

# HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, PHD

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Humanities and Social Sciences is the first degree of its kind in Qatar, and one of the few in the world providing students with the philosophical and technical grounding to design and tailor their own interdisciplinary program while being able to specialize through a dissertation.

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## Requirements

Minimum hours required to complete program 60 CH

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
HSS 701	Proseminar	3
HSS 702	Advanced Research Methods	3
HSS 706	Doctoral Independent Study	3
HSS 720	Explorations in Interdisciplinarity	3
Subtotal		12
<b>Free Electives</b>		
Select two courses from any College at HBKU:		9
Free Elective 1		
Free Elective 2		
Subtotal		9
<b>Dissertation</b>		
HSS 890	Dissertation Hours	0-9
Subtotal		42
<b>Non-Course Requirements</b>		
899	Dissertation Defense	0
790	Doctoral Qualifying Exam	0
799	Candidacy Exam	0
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

## Study Plan

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
HSS 701	Proseminar	3
HSS 702	Advanced Research Methods	3
Elective 1		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
HSS 706	Doctoral Independent Study	3
HSS 720	Explorations in Interdisciplinarity	3
Elective 2		3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
HSS 890	Dissertation Hours	6
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
HSS 890	Dissertation Hours	6
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
HSS 890	Dissertation Hours	9
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

<b>Second Semester</b>		
HSS 890	Dissertation Hours	9
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
HSS 890	Dissertation Hours	9
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
HSS 890	Dissertation Hours	3
<b>Semester Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>