

written for graduation. In the last 5 years, 3 pieces of work must have been disseminated according to the rule for academic position classification. In addition, at least one of the publications must be published in a national or international journal, or in proceedings from an academic conference.

In case that the number of Program Coordinators does not match with the required number as specified in 16.3.2, or have the number of students less than 10, the University must present the current number and qualifications of Program Coordinators to the Higher Education Commission on a case by case basis.

16.3.3 Lecturers must be Permanent Lecturers or Special Lecturers holding a doctoral degree or equivalent, or holding at least a master's degree or equivalent with academic title of not less than Associate Professor in the field of study or a related field with teaching skills, and experience in the conduct of research which is not part of studies conducted in order to complete their degree. In the last 5 years, at least one piece of work must have been disseminated according to the rule for academic position classification.

The doctoral degree qualification of a Special Lecturer can be exempt, if a Special Lecturer has at least a master's degree or equivalent together with at least 5 years of teaching experience. Special Lecturers must have teaching hours totaling not more than 50% of a particular course, and must be under the supervision of a Permanent Lecturer in that course.

Regarding higher graduate diplomas for profession, the qualifications of Special Lecturers must conform to standards of the particular profession or career.

16.4 Doctoral Degree

16.4.1 Program Lecturers must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent, or hold at least a master's degree or equivalent with academic title of not less than Associate Professor. Their academic works must not be a part of studies conducted in order to complete their degree. In the last 5 years, at least 3 pieces of work must have been disseminated according to the rule for academic position classification. In addition, at least one of the publications must be published in national or international journal.

16.4.2 The minimum number of Program Coordinator is to be three (3). Program Coordinators must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent, or hold at least a master's degree or equivalent with academic title of not less than Professor. Their academic works must not be a part of studies conducted in order to complete their degree. In the last 5 years, 3 pieces of work must have been disseminated according to the rule for academic position classification. In addition, at least one of the publications must be published in national or international journal.

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16.4.3 Thesis advisor can be divided into two groups:

(1) Thesis advisor must be a Program Lecturer holding a doctoral degree or equivalent, or holding at least a master's degree or equivalent with academic title of not less than Associate Professor. His/her academic works must not be part of studies conducted in order to complete his/her degree. In the last 5 years, at least 3 pieces of work must have been disseminated according to the rule for academic position classification. In addition, at least one of the publications must be published in national or international journal.

(2) Thesis co-advisor (if any) must have following qualifications:

Thesis co-advisor appointed from a Permanent Lecturer must have degree and research work qualifications the same as a thesis advisor.

Thesis co-advisor appointed from an External Expert or a Special Lecturer must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent and have 5 academic works which was published in international journals presented in acceptable databases. In addition, the academic work must be

related to a student's thesis title.

For thesis co-advisor appointed from an External Expert who do not have adequate degree and publication qualifications that match with the requirement, that External Expert must be the person who has high expertise and experience that must be acceptable in the field or the related field of thesis conducted. The approval on a thesis co-advisor appointed from an External Expert is upon the decision of the University Council and then the University Council informs the approval result to the Higher Education Commission.

16.4.4 Thesis examiner committee must consist of Program Lecturers and External Expert consisting of totally not less than 5 people.

The chairperson of a thesis examiner committee must be an External Expert. The qualifications of thesis examiners are as follow:

(1) In case of Program Lecturers, they must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent, or hold at least a master's degree or equivalent with academic title of not less than Associate Professor and have academic work which is not work written for graduation. In the last 5 years, at least 3 pieces of work must have been disseminated according to the rule for academic position classification. In addition, at least one of the publications must be published in national or international journal.

(2) In case of External Experts, they must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent and have at least 5 academic work published in acceptable journals listed in an international database which exactly match with, or relates to thesis or independent study.

If an External Expert does not have adequate degree and publication qualifications that match with the requirement, that External Expert must be a person who has high expertise and experience that must be acceptable in the field or the related field of thesis conducted. The approval on a thesis co-advisor appointed from an External Expert is upon the decision of the University Council and then the University informs the approval result to the Higher Education Commission.

16.4.5 Lecturers must be Permanent Lecturers or Special Lecturers holding a doctoral degree or equivalent or holding at least a master's degree or equivalent with academic title of not less than Associate Professor in the field or a related field of study. They must have teaching experience and have the academic works that are not part of studies conducted in order to complete their degree. In the last 5 years, at least one piece of work must have been disseminated according to the rule for academic position classification.

In case of teaching in the subject outside in the curriculum, people holding a master's degree or equivalent with academic title of less than Associate Professor can be assigned as lecturers.

Special Lecturers must have teaching hours for not more than 50% of a particular course under the supervision of a Permanent Lecturer in that course.

Item 17 Student's Advisory Committee

Students are required to appoint their advisory committee with approval from the committee members; head of department, or graduate program committee chairperson; and then receive approval from the Dean of The Graduate School. The advisory committee appointment must be completed by the end of the fourth semester counting from the beginning of the student's study.

If the student does not yet have an advisory committee, the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson, or lecturers in the department/program whose names are presented in the graduate lecturer list and who have received approval from the graduate program committee chairperson can work as a thesis advisor.