

27.5 Successful final oral examination is based upon the unanimous consent of the examination committee.

27.6 When students successfully pass the final oral examination, students are required to completely correct and edit their thesis or independent study complying with the suggestions given by the examination committee. Additionally, students are required to submit their thesis and independent study to The Graduate School pertaining to the processes and timeframes announced by The Graduate School at that time. Failure to submit a complete version of a thesis or independent study together with relevant documents within 120 days counted from the final oral examination date, will render the pertinent final oral examination results void.

Item 28 Change of Student's Major Field

28.1 Only in a reasonable case, a change in a major field of study is subject to the consent of the thesis advisor; the heads of departments, or the graduate program committee chairperson of both prior and new fields of study; as well as the approval of the Dean of The Graduate School.

28.2 Regular Students who request a change in a major field of study need to have completed at least 1 semester in their current major field of study. Additionally, the students' Grade Point Average (GPA) is to be not less than 3.00, by means of calculation of all registered subjects from the commencement of the student status. In case of master's degree students in Plan A (A1) or doctoral degree students in Plan 1, students must obtain S grades in all registered subjects. The counting of study period commences from the time of validation of the student's status at Kasetsart University.

Item 29 Transfer of Subjects and Credits

29.1 Any transfer of credits is subject to approval from the thesis advisor; the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson; and the Dean of The Graduate School. The criteria for credit transfers are as follows:

(1) Subjects or groups thereof are required to have been taught on a graduate level or equivalent as approved by the Office of the Higher Education Commission, or other governmental legal authorities.

(2) The contents of subjects or groups thereof are to be relevant to at least 3/4 of the transferred subjects or groups thereof; moreover, the subjects or groups thereof to be transferred must have been studied for not more than 5 academic years.

(3) The examination results of subjects or groups thereof are to be not less than grade B or 3.00 points, or equivalent to an S grade.

(4) A transfer of credits of a thesis or independent study cannot be accepted, except for students registered in other universities both in Thailand and in foreign countries under credit transfer collaboration programs.

(5) Transfer of credits in excess of 1/3 of the total number of credits applicable to the program requested is not acceptable.

If students who graduated from a diploma program would like to pursue their study in a master's degree program in the same or relevant field of the graduated diploma program, credits cannot be transferred in excess of 40 percent of the total credits of pursuing program.

(6) Students need to pursue a minimum of 1 academic year at Kasetsart University and to have appropriately registered a minimum of 12 credits for either course work or thesis as described in the pertinent curriculum descriptions for master's degrees. For doctoral degree students, the number of transferred thesis credits has to correspond with the curriculum. This regulation is not applicable to students registered in both Thailand and international institutes or universities under credit transfer collaboration programs.

29.2 Credit Transfer under cooperative credit transfer program.

29.2.1 Students registered at other domestic or overseas universities which are administered under the credit transfer program are eligible to transfer a maximum of 50 percent of the total number of credits, or an amount in accordance with current "Guideline on Academic Cooperation between Thai and Overseas Higher Education Institutions" announced by the Ministry of Education.

29.2.2 Transfer of credits earned at other domestic or overseas universities which are administered under the credit transfer program is not acceptable for subjects registered for fundamental studies.

Students registered at other universities which participate in the credit transfer program are regarded as full-time students with current student status of Kasetsart University. Students are required to register to maintain their student status, or register for coursework and settle of tutorial fees.

Item 30 Graduation

30.1 To graduate in diploma and higher graduate diploma programs, students are required to complete the number of credits as specified in the curriculum, and obtain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 out of 4.00 or equivalent.

30.2 Master's degree students

30.2.1 Plan A (A1)

(1) Students are required to submit their thesis and successfully pass a final oral examination conducted by a committee appointed by The Graduate School. The final oral examination must be held openly and interested people can attend the examination.

(2) Students achieve either publication, or at least approval for publication of thesis, or parts thereof, in acceptable national or international journals as announced by the Office of the Higher Education Commission on "The Criteria of Academic Journal for Publication Consideration".

30.2.2 Plan A (A2)

(1) Students are required to complete all pertinent course work requirements as specified in the curriculum and gain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 out of 4.00 or equivalent.

(2) Students are required to submit a thesis and successfully pass a final oral examination conducted by a committee appointed by The Graduate School. The final oral examination must be held openly and interested people can attend the examination.

(3) Students achieve either publication, or at least approval for publication of thesis, or parts thereof, in journals or academic publications; or alternatively, presentation of thesis in an academic conference which issues full version proceedings in the conference.

30.2.3 Plan B

(1) Students are to complete all pertinent coursework requirements as specified in the curricula and gain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 out of 4.00 or equivalent and;

(2) Successfully complete oral and/or written comprehensive examinations, and successfully pass a final oral examination of independent study conducted by a committee appointed by The Graduate School. The final oral examination must be held openly and interested people can attend the examination.

(3) Independent study or parts thereof is required to be disseminated in retrieval formats.

30.3 Doctoral degree students

30.3.1 Plan 1

(1) Students are to successfully pass a qualifying examination in order to be eligible to conduct a thesis.

(2) Students are required to submit their thesis and successfully pass a final oral examination conducted by a committee appointed by The Graduate School. The committee must consist of experts both internal and external to the university. The final oral examination must be held openly and interested people can attend the examination.

(3) Students achieve at least 2 publications, or at least approval for publications of thesis, or parts thereof, in acceptable national or international journals as announced by the Office of the Higher Education Commission on "The Criteria of Academic Journal for Publication Consideration".

30.3.2 Plan 2

(1) Students are to complete all pertinent course work requirements as specified in the curricula and need to attain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 out of 4.00 or equivalent.

(2) Students are to successfully pass a qualifying examination in order to be eligible to conduct a thesis.

(3) Students are required to submit their thesis and successfully pass a final oral examination conducted by a committee appointed by The Graduate School. The committee must consist of experts both internal and external to the university. The final oral examination must be held openly and interested people can attend the examination.

(3) Students achieve publication or at least approval for publication of thesis, or parts thereof, in acceptable national or international journals as announced by the Office of the Higher Education Commission on "The Criteria of Academic Journal for Publication Consideration".

Chapter 5

Leave of Absence, Student Status Termination, and Student Status Restoration

Item 31 Leave of Absence

31.1 Upon the approval of leave of absence, students are required to obtain consent from the thesis advisor, or independent study advisor; the head of department, or the graduate program committee chairperson; together with approval from the Dean of The Graduate School prior to the beginning date of a final examination as announced by the University in a particular semester.

31.2 Students approved for leave of absence are required to pay tuition fees, maintaining status fees, and register to maintain their student status.

31.3 Students cannot submit a petition for leave of absence in more than 2 consecutive regular semesters.

31.4 The period of leave of absence is counted in student's total study period.

31.5 Leave of absence is not permissible for new students enrolled in the first semester.

Item 32 Student Status Termination

Student status is subject to termination when:

(1) Students pass away.