

21.3 Doctoral degree:

(1) The maximum permissible period for the completion of a doctoral degree does not exceed 8 academic years for candidates with a bachelor's degree.

(2) The maximum permissible period for the completion of a doctoral degree does not exceed 6 academic years for candidates with a master's degree.

Students are to register for doctoral degrees for duration of not less than 4 regular semesters, and students are to study for not less than 3 regular semesters at the University.

If students fail to comply with the permissible period, their student status is terminated as specified in item 32 (9).

21.4 Students with a requirement to change their major field of study are subject to adherence to the new curriculum within the timeframe as specified in items 21.1, 21.2 and 21.3. The study period consists of the preceding study period, and the new study period.

Item 22 Assessment levels

22.1 Assessment levels are as follows:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Denotation</u> | <u>Point</u> |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| A | Excellent | 4.0 |
| B+ | Very Good | 3.5 |
| B | Good | 3.0 |
| C+ | Fairly Good | 2.5 |
| C | Fair | 2.0 |
| D+ | Poor | 1.5 |
| D | Very Poor | 1.0 |
| F | Fail | 0 |
| I | Incomplete | - |
| S | Satisfactory | - |
| U | Unsatisfactory | - |
| P | Passed | - |
| N | Grade Not Reported | - |

The I grade level is used only when students do not complete partial work or assignments, but they have satisfied class assessment result throughout semester.

The S and U grade levels are used in audit subjects as well as in independent study, and in thesis that students register as credit subjects.

The P grade level is used in subjects for which grades are not included in Grade Point Average calculations, non-credit apprentice classes, or subjects transferred from cross-university registrations.

The N grade level is used when class assessments are not reported.

22.2 The change of I and N grades must be completed within 30 days after the last day of grade submission in that semester. A late change of grade must receive consent from the class owner, together with consent from the dean of the owner of the class. The late change must not occur later than the end of the subsequent semester, otherwise the student's grade is to be changed to F grade or U grade.

22.3 The grade can be corrected for necessary reason. The correction must done together with pertinent documents, and must receive consent from owner of the class, consent from the faculty board of the owner of the class, as well as approval from the vice president in charge of academic affairs.

22.4 Pass-fail Grades

22.4.1 Graduate diploma program students, higher graduate diploma program students, and master's degree students with an F grade for any undergraduate subjects, or a grade of less than C

for any graduate subjects, are counted as below the required standard and must re-enroll in the course.

22.4.2 Doctoral degree students with a grade in any graduate credit subjects of less than C are counted as below the required standard and must re-enroll in the course.

22.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

22.5.1 The assessments of all registered courses -- both pass and fail grades -- are subject to inclusion in a grade point average (GPA). Undergraduate subjects are to be calculated separately.

The grades obtained from subjects or groups of subjects transferred from other campuses of Kasetsart University are to be included in the grade point average (GPA).

The grades obtained from subjects or groups of subjects transferred from other universities are not to be included in the grade point average (GPA).

22.5.2 Unsuccessful students of an undergraduate subject wishing to re-enroll in the course, but with a GPA still less than 2.50 points, are permitted to either register for the same course, or register for another undergraduate subject so as to elevate their GPAs, with the consent of their advisor, head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson, and must receive approval from the Dean of The Graduate School.

22.5.3 Graduate subject with B grades and above cannot be re-enrolled for the purpose of the elevation of students' GPA.

22.5.4 Students enrolled in graduate diploma programs, higher graduate diploma programs, master's degree programs, or doctoral degree programs are to acquire a GPA of not less than 3.00 points from 4.00 points or equivalent in order to qualify for a successful graduation.

A GPA for undergraduate subjects as requested for fundamental graduate studies is to be not less than 2.50 points.

22.5.5 The University will suspend students' transcript and degree certificate, if students still have debt obligations regarding the University, even if the University has already announced students' graduation.

Item 23 English Languages Examinations

All master's and doctoral degree students are required to pass the English language examinations set forth by The Graduate School in at least one of the following choices:

23.1 Students sit for an English examination as required by The Graduate School and receive a pass grade.

23.2 The Graduate School permits a transfer of both written and oral examinations for master's and doctoral degree students from KU-EPT, TOEFL, IELTS, or other examinations as required by The Graduate School, together with consent from the Academic Affairs Board.

23.3 Students who cannot pass English examinations as outlined in 23.1 or 23.2 may enroll in an English class as required by The Graduate School and need to pass the pertinent examinations, so as to comply with the pertinent requirements of The Graduate School.

23.4 English examination for doctoral degree students:

Doctoral degree students are required to pass an English language examination so as to complete the doctoral program as follows:

(1) The written examination: Students are able to transfer KU-EPT result as required by The Graduate School or enroll in an English class as required by The Graduate School and receive a pass grade.

(2) The oral examination: This examination is held individually. Students are required to pass the written assessment prior to being eligible for the oral assessment. Applicants for oral English examinations are required to receive consent of their thesis advisor, in addition to approval from the head of department or the graduate program committee chairperson. The examination committee consists of two English experts and one representative appointed by The Graduate School from the student's thesis advisory committee.

23.5 The exemption of English examination is upon the discretion of the Academic Affairs Board.

Item 24 Qualifying Examination for Master's and Doctoral Degree

24.1 Qualifications

(1) Master's Degree

Students in plan A (A1) are required to take the qualifying examination upon completion of 1 semester of the program registration, and the examination must be complete not less than 120 days prior to the final oral examination. The qualifying examination format may be written, oral, or both.

(2) Doctoral Degree

Students in Plan 1.1 and plan 1.2 are required to sit for the qualifying examination upon completion of 1 semester of the program registration, and the examination must be completed not less than 120 days prior to the final oral examination. The examination format may be written, oral, or both.

Students in Plans 2.1 and 2.2 are required to sit for the qualifying examination upon completion of not less than 2/3 of the graduate subjects specified in the course structure (exclusive of thesis credits). The examination is conducted in both written and oral.

24.2 Examination Methods

24.2.1 Written Examination

(1) Master's Degree

Students in Plan A (A1) are required to select the examination relevant to the student's thesis which is conducted with the consent of the main thesis advisor, the head of department; or the graduate program committee chairperson; together with approval from the Dean of The Graduate School. The examination committee of the student's selected field is appointed by the head of department or graduate program committee chairperson of the particular field, and the thesis advisor is to assume the responsibilities of a coordinator.

(2) Doctoral Degree

Students in Plan 1.1 and plan 1.2 are required to select the examination relevant to the student's thesis which is conducted with the consent of the main thesis advisor, the head of department; or the graduate program committee chairperson; together with approval from the Dean of The Graduate School. The examination committee of the student's selected field is appointed by the head of department or graduate program committee chairperson of the particular field, and the thesis advisor is to assume the responsibilities of a coordinator.

Students in Plans 2.1 and 2.2 are required to sit for the examination held by an examination committee appointed by the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson of a student's major field; as well as lecturers in the relevant field of study as the examination committee members, together with approval from the Dean of The Graduate School.

24.2.2 Oral Examination

(1) Master's Degree

Students in Plan A (A1) are required to select the examination relevant to the student's thesis which is conducted with the consent of the main thesis advisor, the head of department; or the graduate program committee chairperson; together with approval from the Dean of The Graduate School. The thesis advisor is to assume the responsibilities of the examination chairperson. If members of the thesis advisory committee consist of less than 3 persons, the student's department or program is to propose an additional member to complete the 3 required committee