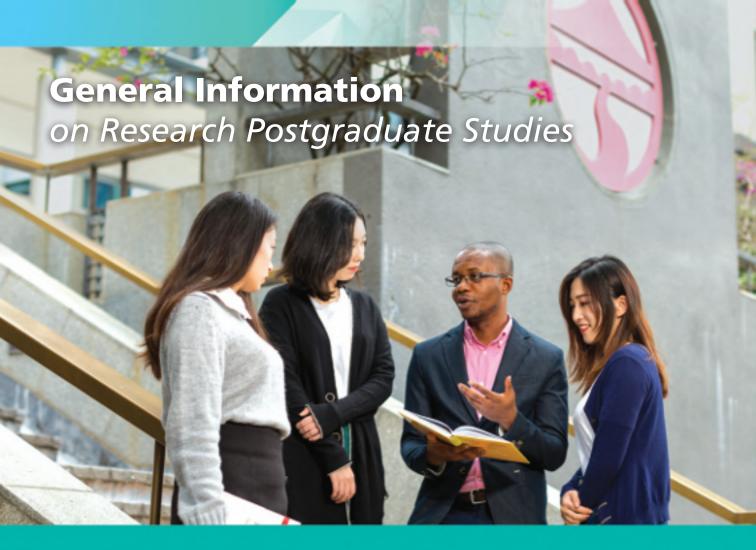
In addition to courses offered by the University, students may enrol in courses listed under a collaborative scheme established by the eight universities in Hong Kong that are offering research postgraduate programmes. The candidature of an MPhil or a PhD student is regarded as provisional during the initial period of study. Within the initial 6 to 10 months for full-time students and 9 to 15 months for part-time students, a student must prepare an outline paper for presentation at a topic-defence seminar and submit a report on research progress for assessment of confirmation of candidature. Additional requirements may be set as necessary.

A student with his/her candidature confirmed can continue his/her research programme. He/She is required to submit annual progress reports and present his/her research findings in a seminar a few months before his/her MPhil/PhD thesis examination. He/She shall submit a thesis meeting the specified requirements and undergo an oral examination of his/her thesis by a Panel of Examiners. He/She may be required to satisfy other requirements as stipulated by the relevant University authorities.

In particular, additional requirements such as passing a candidacy examination and meeting coursework requirements have been specified for the PhD in Business programme. Details are available from the University website (www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad/add-phdbus.php). Successful completion of three experiential requirements, viz. informal intellectual development, practical experience in environmental education/

communication, and research thesis are also required for the MPhil in Environmental Science programme.







Residence Requirements

The University deems it important for each student to interact with his/her supervisor(s) and with peer students. A student, full-time or part-time, is required to participate in seminars and other academic activities of the University. Supervisors shall encourage and advise students to participate in activities relevant to their studies and report students' participation to the Postgraduate Studies Committee.

Full-time students are expected to be on campus during term time except for approved field trips or study conducted outside Hong Kong and approved leave of absence.

Part-time students are required to participate in seminars or other academic activities of the University on campus at least once every six months.

Concurrent Registration

A full-time student of the University is not allowed to pursue simultaneously any programme at another tertiary institution without the prior permission of the University. A student in breach of this regulation is subject to having his/her studies at the University discontinued.

Financial Support

The University has endeavoured to provide research postgraduate students with financial assistance to enable them to devote full efforts to their studies and to facilitate their research studies and professional development.

Fellowships and Studentships

A full-time PhD student will normally be awarded with either a PhD Fellowship <u>or</u> a Postgraduate Studentship. A full-time MPhil student will normally be awarded a Postgraduate Studentship.

a) PhD Fellowships

Established by the Research Grants Council (RGC) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) aims at attracting the best and brightest students in the world to pursue their PhD programmes in Hong Kong's universities.

PhD Fellowship awardees will be provided with a Fellowship with a monthly stipend for a maximum period of three years. The monthly stipend for 2020-21 is HK\$26,600 (subject to annual review). For awardees with a normative study period of four years, the University will offer the same level of Fellowship for their fourth year of study.

An awardee's eligibility for the Fellowship will be reviewed on an annual basis during the fellowship period. The evaluation is based on the awardee's academic performance, supervisor's evaluation, and the degree of intellectual well roundedness as assessed by the institution.

b) Postgraduate Studentships (PGSs)

PGSs are awarded to full-time MPhil/PhD students to support their daily subsistence, tuition fees and other expenses that may incur during the course of their studies. The full monthly stipend for 2020-21 is HK\$17,830 for an MPhil student; HK\$18,090 for a PhD student before confirmation of candidature; and HK\$18,440 for a PhD student after confirmation of candidature. A partial studentship which is a fraction of the amount for a full studentship may be

awarded. The award is renewable on an annual basis, subject to good performance and the availability of funds. The award normally will not exceed the prescribed period of study, i.e. two academic years for MPhil students, three academic years for PhD students with a relevant master's degree and four academic years for PhD students without a relevant master's degree.

As part of the training for postgraduate degree studies, fellowship or studentship recipients are required to perform, under supervision, teaching duties and/or research support duties of up to 12 hours per week on average. However, for a

PGS/Fellowship recipient who is in his/her final year of studies, the maximum duty hours is 6 hours per week on average. Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of PGSs (www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/_content/media/rpg-financial-support/pgss.pdf) for details



PhD Fellowship recipients should observe the Terms and Conditions of the HKPFS issued by the RGC. Though HKPFS awardees are not awarded PGSs as other research postgraduate students, the Terms and Conditions of PGSs are generally applicable to them, *inter alia*, the teaching duties and/or research support duties, employment restriction and annual leave



Research Postgraduate Student Conference/Field Trip Sponsorships

The Sponsorships aim to provide financial support to students for conference participation and conducting field trips.

