

National Dong Hwa University Department of Economics

Academic Guidelines for the PhD Program Students

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I. Legal Basis for the Guidelines

These Guidelines are enacted in accordance with the “NDHU Academic Regulations,” the “Regulations of Master and Doctoral Degrees Examination,” and other relevant laws and regulations of the University.

II. Admission Qualifications

1. Individuals admitted through the Department’s doctoral program entrance examination.
2. International students (including degree-seeking foreign students, overseas Chinese students, and students from Mainland China) admitted in accordance with the “NDHU Regulations for International Student Admission.”
3. Students admitted in accordance with the “NDHU Operating Rules for Direct Admission to PhD Programs.”

III. Duration of Study

1. The duration of study for doctoral students shall be no less than two years and no more than seven years.
2. Students who transfer from a master’s program and are directly admitted to a doctoral program shall adhere to the duration of study stipulated in the preceding paragraph, starting from the time of transfer.
3. In-service doctoral students who fail to complete the required coursework or dissertation within the prescribed period may apply for an extension of up to two additional years.

IV. Course Requirements

1. All students shall follow the doctoral curriculum designed by the Department.
2. During the first academic year, students must complete the “Academic Research Ethics Education Courses” offered through the “Centre for Taiwan Academic Research Ethics Education” website. This requires no less than three hours of coursework and successfully passing the online assessment.

V. Course Credit Transfer

1. Applications for credit transfer shall be handled in accordance with the “NDHU Course Credit Transfer Regulations for Students.”
2. Courses previously completed in domestic or international doctoral programs in relevant fields of economics with a minimum grade of 70 (out of 100) and not counted toward graduation credits may apply for credit transfer. Such applications are subject to departmental review and approval. There is no upper limit on the number of credits that may be transferred.

VI. Doctoral Qualification Examination

The doctoral qualification examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the Department’s “Regulations for the Qualification Assessment of Doctoral Candidacy.”

VII. Dissertation Supervision Regulations

The application for and change of dissertation advisor shall be governed by the Department’s “Guidelines for Interaction Between Dissertation Advisors and Graduate Students.”

VIII. Requirements for Degree Examination

The doctoral degree examination shall be conducted orally. Students who meet the following conditions may apply for the doctoral degree examination:

1. Fulfillment of the duration of study as stipulated above.
2. Fulfillment of all required coursework and credit requirements as prescribed by the Department.
3. Passing the doctoral qualification examination, completion of the doctoral dissertation proposal review, and attainment of doctoral candidacy status. Applicants seeking subject waivers must submit proof of journal paper publication.
4. Presentation of the core arguments of the dissertation in a departmental seminar prior to the degree examination.

5. Submission of the certificate of completion for the “Academic Research Ethics Education Course” (required for students admitted in or after Academic Year 2016).
6. Completion of the first draft of the dissertation.
7. Prior to the degree examination, the dissertation must undergo a similarity index analysis via the University’s plagiarism detection system. The similarity index must be below 20%, and the similarity report must be signed by the dissertation advisor before the application for the degree examination can be submitted.

IX. Graduation Requirements

Doctoral candidates must meet the following requirements in order to graduate:

1. Passing the doctoral degree examination. The dissertation must be revised according to the oral defense committee’s feedback and approved by the dissertation advisor within the prescribed duration of study.
2. After passing the degree examination, the dissertation must again undergo similarity index analysis via the University’s plagiarism detection system. The similarity index must be below 20%, and the result must be approved and signed by the dissertation advisor before graduation procedures may be initiated.

X. Supplementary Provisions

Any matters not specified in these Guidelines shall be handled in accordance with the relevant regulations of the Ministry of Education, the NDHU Academic Regulations, and other applicable university rules.

XI. Implementation

These Guidelines shall be implemented following approval by the Departmental Affairs Meeting and the College Affairs Meeting, and ratification by the Academic Affairs Meeting of the University.