

Degree Exam Related Provisions of the International Doctoral Program of Education
and Human Development, College of Social Science, National Sun Yat-sen
University

(For students enrolled in academic year 2020)

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1. This Provision is formulated in accordance with the “Degree Conferral Law” of the Ministry of Education as well as the “School Regulation” and “Graduate Degree Exam Enforcement Rules” of this University.

2. Related matters during the study period:
 - (A) Studying period: 2-7 years (excluding the period of admission deferral and suspension of study).
 - (B) Credit system and course requirements:
 - i. A student is required to complete at least 30 credits (including 3 credits for Research Methodology) and to pass the review of PhD candidate.
 - ii. For each semester, the upper limit for the courses credits selected is 12 (including courses outside of the Program).
 - iii. Elective courses are offered in the following three major areas, “Education”, “Applied Psychology in Education” and “Statistics & Psychometrics”. Students shall select their main areas and complete at least 3 courses in the selected major area.
 - iv. Credits earned from courses taken in a department or an institute outside of the Program may be included in the graduation credits, but the total should not exceed 10 graduation credits.
 - (C) Select an advising professor for research dissertation:
 - i. Students shall select their Dissertation advising professor and submit the “Research Thesis/Dissertation Advising Professor Application Form” before the end of the second academic year (before January 31st for those

admitted in the fall semester, and before July 31st for those admitted in the spring semester).

- ii. Dissertation advising professor shall be a faculty member of NSYSU and offer courses in IGPEHD. Non-faculty or out-of-school professor may serve as a co-advisor.
- iii. Should a student decide to change the advising professor or dissertation topic for any reason, the student shall submit a “Dissertation Topic and Advisor Change Application Form” and such form shall be submitted to and approved by the Program Committee of Education and Human Development. Those who apply to change their advising professor after they have passed their “Dissertation Proposal” shall reprocess their “Dissertation Proposal” for review.

(D) Qualification examination

- i. Qualification examination shall be taken after student complete course requirements and the examination shall be taken within two years after enrolment and shall be no later than the fifth year of study. Students who fail to satisfy the above-mentioned requirements will be expelled from the University as notified by Office of Academic Affairs (OAA).
- ii. The questions and marking of the examination shall be designed and done by the Program’s Doctoral Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of at least 5 members who have relevant expertise of the exam. Students work with their advising professor and committee to choose one of the three major areas for the written exam.
- iii. At least B- (70 percent grade) grade is required to pass the qualification examination. Students can retake the qualification examination two times. Students who fail the third time exam shall be expelled from NSYSU as notified by OAA. If not taking the qualification examination, the students may also publish in the name of the Program an academic thesis in a SSCI, SCI, A&HCI journal (acceptance by a journal is counted as having been published). Students must be the lead (or corresponding) author of the theses and the theses must not be the students’ master’s program graduating theses. Each thesis can only be registered to one student only if more than one person is on the authorship.
- iv. During the period of study, students shall publish at least one article in a peer-reviewed academic journal in the name of this Program prior to

graduation (accepted manuscripts can be considered as equivalents). The article(s) shall not be the students' master thesis.

- v. To meet graduation requirements, Ph.D students must participate a minimum of 2 times in conferences.
 - vi. After passing the qualification examination and satisfying other requirements for being a candidate of the doctoral degree as regulated in the "Degree Conferral Law", the applicant becomes a candidate for the doctoral degree of this Program.
3. Dissertation proposal related provisions:
- Definition of semester: The first semester is between August 1st and January 31st of each year, and the second semester is between February 1st and July 31st of the year.
- (A) A doctoral student's dissertation proposal must be reviewed by the Program's Dissertation Committee and approved by the Program Director before the student can apply for the Ph.D. Dissertation oral defense.
 - (B) Students may apply for the Dissertation oral defense at least 4 months after their "Dissertation Proposal" has been approved.
4. Dissertation Oral Defense
- (A) Dissertation oral defense shall be held after the student complete the course requirements, qualification examination and the relevant regulations of academic ethics at the University.
 - (B) The dissertation oral defense shall be applied at the start of the semester and be held before the last day of that semester in accordance with the academic calendar (hereinafter referred to as the last day of the semester).
 - (C) The "Doctoral Dissertation Oral Defense Application Form" shall be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the oral defense date.
 - (D) The dissertation committee shall be comprised of at least 5 members; the advising professor shall be a committee member, and at least 1 member shall be a professor outside of the University. The advising professor shall recommend the oral defense committee members, and shall not serve as the committee convener.
 - (E) The grade for the examination of dissertations is based on the combined assessment of the dissertation and the oral defense. At least B- (70 percent

grade) grade is required to pass and receive the Ph.D. degree in Education and Human Development.

(F) A student who has passed the dissertation oral defense shall submit the dissertation approval sheet with signatures of all oral defense committee members.

(G) Those who fail the dissertation oral defense and whose term of study has not yet expired may take a re-defense in the following semester or school year. Re-defense shall be taken only once, and those who failed the re-defense shall be expelled from the study in accordance with the provisions provided by the University.

(H) After a dissertation oral defense has been held, the defense result will become invalid if the student fails to complete his/her required courses and credits or to meet the graduation criteria set by the Program before the registration day in the following semester.

5. Graduation: Those who comply with the provisions above may apply for graduation.
6. This Provision and its amendments shall be approved by a Program Affairs Meeting, a College Council Meeting, and the President prior to implementation.