The University deems it important to provide support to research postgraduate students in academic activities, mainly conference attendance and conducting field trips, to nurture their academic and/or professional growth. Conference attendance is an important part of their educational experience and professional development. It may also be necessary for them to conduct field trips for their research studies.

The funding limit for supporting conferences, field trips and/or other exceptionally approved academic activities is HK\$19,000 for an MPhil student and HK\$25,000 for a regular PhD student during his/her entire period of study at Lingnan.

An annual sponsorship will be provided to a PhD Fellowship awardee for a maximum period of three years, and the rate for 2020-21 is HK\$13,300 (subject to annual review). For an awardee with a normative study period of four years, the University will offer the same level of sponsorship for his/her fourth year of study.

General Informationon Research Postgraduate Studies

Research Postgraduate Scholarships for Overseas Research Visits

In alignment with its goals on internationalisation and to enhance students' international learning experience, the University has set up the captioned Scholarships for PhD students. The Scholarships aim to encourage Lingnan students to undertake a short-term research visit at an overseas institution and to attract overseas students to come to conduct research at Lingnan for a short period of time.

Students awarded the Scholarships will go on an exchange visit for a term and up to six months normally. During the visits, students will be assigned a Co-supervisor from the host institutions and receive supervision from Supervisors from both the home and the host institutions to ensure satisfactory research progress made.

Depending on the destination and duration of the visit of the Lingnan student/the country from which the overseas student is from, the amount of each Scholarship ranges from HK\$25,000 to HK\$50,000. The Scholarships are offered on a competitive basis.

Other Scholarships

In addition, research postgraduate students are also eligible for a number of scholarships, which are normally awarded based on academic merits and recommendation of the department/programme concerned.

Tuition Waiver

a) PhD Fellowships Awardees

The full tuition fee for the first year of study of a PhD Fellowship awardee will be waived.

b) Eligible Local Full-time MPhil/PhD Students

The HKSAR Government provides tuition waiver for all eligible local students enrolled in UGC-funded RPg programmes under the scheme of Tuition Waiver for Local Research Postgraduate Students. The waiver scheme covers the tuition fees for the normative study period of UGC-funded RPg programmes, viz. two years for MPhil students, three years for PhD students

with a research master's degree and four years for PhD students without a research master's degree. For details, please visit www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/funding_opport/tws.html.



Notes:

- Non-local students holding the following visas are not eligible –

 (a) student visa/entry permit;
 (b) visa under the Immigration Arrangements for Non-local Graduates (IANG);
 (c) dependent visa* issued by the Director of Immigration.
 - * Applicable to students who were aged 18 years old or above when they were issued such visa.
- To prevent double benefit, students whose tuition fee are fully waived by any other schemes will no longer be eligible for the tuition waiver.
- A local PhD Fellowship awardee is eligible for the scheme offered by the HKSAR Government. The tuition fee for his/her normal study period will be waived.
- Local RPg students who are admitted to the MPhil/PhD programmes of the University as a self-financed student are not eligible for the scheme.



Admission of Students

- 1. The admission of a student to the University is based on academic suitability and potential for a programme. There should be no discrimination on the grounds of sex, age, race, religion, ethnic origin or physical disability or others.
- 2. An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of MPhil should normally:
 - a) hold a relevant bachelor's degree with first or second class honours or at an equivalent standard awarded by a tertiary education institution recognised for this purpose by the University; or
 - b) have obtained an equivalent qualification; or
 - c) have provided satisfactory evidence of academic and professional attainment.
- 3. An applicant for admission to candidature for the degree of PhD should normally:
 - a) hold a master's degree awarded by a tertiary education institution recognised for this purpose by the University; or
 - b) hold a relevant bachelor's degree with first or second class honours or at an equivalent standard, and have registered in a programme of study for a master's degree at a recognised tertiary education institution for at least one year and have evidence of research achievement; or

- c) have obtained an equivalent qualification of a) or b) above; **or**
- d) have provided satisfactory evidence of academic and professional attainment.

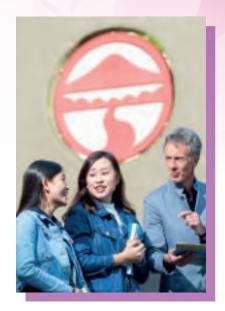
Note: First degree graduates with proven research qualification or experience may be admitted direct to PhD studies ONLY UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. Normally a candidate without a master's degree would not be admitted to PhD studies and he/she should register as an MPhil student in the first instance.

4. In addition to the above, an applicant whose degree is not from a tertiary institution in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country should obtain a minimum score of 550 (paper-based test) or 79 (internet-based test) in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or a band score of 6.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or an equivalent score in a recognised test, or an equivalent qualification to prove his/her language proficiency which will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants are required to fulfil additional requirements, if any, set by the programmes to which they apply for admission.

Note: For IELTS and TOEFL qualifications for admission to 2020-21 intake and onwards, the University only accepts results that are within the validity period, viz. 2 years, from the time of submission of an admission application for the specific intake cohort.

