

**National Sun Yat-sen University**  
**Institute of Economics**  
**Regulations for the Degree Examination of Master's Programs**  
**Effective from AY2018**

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1. These Regulations are established with respect to the “Degree Conferral Act” promulgated by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the “National Sun Yat-sen University Academic Regulations”, “Implementation bylaws for Ph.D. and Master Degree Examination”, and “Guidelines for Selection of Advisors” of the NSYSU.
2. Study-related matters:
  - (1) Expected length of study: One to four years (excluding the period for suspension of study) according to the MOE requirements.
  - (2) Credit system and course requirements
    - 1) When selecting courses for the first year of study, students must apply for the approval of the tutor and IOE chairperson. When selecting courses for the second and later years after selecting the thesis advisor, students must apply for the approval of the thesis advisor and the IOE chairperson.
    - 2) Independent Studies and Seminar are the required electives of IOE. A thesis advisor may specify two courses for graduate students writing their thesis to replace the Seminar course. IOE master’s program students must complete the Seminar for two semesters (2 credits in total) before they are qualified to apply for the degree examination.
    - 3) Students must complete all the program required courses and a minimum of 36 credits before they are qualified for graduation.
    - 4) Each semester, full-time students of Group A must not take more than four courses (excluding Seminar), and in-service students of Group B must not take more than three courses (excluding Seminar), except with the signed approval of the IOE chairperson in year 1 or the thesis advisor in year 2. When taking courses exceeding 15 credits of the required credits in year 2, in addition to the approval of the thesis advisor, students must apply for the approval of the IOE chairperson according to the NSYSU regulations.
    - 5) IOE students taking courses from other NSYSU departments (institutes) may combine the credits of such courses to the program’s required graduation credits. However, only 9 credits of courses that relate to Economics will be recognized. The IOE will determine the recognition criteria for year 1 students, and the thesis advisors will determine the recognition criteria for year 2 students.
    - 6) The application for credit transfer and course waivers of qualified students will be directly forwarded to the IOE meeting for review.
  - (3) Selection of thesis advisor
    - 1) Students must select a thesis advisor from among the full-time, jointly appointed, or part-

time faculty members of IOE. Students may select a thesis advisor from faculty members of other departments or institutes based on the need of expertise or due to the teacher resource shortage of IOE. Students must apply for permission in writing to the IOE and select non-IOE faculty members as the thesis advisor only with the approval of the IOE meeting.

- 2) Students who cannot select a thesis advisor from the NSYSU may invite a faculty member, an expert, or a scholar outside of the NSYSU as the thesis advisor. However, students must also select a NSYSU faculty member as the co-advisor. Students must apply for permission to the IOE in writing and select non-NSYSU faculty members as the thesis advisor only with the approval of the IOE meeting.
- 3) Graduate students must select a thesis advisor no later than the first month of the first semester of year 2 through written registration. The selected thesis advisor must not be the thesis advisor of more than five students. When co-supervision by a non-IOE faculty member is required, a graduate student must obtain the approval from the thesis advisor.
- 4) When it is necessary for a graduate student to change a thesis advisor, this graduate student must obtain the written approval from both the former and new thesis advisors in advance.
- 5) IOE students must invite at least one non-IOE faculty member as the examiner of the oral examination. If a non-IOE thesis advisor is selected, students must invite at least one IOE full-time faculty member as the examiner of the oral examination.

### 3. Master's degree examination

Definition of semesters: The first semester commences on August 1 of each year and ends on January 31 in the next year. The second semester commences on February 1 and ends on July 31 of each year.

- (1) After fulfilling the NSYSU requirements for thesis publication and academic research ethics, graduate students must be recommended by the thesis advisor before they are allowed to apply for the degree examination.
  - (2) Students failing the degree examination within the expected length of study may apply for one second attempt. Students failing in the second attempt will be requested to terminate their study.
4. Graduation: Graduate students must fulfill the above requirements before they are qualified to apply for graduation.
  5. These Regulations will be implemented after the approval of the IOE meeting and college meeting and the final approval of the NSYSU president. The same shall apply to the amendments thereto.