MA Research Paper is an elective course, designed specifically for students who would try to work independently on a topic of their own choice. To a large extent, this is a self-taught course, even though there will be group and individual supervision to guide you through from start to finish. Given the constraint of time, student initiative is most important.

**Learning Outcomes**

**Knowledge Outcomes**
- In-depth understanding of a chosen topic in Cultural Studies
- Research on and organization of primary and original materials

**Skills Outcomes**
- Independent study
- Construction of proposal and thesis through research and reading
- Articulation of theory and practice

**Attitude Outcomes**
- Confidence in independent research
- Sound judgment on selecting research topics and source materials

**Requirements:**

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**Group Meetings:**
Students who join this elective course need to attend 2-3 group meetings scheduled tentatively at 2-4 pm, Sat., Sept 4, 2010; and the date for the second and third meeting will be set during the first meeting. The purpose of these group meetings is for students to share, discuss and present initiate research topic(s), method, and literature review.

**Individual Consultations:**
In addition to the 3 required progress consultations during Week 6 and Week 10, students are welcome to arrange other meetings with your supervisor(s).

**Progress reports:**
Written portions of the Research Paper must be handed in to supervisor during the weeks required for assessment related consultations.

Week 6: students are required to produce at least one sizable written section of the proposed research paper.
Week 10: at least half of the length required should be submitted.
MA Research Paper:
The length of the Paper should be no more than 30 pages or 9,600 in English; no more than 35 pages or 18,000 words in Chinese. For format and other requirements consult Department’s website.

Deadline for submitting the Research Paper will be at 12 midnight, Dec 4, 2011. Students have to upload a softcopy to the ‘VeriGuide’ and Moodle separately, as well as hand in a hardcopy with a signed Academic Honesty Statement to mailbox no. 3 outside of HYS 410. Late submission will be penalized.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong places very high importance on honesty in academic work submitted by students, and adopts a policy of zero tolerance on cheating and plagiarism. Any related offence will lead to disciplinary action including termination of studies at the University. Students must submit their assignments to the Webpage of “VeriGuide” (維誠). (http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/veriguide)