

# 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 700  | Explorations in Global Humanities   | 3         |
| HSS 706  | Doctoral Independent Study          | 3         |
| HSS 720  | Explorations in Interdisciplinarity | 3         |
| Subtotal                                       |                                     | 9         |
| <b>Free Electives</b>                          |                                     |           |
| Select three courses from any College at HBKU: |                                     | 9         |
| Free Elective 1                                |                                     |           |
| Free Elective 2                                |                                     |           |
| Free Elective 3                                |                                     |           |
| 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 700                | Explorations in Global Humanities   | 3        |
| Elective 1             |                                     | 3        |
| Elective 2             |                                     | 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 3             |                                     | 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> |

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| <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> |