Admission to MPhil/PhD Programmes

- 5. For admission to Lingnan PhD programmes via the HKPFS, the RGC stipulated that for an applicant from a non-English speaking university, unless he/she provides proof that English is the language of instruction for all courses for the entrance qualification(s) of his/her proposed PhD programme(s), he/she is required to attach score results of TOEFL or IELTS in the PhD application. This requirement (mandatory submission of TOEFL/IELTS score results) can be exempted for applicants whose proposed PhD studies are specifically in non-English medium, e.g. Chinese. However, the applicants still have to meet the language requirements of the University as stipulated in paragraph 4.
- 6. The language for writing a thesis shall be determined at the time of admission. A thesis should be written in English except for candidates in the Department of Chinese or those who are otherwise approved to write their theses in Chinese or another language. An applicant who intends to write his/her thesis in a language other than English shall indicate such in the application form for admission for consideration of the relevant department.



Additional Admission Requirements

The following programmes have specified additional requirements:

MPhil/PhD in Cultural Studies

An applicant who proposes to write the thesis in Chinese should seek approval from the Department by providing sound justifications. He/She may be required to demonstrate his/her ability in English and/or Chinese in an interview.

MPhil/PhD in Translation

An applicant whose degree is not from a tertiary institution in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country should normally have a TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based test) or 100 (internet-based test) or a minimum band score of 7 in the IELTS, or an equivalent score in a recognised English language proficiency test, or an equivalent qualification to prove his/her language proficiency, which will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Cultural Studies Programme

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Translation Programme

MPhil/PhD in History, MPhil/PhD in Philosophy and MPhil/PhD in Visual Studies

In lieu of the TOEFL and IELTS scores, an applicant may obtain Grade C or above in the Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language; or Grade C or above in English Language in the overseas General Certificate of Education (GCE).

An applicant may be required to demonstrate his/her ability in English and/or Chinese through means of an interview.

MPhil in Business

An applicant is strongly recommended to provide results of Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) taken within the last three years. GMAT or GRE results will be used together with other evidence provided in the application to assess the applicant's command of English and potential for the programme applied.

PhD in Business

- a) An applicant should:
 - i) hold a relevant master's degree* from a recognised university with a good GPA; or
 - ii) hold a relevant bachelor's degree with first or second class honours or at an equivalent standard, and have registered in a programme of study for a master's degree at a recognised tertiary education institution for at least one year and have evidence of research achievement; or
 - iii) hold a relevant bachelor's degree with first or second class honours or at an equivalent standard, and have obtained a professional qualification that requires graduate entry and not less than two years (full-time) of professional experience; or
 - iv) have obtained an equivalent qualification of i) or ii) or iii) above.
- b) An applicant should submit official GMAT or GRE result with a satisfactory score within the past three years. An applicant without such result but with other strong evidences or proof of one's abilities or skills to study the programme can also apply, and his/her application will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Note: Test results or evidences that will be considered for substituting GMAT/GRE include Postgraduate Admission
Test/National Postgraduate Entrance Examination (NPEE)/strong postgraduate academic records from a
reputable institution.

* A relevant master's degree includes a business master's degree offered by the Business Faculty of Lingnan University or by the business faculty of an approved institution. A non-business degree can be considered for relevance on a case-by-case basis.

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Business Programme

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Admission to MPhil/PhD Programmes

MPhil in Environmental Science

An applicant should hold a bachelor's degree with relevant majors including a variety of majors from the environmental sciences. Those who do not meet this requirement but show potential to integrate ideas across a variety of disciplines to advance environmental sciences may be considered.

In lieu of the TOEFL and IELTS scores, an applicant may obtain Grade C or above in the Cambridge Test of Proficiency in English Language; or Grade C or above in English Language in the overseas General Certificate of Education (GCE).

Economics Programme

Environmental Science

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Programme

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MPhil/PhD in Economics,
MPhil/PhD in Political Science,
MPhil/PhD in Psychology and
MPhil/PhD in Sociology and/or Social Policy

In lieu of the TOEFL and IELTS scores, an applicant can submit results from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), GRE, GMAT, Member of Chartered Institute of Linguists (MCIL), or the College English Test (CET) of the People's Republic of China, or an equivalent qualification to prove his/her language proficiency which will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

As required by the HKPFS, for an applicant from a non-English speaking university, unless he/she provides proof that English is the language of instruction for all courses for the entrance qualification(s) of his/her proposed PhD programme(s), he/she is required to attach score results of TOEFL or IELTS in the PhD application. For details, please refer to paragraph 5 of the Admission of Students section on p.12.

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Sociology and/or Social Policy Programme

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Note:



Application for Admission

- Applicants who are interested in seeking admission to the MPhil programmes should apply to the University directly.
- ▶ Applicants may seek admission to the PhD programmes in two ways as follows:
 - a) Applicants may seek admission via the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS) established by the Research Grants Council (RGC). Successful awardees of the Scheme will be provided with a Fellowship with a monthly stipend for a maximum period of three years. The rate for 2020-21 is HK\$26,600 (subject to annual review). For awardees with a normative study period of four years, the University will offer the same level of Fellowship for their fourth year of study. **or**
 - b) Applicants may apply to the University directly. Successful applicants will normally be provided with a Postgraduate Studentship (PGS) with a full monthly stipend of HK\$18,090 before confirmation of candidature and HK\$18,440 after confirmation of candidature (rates subject to annual review).
 (US\$1 = HK\$7.8)



Apply for PhD Programmes via the HKPFS

To apply for admission via the HKPFS, please login the Admission System of the RGC at www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd from 1 September to 1 December 2020 (Hong Kong Time 12:00 noon). Each applicant will be allocated a reference number. The applicant is then required to submit a full application directly to Lingnan's electronic system at www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad/onlineapp.php on or before 2 December 2020 (Hong Kong Time 23:59) by quoting the reference number assigned to them by the RGC for verification and settle the application fee. No late application will be accepted.

