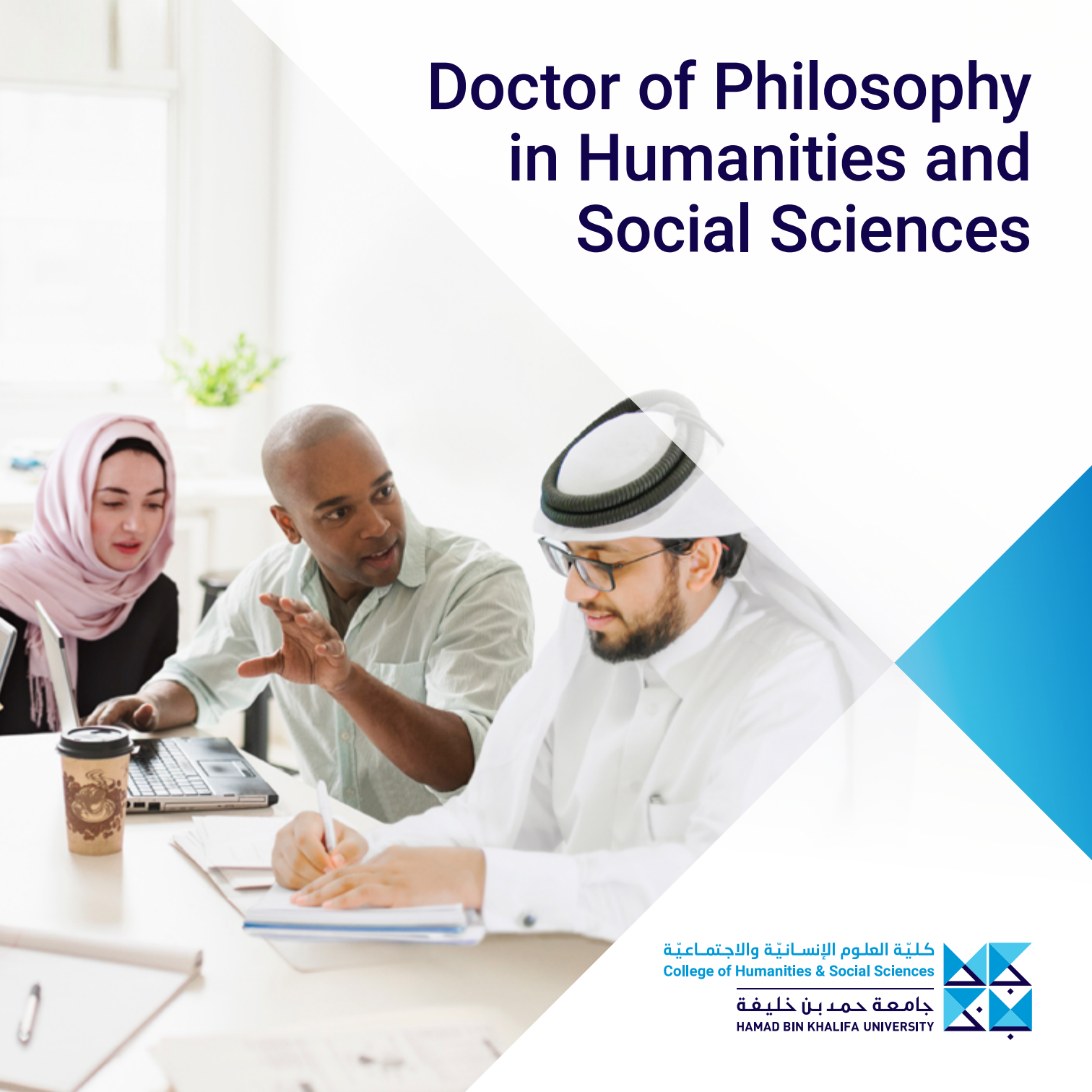


Doctor of Philosophy in Humanities and Social Sciences



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Program Overview

The Ph.D. program in Humanities and Social Sciences is the first degree of its kind in Qatar and one of the few in the world. The program provides students with the philosophical and methodological grounding to design and tailor their interdisciplinary research project while specializing through a dissertation.

