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(2) Doctoral Degree

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

Students in plans 2.1 and 2.2: The Graduate School will appoint the examination committee of at least 3 persons consisting of a main thesis advisor, thesis co-advisor (if any), and 1 representative of The Graduate School. The student's main thesis advisor is to assume the responsibilities of the examination chairperson. For students who do not have a thesis co-advisor, the students' program or department can admit 1 permanent lecturer as an additional committee member.

24.3 Students unable to attain satisfactory examination results are allowed to sit for a further examination within 90 days of the date of the first examination. Failure of attainment of satisfactory results in a second examination will result in the termination of student status as specified in item 32(6).

24.4 Attainment of satisfactory examination results is based upon the unanimous decision of all examination committee members.

Item 25 Comprehensive Examination for Doctoral Degree

25.1 Qualifications

25.1.1 Students in plan A (A2) may sit for a comprehensive examination upon completion of at least 3/4 of the graduate subjects specified in the course structure (exclusive of the thesis credit). The comprehensive examination is held at the discretion of programs or departments.

25.1.2 Students in plan B are required to sit for the comprehensive examination upon completion of at least 3/4 of the graduate subjects specified in the course structure (exclusive of the independent study credit).

The comprehensive examination format may be written, oral, or both.

25.2 Examination Methods

25.2.1 Written Examination

Students in Plan A (A2) and Plan B are required to sit for the comprehensive examination operated by the committee appointed by the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson in the student's major field; together with lecturers from the relevant field of study, who work as committee members, with the approval of the Dean of The Graduate School.

25.2.2. Oral Examination

Students in plan A (A2) and Plan B are required to sit for the comprehensive examination. The Graduate School is to appoint a minimum of 3 committee members including a main independent study advisor, independent study co-advisor (if any), and 1 representative of The Graduate School. The main independent study advisor is to assume the responsibilities of the chairperson of the examination. For students who do not have an independent study co-advisor, the students' program or department can admit 1 permanent lecturer as an additional committee member.

25.3 Students unable to attain satisfactory examination results are allowed to sit for a further examination within 60 days of the date of the first examination. Failure of attainment of satisfactory results in a second examination results in the termination of student status as specified in item 32(6).

25.4 Attainment of satisfactory examination results is based upon the unanimous decision of all examination committee members.

Item 26 Thesis

26.1 Students are required to submit their thesis proposal with the consent of the thesis advisory committee; and the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson in the students' major fields of study; in order to ask for an approval from The Graduate School as follows:

26.1.1 Master's degree students: before the end of the 4th regular semester counting from the commencement of studies.

26.1.2 Doctoral degree students: before the end of the 6th regular semester counting from the commencement of studies.

Failure to do so results in the termination of student status as specified in item 32(7).

26.2 Presentation of thesis proposal approval

26.2.1 Master's Degree students are to establish with the appropriate thesis advisor the pertinent details of their thesis proposal. Once consent is attained from the student's advisory committee as well as the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson of the students' major fields of study, students may submit 1 proposal to the Dean of The Graduate School. Students' project proposal must be approved at least 90 days prior to taking the final oral examination.

26.2.2 Doctoral Degree students are to establish with the appropriate thesis advisor the pertinent details of their thesis proposal. Once consent is attained from the student's advisory committee as well as the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson of the students' major fields of study, students may submit 1 proposal to the Dean of The Graduate School. Student's project proposal must be approved at least 270 days prior to taking the final oral examination.

26.3 Any changes related to the approved thesis proposal can be made by submission of a request of alteration with consent from the student's advisory committee; and the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson; to the Dean of The Graduate School. A period of 90 days or 270 days respectively prior to the final oral examination as outlined in item 26.2 commences as from the approval date of thesis proposal.

26.4 The style of the thesis is to abide by the formats and patterns rendered in the current thesis manual of The Graduate School, Kasetsart University.

26.5 Student's thesis must be checked for plagiarism as required by The Graduate School.

Item 27 Final Oral Examination of Thesis Oriented Program

27.1 The Graduate School appoints the final oral examination committee, which is composed of an examination chairperson, an external expert, a thesis or independent study advisor, and a thesis or independent study co-advisor (if any). The minimum academic requirements of committee members are specified in item 16.2.4 for master's degree programs and item 16.4.4 for doctoral degree programs.

27.2 Students are to submit the thesis or independent study to the final oral examination committee at least 7 days prior to the examination.

27.3 The thesis or independent study used in the final oral examination needs to abide by the format suggested by The Graduate School.

27.4 A final oral examination must be held openly and interested people can attend the examination.