The University will conduct selection of applicants for its PhD programmes and nominate those outstanding and brilliant ones for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowships. Those who are nominated but are not finally offered the Fellowship, and those not selected for nomination for the Fellowship, will be given consideration for admission as PhD students at Lingnan taking up places assigned to the University with PGS awards.



Apply for MPhil/PhD Programmes Directly

Application Period

The University invites applications **from 2 November 2020 to 22 January 2021**. Applications received by the School of Graduate Studies after the above application period will be regarded as late applications.

Late applications will be considered on an individual basis, subject to the availability of places.

Application Methods

Applicants may apply for admission by submitting an application via the Online Application System. The University reserves its rights to nullify applications for the same programme and accordingly forfeit any payments concerned.

Online applications will only be accepted upon online payment of the application fee by a Visa or MasterCard credit card; or UnionPay.

Admission Timeline



Admission to MPhil/PhD Programmes



Programme Choice

An applicant is expected to submit one application indicating one programme choice. An applicant may apply for a maximum of two programmes. This restriction also applies to an applicant submitting applications in both ways, i.e. via the HKPFS and directly to the University. It is however expected that applicants will apply through either one of the two ways.

It is permissible for an applicant to apply for two PhD programmes, one via the HKPFS and one via direct admission to the University, as long as the applicant does not apply for the same programme in two ways.

The programme choice(s) cannot be changed after submission. Application for more than two programmes may lead to disqualification of all the applications concerned and any fees paid will be forfeited.



Application Fee

The application fee during the application period is HK\$200 per programme, while the late application fee is HK\$400 per programme.

The School of Graduate Studies will process applications only upon the settlement of requisite payment concerned.



Procedures for Online Application

1. Access to Online Application System

An applicant may access the University's Online Application System via the Internet at www.LN.edu.hk/admissions/applyonline/index-rpg.html. Only one programme can be applied for in one application. An applicant who wishes to apply for two programmes has to submit two applications.

Application for PGS is optional. An applicant for full-time studies who wishes to apply for the award shall indicate in the application form.

2. Uploading of Research Proposals and Supporting Documents

An applicant should upload his/her detailed research proposal, one for each application.

The applicant should substantiate the qualifications entered on the application forms by uploading the following documents:

- a) a copy of the graduation certificate(s) and transcript(s) with a complete record of courses attended and examination results of his/her undergraduate studies and above; and
- b) a copy of the relevant documents, e.g. reports of GMAT/TOEFL results and certificates of professional qualifications.

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HKPFS applicants are additionally required to submit the following supporting documents:

- a) a brief research plan (to describe the proposed research topic and plan) and past research experience;
- b) a vision statement;
- c) a statement of his/her own international experience; and
- d) a TOEFL/IELTS test report (for an applicant whose degree is from a non-English speaking tertiary institution. For details, please refer to paragraph 5 of the Admission of Students section on p.12).

If an applicant is selected for admission, he/she will be required to arrange for the relevant institution(s) to send directly to the University a copy of his/her official transcript(s) for the bachelor's degree(s) and above qualification(s) he/she has obtained and the relevant authority to send directly to the University a copy of his/her official TOEFL/GMAT/GRE score report, if applicable. [Institution codes – TOEFL: C456/ GMAT: 7113/ GRE: 9303]

Furthermore, the successful applicant shall show the originals of the documents and identity documents (viz. HKID Card/Passport/Certificate of Identity) to the School of Graduate Studies for verification.

3. Confidential Reference

Two confidential references are required in support of an application (three confidential references are necessary in support of an application to PhD in Business programme and at least one should be an academic referee). A referee should be a person who is in a position to give evaluation of the capacity of the applicant to carry out the proposed research. The referee should return the completed form of confidential reference directly to the School of Graduate Studies of the University before the deadline for applications.

4. Payment of Application Fee and Acknowledgement from the University

After completing the forms and uploading supporting documents, an applicant shall settle the application fee via the online payment gateway. An application is valid and accepted only when the payment procedures are successfully completed. Only one programme can be chosen for each online application with an application fee of HK\$200 per programme (late application fee: HK\$400 per programme). An applicant who wishes to apply for two programmes shall submit two applications and make two payments.

An acknowledgement email with the application number assigned will be sent to the applicant upon each online payment transaction. The applicant should check with the School of Graduate Studies if he/she does not receive the acknowledgement email.

An applicant should make sure that the application submitted is complete and in order. If an application received by the University is incomplete or not in order, the University has the authority to nullify the application.

An application once submitted cannot be withdrawn and all submitted documents will not be returned. Any false or misleading information given in the forms or any dishonest conduct observed during the admission application process will lead to disqualification of the application for admission to or termination of study at the University if admitted. Any fees paid will be forfeited.

5. Priority of Applications

If an applicant submits two applications to apply for two programmes, the programme chosen in the application submitted earlier will be regarded as the first choice and the one chosen in the application submitted later will be regarded as the second choice. The order of programme priority cannot be changed.

6. Plagiarism Checking

Plagiarism is not tolerated with a view to upholding a highly professional and ethical standard amongst our research postgraduate students. The University will conduct plagiarism checking on the research proposal, research plan and vision statement that applicants submitted.



