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INSTITUTO DE FORMAÇÃO TURÍSTICA DE MACAU
Macao Institute for Tourism Studies

PhD in Hospitality and Tourism Management

Course Description

IFTM's Doctor of Philosophy in Hospitality and Tourism Management programme is purely research-based and designed for students who wish to pursue a career in the academia or a research-related field. Students enrolled in this programme must complete a doctoral thesis and successfully pass the thesis examination for graduation. Each student will work closely with a supervisor or a supervisory team, with the support from school-wide research teams and departments. Graduates are expected to make positive contributions to the growth and enhancement of hospitality and tourism research and education.

Course Structure

Course module	Year of Study	Study Hours* [Classroom teaching hours included]	Structure	Purpose
Module 1: Literature Review and Confirmation (文獻綜述與專題開立)	1 st to 2 nd year	90 hours [30 hours (regular meetings for the first 6 months x 1.5hrs)]	Phase I Supervision: Direction setting	This process takes the form of the student's defence of the first three thesis chapters including the introduction (e.g. problem statement, research objectives), the literature review and the methodology (e.g. research design, approach, sampling design, instrumentation, analysis plan, and validity/trustworthiness etc.) as well as instrumentation. The student will defend his/her research design before an IFTM audience and a Confirmation Panel. This confirmation defense will be recorded in the form of minutes, and the student will need to address any recommendations made by the Confirmation Panel. In the event that a student is unable to demonstrate sufficient progress before the maximum time stipulated for the candidature confirmation, IFTM reserves the right to terminate the student's application.
Module 2: Topical Research and Discussion I (專題研討I)	1 st to 2 nd year	90 hours [30 hours]	Supervisor(s) recommend the appropriate seminars, workshops or course(s) for the student + Phase II Supervision	In order to demonstrate its originality, innovative thinking, planning, and comprehensive ability, the entire doctoral programme should include at least two qualitative and/or quantitative independent studies.
Module 3: Topical Research and Discussion II (專題研討II)	1 st to 2 nd year	90 hours [30 hours]	Supervisor(s) recommend the appropriate seminars, workshops or course(s) for the student + Phase III Supervision	In order to demonstrate its originality, innovative thinking, planning, and comprehensive ability, the entire doctoral programme should include at least two qualitative and/or quantitative independent studies.

<p>Module 4:</p> <p>Project (專題項目)</p>	<p>2nd to 3rd year</p>	<p>90 hours [9 hours of attending academic conferences & events + 30 hours (regular meetings for the last 6 months x 1.5 hours)]</p>	<p>Attending academic conferences and events + Supervisory hours in preparation for publications and oral defence</p>	<p>All PhD students, in addition to the development of their PhD thesis, are required to successfully publish a minimum of two full papers within the duration of their study. The PhD student must provide the two publications before applying for the oral defence.</p>
<p>Thesis (論文)</p>	<p>3rd year</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Once the student fulfills all the requirements of the above modules (Please refer to the details of Module 1 to 4) and publication requirement, the student can submit the final thesis to the supervisory team online through the IFTM Thesis Submission System, based on the required format, with a Turnitin similarity level of no more than 15%. When the thesis is accepted, the student can apply for an oral defence.</p>