The program is flexible, accommodating students who wish to apply their interdisciplinary research in various subjects in the humanities and social sciences while allowing for specializations through a pathway to a Ph.D. in an established field at the time of graduation. In addition, it exposes them to identity-making, policy-making, development strategies, institution building, leadership guidance, and sustainable development. Students will draw from a standard curriculum and gain skills in interdisciplinary research, yet graduate with a Ph.D. in a field that will offer them substantial employment opportunities. Aligned with the objectives of Qatar National Vision 2030, the program equips its students with the personal and professional skills to ensure all graduates are prepared to work globally, with strong sustainability values and connections to the community

Graduates of the program are equipped to:

- ▶ Engage with themes and ideas that cut across disciplines
- ▶ Demonstrate expertise in disciplines within relevant fields
- ▶ Demonstrate expertise in theory
- ▶ Acquire knowledge for advancing research towards societal and scholarly impact
- ▶ Produce original interdisciplinary research

Potential future jobs

- ▶ Social development specialist
- ▶ Social communication specialist
- ▶ Postdoc researcher
- ▶ Academic (higher education lecturer & researcher)
- ▶ Independent researcher in your field
- ▶ Sustainable development specialist
- ▶ Translation specialist
- ▶ Applied linguist

Program Structure

The 54-credit hour degree program taught full-time over a minimum of three years in English includes 18 credits of taught courses and 36 credits of supervised research. PhD students must complete all the PhD degree requirements within seven years of matriculation in the PhD program. Drawing on pedagogical and research collective, students will partake in a common curriculum; gain competence in interdisciplinary research, yet graduate with a PhD that will support their employment opportunities. All courses are taught in English.

Curriculum

The curriculum requires students to take the following courses and exams:

- ▶ Explorations in Global Humanities
- ▶ Explorations in Interdisciplinarity
- ▶ Doctoral Independent Study
- ▶ Doctoral Comprehensive Exam
- ▶ Candidacy Exam
- ▶ Dissertation

Students will also take three open elective courses for disciplinary breadth. These can be taken from across HBKU programs and other QF campuses.

Admission requirements

Applicants seeking admission to the PhD in Humanities and Social Sciences should have a master's degree in a relevant field with a strong academic record (minimum 3.0 GPA out of 4) from a recognized university.

Applicants are required to submit an IELTS score of 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 79 in order to demonstrate their proficiency in English. Applicants can be exempt from this requirement if they meet one of the conditions listed below:

- ▶ The applicant completed their studies at an institution in a country where English is the official language.
- ▶ The applicant provides an official letter from the university where they completed their studies confirming that they obtained their degree from an institution where the medium of instruction is English (if not otherwise exempt).
- ▶ The applicant's first language is English.

Applicants are also required to submit a GRE General Test score at the time of application.

Application requirements

Application:

A completed online application form:
admissions.hbku.edu.qa

Academic transcripts:

Official electronic copies of transcripts should be submitted as part of the online application. Final transcripts and graduation statements are required for all previous university studies. All transcripts submitted should include an explanation of the grading system. For those who have not completed their current studies, transcripts must include results from the last completed semester of coursework. Transcripts in languages other than English or Arabic must be accompanied with an official translation. Applicants who are admitted to the program based on copies of or incomplete transcripts will be required to provide original transcripts upon enrollment in order to register for courses.

Standardized test results:

Official copies (where required) must be sent directly to HBKU. Please refer to the institutional codes below:

- ▶ GRE: 7551
- ▶ TOEFL: 4981
- ▶ IELTS: No code required. Students should ask the IELTS center where they tested to send the IELTS TRF to Hamad Bin Khalifa University

Applicants should also submit copies of their test scores with the online application.

Letters of recommendation:

Applicants should submit two letters of recommendation, preferably from academic referees.

Please visit admissions.hbku.edu.qa for further information about the submission process.

Personal statement of interest:

Applicants are required to submit a personal statement. The requirements vary by program. Please visit the website for further information.

Applicants to the Master of Arts in Intercultural Communication are asked to submit a personal statement (500-800 words) with two sections:

Section I: About the applicant, their journey, motivations, and goals:

- ▶ Introduce themselves and talk about their general interests
- ▶ Motivation to join a graduate program in intercultural communication
- ▶ Career objectives

Section II: Achievements and the skills which make them a good fit for the program.

- ▶ Volunteer, professional experiences/work
- ▶ Personal or academic achievements
- ▶ How the points mentioned above may relate to intercultural communication.

Applicants are welcome to add any other points that they find relevant.

PhD Research Proposal:

Applicants should submit a research proposal. Full details are available on our website.

Resume/curriculum vitae:

Applicants should submit a copy of their current resume or curriculum vitae with the online application.

Identification document:

All applicants should submit an electronic copy of their passport as part of the online application. Nationals and residents of Qatar should also submit their valid Qatari ID.

Student funding

CHSS provides opportunities for funding on a competitive basis. Further information will be provided to applicants who are admitted to the program.