Current Final-year Undergraduate Students

Current final-year undergraduate students may also apply for admission to the MPhil programmes. They are required to submit the transcripts showing the academic results of courses they have achieved so far. Conditional offers of admission will be made if the final results are not yet confirmed.



Submission of Information Afterwards

If the results of GMAT, TOEFL, GRE or other tests/examinations are not yet available at the time of application submission, the applicant may submit the result reports afterwards. He/She should submit them as soon as they are available, preferably before mid-February 2021. For online applications, an applicant may upload the documents to the Online Application System.

[For an applicant who wishes to ask the relevant authority to send his/her result report(s) to the University, please note relevant codes for the university are: TOEFL-C456, GMAT-7113, and GRE-9303.]

Applicants should inform the School of Graduate Studies of any subsequent changes of their personal particulars, if any, by email or post quoting their application numbers and full names.

[The online forms are retrievable for viewing the information submitted but not for processing of changes once online payment has been made.]

Admission to MPhil/PhD Programmes



Selection

All applications for admission will be considered on the basis of academic and/or professional qualifications, research topics, working experience, suitability, potential and so on.

Applicants may or may not be required to attend an interview during the course of the selection. Individual notifications will be sent to applicants who are shortlisted for interviews.



Announcement of Application Results

- 1. Application results of the HKPFS will be announced by April 2021 at the RGC website: www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd.
- 2. The University will announce application results of MPhil/PhD programmes on 31 March 2021 in the following ways:
 - An announcement will be posted on the Internet at www.LN.edu.hk/sgs/docs/pgrad/results.php.
 - Individual notifications will be sent to the applicants whose applications are successful.
- 3. Applicants who are invited to attend an interview but fail to do so, or who are offered places but fail to make payment and register by the date specified by the University will be regarded as having withdrawn from application for admission. Their places will be offered to other candidates.
- 4. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing by September 2021.



Applicants from Outside Hong Kong

Applicants from outside Hong Kong are advised to submit their applications for admission as early as possible and should not wait until the deadline. They should make sure that they are eligible to apply for a proper visa/an entry permit to stay in Hong Kong for the entire period of study at the University. The University will act as a sponsor for non-local students and assist them in applying for visa/entry permit.



Applicants with Physical or Other Disabilities

Applicants with disabilities are assessed in accordance with the same admission criteria as those for the other applicants. It is the intention of the University to provide aid and support to students with disabilities as far as possible. Applicants are therefore invited to contact the School of Graduate Studies for information concerning existing facilities for disabled persons at the University. If they think necessary, they may write to the School of Graduate Studies at the time of submitting their applications indicating the nature and extent of their disabilities. It is useful for the University to know in advance the nature and the degree of any disabilities so that the University can discuss with the applicants any special provisions or facilities that may be required. It should nevertheless be noted that although the University will try to give as much help as possible, there may be problems which cannot be overcome.

Research at Lingnan

Current Research Areas

Current Research Areas in Arts



Chinese

- Chinese language, linguistics and stylistics
- Classical Chinese literature
- Comparative literature
- Creative writing and media writing
- Literary theory
- Literature and cinema
- Modern and contemporary literature in Chinese (from Greater China Region)



Cultural Studies

- Cultural criticism and theory
- Cultural policy
- Digital cultural studies
- Education and cultural studies
- Ethnic minorities and diasporic identities
- Film and media studies
- Gender and cultural studies
- Hong Kong cultural identity
- Migration studies
- Peace studies
- Performance studies
- Postcolonial studies



English

Linguistics:

- Corpus linguistics
- Critical discourse analysis
- Discourse analysis
- Discourses and popular culture mediated by technologies
- Language and communication
- Language and new media
- Metaphor Studies
- Sociolinguistics
- Technology and language education
- World Englishes

Literature:

- American literature
- American studies
- Children's literature
- Contemporary fiction, drama and poetry
- Critical theories
- Cross-cultural studies of literature
- Environmental humanities
- Global literatures in English
- Literatures of the Asian diaspora
- Poetry and politics
- Postcolonial theory and fiction
- Semiotics
- Tragic drama and discourse on tragedy
- Translation studies
- Transpacific literature
- Travel writing
- Twentieth-century US literature

Research at Lingnan

Current Research Areas

Current Research Areas in Arts



History

- Anglo-American history
- Atlantic history
- British imperial history
- Early Chinese history
- Economic history
- Environmental history
- Historical geography
- History of Intra-Asian interactions
- History of technology
- Hong Kong history
- Human-rights history
- Inner Asian history
- Media history
- Middle-period Chinese history
- Modern Chinese history
- Modern European history
- The United States in the World
- Urban history



Philosophy

- Aesthetics
- Chinese intellectual history
- Confucianism
- Daoism
- Epistemology
- Ethics
- Metaphysics
- Personal identity
- Philosophical logic
- Philosophy of language
- Philosophy of literature
- Philosophy of mind
- Philosophy of psychology
- Philosophy of science
- Political Philosophy



Translation

- Adaptation studies
- Asian translation traditions
- Comparative translation studies
- Interpreting
- Literary translation
- Theatre and translation
- Translation and genre studies
- Translation and popular culture
- Translation and the media
- Translation history
- Translation theory and criticism



