

National Formosa University

Regulation Rule for Examination Methods for Doctor Degree and Master Degree (Draft Amendment)

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- Article 1 These Regulations are duly enacted in accordance with the University Act and Enforcement Rules thereof and Degree Conferral Law and the Enforcement Rules thereof.
- Article 2 Postgraduates of Ph.D. and master's programs in all departments of this National Formosa University (hereinafter referred to as "the School"), who have completed Ph.D. and master's degree courses, submitted a thesis, and passed the examination of the Ph.D. and master's degree examination committee, awarded the doctorate and master's degree. For postgraduate students in the PhD and Master Program of the Institute of Applied Science and Technology, their thesis can be created together with a written report or replaced by a technical report; however, their report should be written as an abstract.
- Article 3 A doctorate/master's degree thesis/dissertation (including the abstract/summary) shall be worked out in the Chinese language in principle and shall be stored in the National Library or the School's Library by means of documents, video tapes, audio tapes, CD-ROM or otherwise. A thesis/dissertation that has been granted a degree shall no longer be withdrawn.
- Article 4 A doctorate/master's degree graduate student who has satisfactorily completed the entire curricula required for the doctorate/master's degree (including a satisfactory pass in curricula for academic research and education of ethics), successfully granted a pass in qualifying exam~~cumulative examination~~ for doctorate degree with dissertation duly submitted (including the abstract, outcome of inspection/test through the originality system for the dissertation)_may apply to participate in the Doctorate/Master's Degree Oriented Examinations. An applicant as a master's degree student who has studied the graduate programs for more than one year ~~but less than two years~~, with all academic achievements granted a pass and the excellent performance of the thesis after admission, may apply to participate in the master's degree examination after being recommended by his or her thesis advisor and granted a pass by the Department Affairs Conference. He or she then becomes a successful applicant and shall be reported to the School for the doctor's degree after he or she satisfactorily passes the examinations of the Master's Degree Examination Committee.

The criteria to review the outcome of the aforementioned thesis/dissertation shall be enacted by the respective departments concerned.

Article 5 Degree examination shall be conducted once before the end of every semester. A graduate student shall apply for the degree examination through the process enumerated below:

- I. He or she shall duly lodge an application toward his or her department/graduate school within the timeframe per the event calendar or as promulgated by the School.
- II. He or she shall submit academic transcripts of all academic year(s) concerned and the recommendation letter issued by his or her thesis advisor and lodge the application to the School one month prior to the date scheduled for the degree examination.

Article 6 The Doctoral Examination Committee shall have five to nine members (including advisors), who shall be selected and appointed by the principal. Doctorate examination committee members should have specialized research in the field of research of doctoral candidates and have one of the following qualifications:

- I. Current or former professor, or associate professor.
- II. Having served with Academia Sinica as an academician, ~~Current-current~~ or former research fellow or an associate research fellow.
- III. Having obtained a doctor degree with significant achievements academically.
- IV. Having accomplished significant professional or academic success in a rare or extraordinary academic course.

The criteria to identify the qualification requirements set forth under Paragraphs III and IV shall be stipulated by the respective Department (Graduate School) Councils.

The Master's Degree Examination Committee shall have three to five members (including advisors), who shall be selected and appointed by the principal. The members of the master's degree examination should have specialized research in the field of research of the students studying for the master's degree, and have one of the following qualifications:

- I. Current or former professor, associate professor, or assistant professor.
- II. Having served with Academia Sinica as an academician, ~~Current-current~~ or former research fellow or an associate research fellow.
- III. Having obtained a doctor degree with significant achievements academically.
- IV. Having accomplished significant research field, academic success or professional practice in a rare or extraordinary academic course.

The criteria to identify the qualification requirements set forth under Paragraphs III and IV shall be stipulated by the respective Department (Graduate School) Councils.

Article 7 The doctorate/master's degree examinations shall be duly conducted according to the principles enumerated below:

- I. The subject courses and regulations for the relevant examinations shall be duly stipulated by the respective departments/graduate schools at their discretion.
- II. After the application by a graduate student for degree examination, the examination shall be conducted at the venue and time as scheduled by his or her graduate school.
- III. The titles of the thesis examination, time schedule, venue and list of theoral test committee members shall be promulgated one week before the date scheduled for the graduate students to take the examination.
- IV. An examination committee member shall participate in a committee meeting in person, never through a proxy. A meeting of the Doctorate Degree Examination Committee calls for the quorum of being attended by five Committee members minimum, including a minimum of three Committee members invited from candidates not in the School. A meeting of the Master's Degree Examination Committee calls for the quorum of being attended by three Committee members minimum, including a minimum of one Committee member invited from candidates not in the School. The examination performance results shall not be recognized if such a meeting fails to satisfy the specified quorum.

- V. With the doctorate/master's degree examination performance results, an examinee is granted a pass if he or she wins 70 points in score and is granted full-mark if he or she wins 100 points in score. The score points shall be the average of all the points given by the participating Committee members. An examinee who fails the evaluation by more than one half (inclusive) of the Committee members is, nevertheless, deemed as failed. The evaluation is conducted only once.
- VI. During the degree examination, graduate student must submit the test results of the originality comparison system of the thesis to the degree examination committee for reference. The thesis contains plagiarism, essay written by another or fraud, and it is rejected by the degree examination committee.
- VII. A graduate student who fails in degree examinations but whose period for specified academic studies does not expire may take a re-examination. He or she shall be dropped out if he or she fails during the re-examination.
- VIII. One who is a relative within the third degree of kinship by blood or by marriage of a Doctorate/Master's Degree student/examinee (including spouse, ex-spouse, relative by marriage) shall not serve as the thesis adviser or Committee member in the degree examination.

Article 8 Where the thesis/dissertation, technical report is found backed by a proven exhibit of plagiarization, a subject written by another or a fraud after the degree has been granted where the Review Committee organized by the School verifies such fact, the qualifications of a graduate shall be revoked and retrieved, and the degree certificate shall be revoked as well.

A graduate student whose qualifications as a graduate are revoked and gets his or her degree certificate cancelled shall not apply for continued study even if the length specified for his or her schooling has not yet expired.

The operating procedures to revoke and retrieve the qualifications for graduation and to cancel a degree certificate shall be separately enacted.

Article 9 These Regulations shall be put into enforcement after being passed in the Council of Academic Affairs, reported to and approved by the Ministry of Education. The same provision shall apply to any amendment thereto.