Visual Studies

- East Asian cinemas
- Film industry and policy
- Hong Kong film history
- Media industry
- New media
- History of Chinese and Western art
- History of Western Art from the Middle Ages to the Eighteenth Century
- Art and cultural exchange
- Art and well being
- Art Historiography

- Antiquarianism in the West
- Global Contemporary Art
- Performance Art History and Theory
- Postwar American Art
- Renaissance and Baroque Art in Italy
- Visual and Material Culture in Europe in the Age of Reformation
- History and culture of collecting and curating
- Museum studies



Current Research Areas in Business



Business

- Actuarial science
- Artificial intelligence
- Auditing
- Bank management
- Business ethics
- China business studies
- Chinese financial market
- Comparative aspects of international business
- · Conflict management
- Consumer behaviour
- Corporate finance and corporate governance
- Corporate social responsibility
- Credit rating agencies and risk assessment
- Cross-cultural consumer and behaviour studies
- Data Science
- E-commerce and social media marketing
- Empirical studies in finance
- Entrepreneurship
- Financial accounting and reporting

- Financial engineering
- Human resource management
- Information system and computer science
- International business and economics
- Investment and financial institutions
- Leadership and teamwork
- Manufacturing and service operations management
- Market microstructure
- Marketing management in Asia
- Operations research and management science
- Organisational behaviour
- Risk and insurance
- Service marketing
- Small business management
- Strategic issues in marketing
- Strategic management
- Taxation
- Wealth management



Research at Lingnan

Current Research Areas



Current Research Areas in Science



Environmental Science

Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation

- Phylogenetics and population genetics
- Freshwater and terrestrial ecology
- Surveys of the wildlife trade in Asia
- Development of new technologies to aid in wildlife trade enforcement

Urban Climate, Air Pollution, and Environmental Health

- 3D-GIS and spatial modelling
- Environmental and social impact assessment (urban climate and air pollution)
- Environmental epidemiology and health technologies
- Environmental consciousness and sustainability

Science and Environmental Education

Current Research Areas in Social Sciences

Economic and political aspects of international and Asian Pacific affairs, especially as they may bear on Hong Kong. Topics include, among others:



Economics

- Bargaining and auction theory
- Behavioural and experimental economics
- Competition and industrial economics
- Development economics
- Economics of the digital society
- Economics of the family
- Environmental economics
- Financial economics
- Financial institutions and global financial markets
- Housing market and housing policy
- Intellectual property and innovation
- International trade and investment
- Labour market and education policy
- Law and economics/finance
- Population economics and ageing issues
- Public economics



Political Science

- Asian and international political economy
- Asian Pacific and East Asian international relations
- Chinese politics and Chinese foreign policy
- Conflict and peace studies
- Contentious politics and political movement
- Cross strait relations
- Electoral politics, party development and legislative dynamics
- Ethnicity, nationalism and national identity
- Global politics and foreign policy decision-making
- Hong Kong politics
- Mainland-Hong Kong relations
- Public governance and institutional design
- Regional economic and security cooperation



Research at Lingnan

Current Research Areas

Current Research Areas in Social Sciences

Psychological and social issues, particularly research that offers insight about how to tackle ongoing and impending problems that will affect us, and suitable policies. Topics include, among others:



Psychology

- Ageing and older workers
- Biological psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Cognitive psychology
- Communication
- Confidence and metacognition
- Consumer psychology
- Counselling psychology
- Cross-cultural psychology
- Emotional labour
- Health psychology
- Human-computer interaction and applied cognition
- Human factors and human error
- Industrial and organisational psychology
- Learning and adaptation
- Occupational stress and coping
- Positive psychology
- Psychology of safety
- Sensation and perception
- Social psychology
- Stereotyping
- Work-life balance
- Youth mental health



Sociology and Social Policy

- Ageing and social gerontology
- Children and young people
- Collective memory
- Comparative policy studies and social development
- Comparative social policy
- Consumption
- Culture and knowledge
- Disadvantaged populations
- Education policy and governance
- Education skills and labour supply
- Family
- Gender
- Income inequality and stratification
- International and comparative education
- Marriage
- Mental health
- Migration and transnationalism
- Multidimensional well-being
- Political sociology
- Poverty, welfare and social security
- Reproductive politics
- Research methods
- Sexuality
- Social inclusion
- Social stratification and inequality
- Social theory
- Survey experiments
- Transitional justice
- Work and employment

Research Institutes, Centres and Programmes

Pushing the boundaries of knowledge requires reaching beyond our regional boundaries. To enhance and broaden the global experience of students and faculty, Lingnan has been actively establishing strategic collaborations with institutions worldwide. Our researchers collaborate with scholars across Asia and around the world in a wide variety of research projects with both local and international impact. Inter-university research platforms have been set up with local and overseas institutions to strengthen research capabilities and the learning experience of students.

In addition, the following list of Research Institutes/Centres and Programmes established within the University stimulate academic research that will enrich the faculty and enhance the research productivity of the University. These Institutes/Centres and Programmes initiate innovative research projects, provide support for academic staff members in their research interests, and pursue research activities within the University and through external alliances that enhance high quality theoretical and applied research consistent with the mission and objectives of the University.

- Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership
- Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies
- Centre for Asian Pacific Studies
- Centre for Competition Policy and Regulation
- Centre for Cultural Research and Development
 - Kwan Fong Cultural Research and Development Programme
- Centre for Environmental History and Development
- Centre for Film and Creative Industries
- Centre for Humanities Research
- Centre for Social Policy and Social Change
- Hong Kong and South China Historical Research Programme
- Hong Kong Institute of Business Studies
- Institute of Policy Studies
- LEO Dr David P. Chan Institute of Data Science
- Lingnan University-Guangdong University of Technology Research Centre for eBusiness and Logistics
- Lingnan University-South China University of Technology Joint Research Centre for Greater Bay Area Social Policy and Governance
- Lingnan University-South China University of Technology Joint Research Centre for Management and Decision Sciences
- Lingnan University-Sun Yat-sen University Greater Bay Area Research Institute for Insurance and Risk Management
- Lingnan University-Wuyi University Joint Research Centre for Ageing in Place
- Pan Sutong Shanghai-Hong Kong Economic Policy Research Institute
 - ▶ China Economic Research Programme
 - STEAM Education and Research Centre
- Public Governance Programme
- Wofoo Joseph Lee Consulting and Counselling Psychology Research Centre
- Social Policy Research @ Lingnan
- Global Higher Education Research @ Lingnan

Fees



Tuition Fee

Tuition fees for the 2021-22 academic year are under review. The tuition fee for the 2020-21 academic year for individual full-time MPhil/PhD students is HK\$42,100, payable by two equal instalments of HK\$21,050 each. The first instalment is payable on first registration while the second one before the start of the second term. Self-financed students are required to pay HK\$84,200 (full-time) and HK\$56,134 (part-time) for 2020-21.

For details on tuition waiver, please refer to the Tuition Waiver section on p.10.

Deposit

A deposit of HK\$600 (subject to adjustment) is payable by all students on first registration and is refundable only when a student has completed at least one academic year and, withdraws officially from the University or his/her study is discontinued by the University. A deduction will be made by the University for outstanding debts not previously settled. An application for refund of the deposit must be made within one year after a student leaves the University. Otherwise, according to the practice of the University, the full amount of the deposit or the balance left is forfeited. For students who graduate, the deposit or the balance left is not refunded but is transferred to pay part or all of the graduation fee. Where there is an unpaid account due to the University after netting off the deposit, students should fully settle the amount before graduation.

Graduation Fee

A graduation fee of HK\$600 (subject to adjustment) is payable upon approval for graduation. In accordance with the practice of the University, the full amount or the balance of the deposit paid on first registration is used to pay this graduation fee. Where the balance is insufficient to pay the entire HK\$600, a student must pay the difference before the degree is awarded.

Students' Union Membership Fees

Lingnan University Students' Union (SU) Membership Fees include an entry fee (HK\$97) and an annual fee (HK\$133), which apply to all its members. All full-time postgraduate, undergraduate and associate degree students are eligible for membership. Lingnan University Students' Union is an independent registered organisation which enjoys its own management autonomy and it is not part of the University structure. The collection of SU's membership fees by the University is a service provided by the University. All enquiries on SU membership, including payment of fees or procedures for withdrawal and refund, should be directed to SU by phone at 2454 1111 or email: stuact@LN.edu.hk or in person to its office (2/F, Amenities Building; Office Hours: 11:30 am - 5:30 pm from Monday to Friday).

Other Information

The Campus

The University campus is located in the northern part of Tuen Mun and is connected to the central business district in a 40-minute subway ride. It has a total area of about 11 hectares and consists of the following facilities:

- six academic blocks for the various academic departments and research institutes;
- a main building housing the Library, the Information Technology Services Centre, the lecture theatres and an exhibition gallery;
- an administration building;
- an amenities building with a canteen, a coffee bar and a Chinese restaurant, the Students' Union offices and the Conference Centre;
- an indoor sports complex with a wide range of sporting facilities and an outdoor standard swimming pool;
- a Multi-purpose Sports Ground including an indoor student activity centre, a FIFA recommended artificial turf soccer field, an IAAF standard six-lane athletic track, IAAF standard field facilities, two tennis courts, 1 halfside basketball court and 1 woodball practicing court;
- Self-study centres and computer facilities;
- ten student hostel blocks;
- the President's Lodge;
- the visitors' quarters;
- the Auditorium building;
- a chapel;
- a mini-bank;
- covered and open car parks; and
- external landscaped areas such as a central plaza, courtyard gardens with ponds, pavilions, seats, etc.

Student Hostels

The University has ten student hostels providing a total of 2,600 residential places. The air-conditioned rooms have LAN ports for each resident. Each floor of the hostel blocks has a lounge area, a pantry and shared lavatory/shower facilities. Other facilities available include Wi-Fi, common rooms, study rooms, TV rooms and laundries. Each hostel has its own warden, senior tutor and tutors looking after the welfare of the residents. More information is available at www.LN.edu.hk/ssc/hostel.



Other Information

Library

The Lingnan University Fong Sum Wood Library is committed to becoming the knowledge hub and intellectual heart of Lingnan University to advance its scholarly pursuits. Building on rich electronic resources comprising more than 1.4 million of e-books, over 80,000 e-journals and more than 270 databases, plus the print collections of more than 0.5 million of books, bound journals, and print journals, and over 0.2 million of multimedia resources, the Library provides a suite of learning, teaching and research support services ranging from information literacy workshops, course readings, research consultation service, copyright support, digital publishing service to scholarly communication services to support the learning and research journey of both students and faculty. The Library also creates technologyenabled space and facilities to further enrich the learning experience of students. More details are available at www.library.LN.edu.hk

The Library's collections include:

- over 517.000 volumes of print books
- over 1.4 million e-books
- over 600 print journals
- over 80,000 online journals
- over 225,000 multimedia resources; and
- over 270 electronic databases





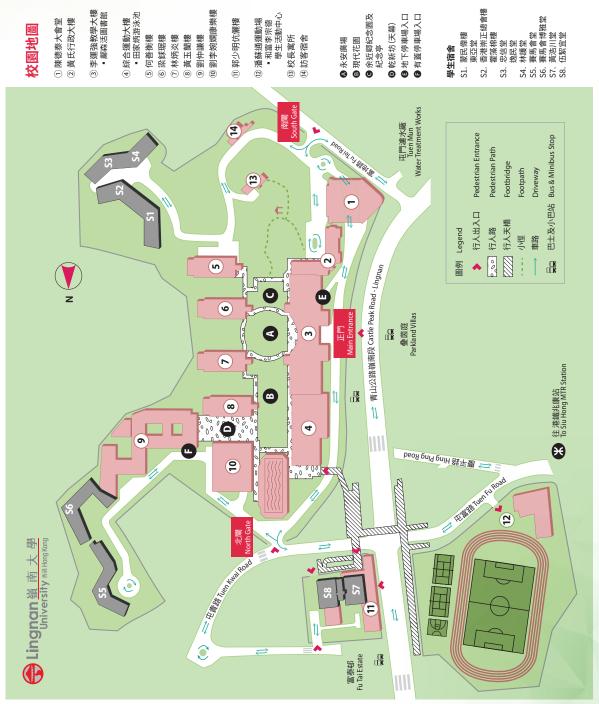
Information Technology Services Centre

The Information Technology Services Centre (ITSC) is responsible for the building of network infrastructure, information systems security, enterprise-wide application development, and institutional data analysis. The ITSC provides computing, networking, Internet access, website audio-visual, multimedia and information systems services to support teaching, learning, research and communication activities. Online teaching, e-learning platforms, and the teaching equipment in teaching venues and computer labs are also supported. Training workshops and seminars on advanced computing skills are offered regularly. Administrative systems are also developed and maintained to support student, finance, human resources and alumni functions. More information is available at www.LN.edu.hk/itsc.

Student Services

The Student Services Centre (SSC) aims to identify and cater for students' needs in support of their academic pursuit; and facilitate students' whole-person development through a wide range of services and co-curricular programmes. The University provides a residential environment on campus conducive to the intellectual and social development of students; and enhance students' leadership qualities through students' active participation in student organisations and formal representation on university committees. More information is available at www.LN.edu.hk/ssc.

Campus Map



Campus Map

ΑD MB

Chan Tak Tai Auditorium

Wong Administration

Building

LKK LBY WYL LCH

Leung Kau Kui Building

B. Y. Lam Building

Ho Sin Hang Building

Dorothy Y. L. Wong Building

Lau Chung Him Building

■ Tin Ka Ping Swimming Pool

Indoor Sports Complex

Fong Sum Wood Library

Patrick Lee Wan Keung

Academic Building

Wofoo Joseph Lee

Student Activities Centre President's Lodge Visitors' Quarters

Pan Sutong Sports Ground

Simon and Eleanor Kwok

Building

Lau Lee Yuen Haan Amenities Building

Yu Kan Hing Memorial Garden & Contemporary Garden Wing On Plaza

Kin Sun Square (Skylight) Pavilion

Underground Car Park Entrance Covered Car Park Entrance

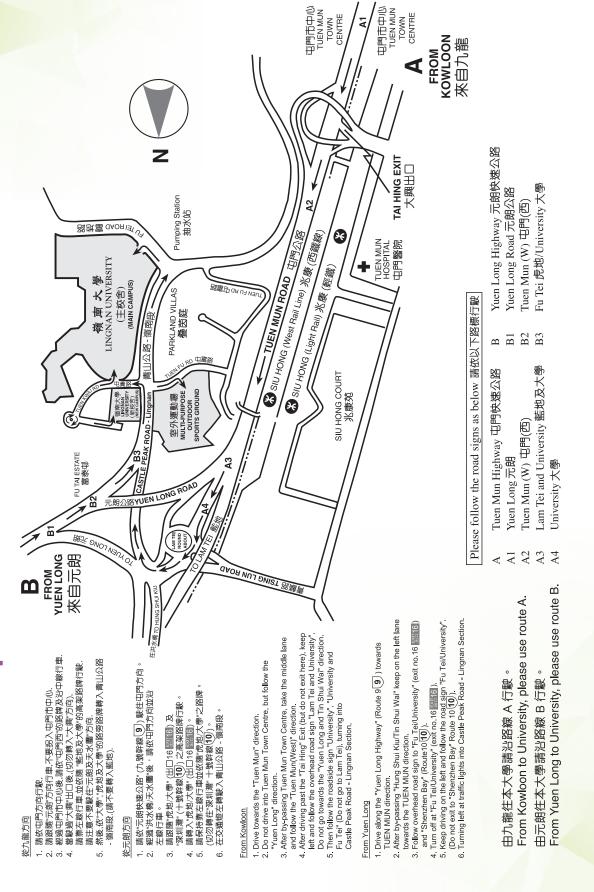
Student Hostels

William M. W. Mong Hall

Tsung Tsin Association Hall The Bank of East Asia Hall Fok Cho Min Hall Chung Shun Hall Lam Woo Hall Yee Min Hall

The Jockey Club Hall
The Jockey Club New Hall
Wong Hoo Chuen Hall
Wu Jieh Yee Hall

Location Map













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