

# Regulations Governing International Business MBA Degree Examination

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1. This Regulations Governing International Business MBA Degree Examination (the Regulations) are enacted in accordance with “Degree Conferral Law” and the Enforcement Rules thereof of Ministry of Education and “Academic Regulations,” “Implementation Bylaws for Ph. D. and Master Degree Examination” and “Guidelines for Selection of Advisors” of National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU).
  2. Maximum year of study: 1 to 4 years in accordance with Ministry of Education regulations (excluding reserved admission and suspension duration).
  3. Credits and requirement for the course:
    - i. Any course selected by the student must be approved by the Advisor or the International Business MBA (IBMBA) director (the Director).
    - ii. Before student applying for the degree examination, the student must complete all the regulated courses and have acquired more credits than the minimum graduation credits.
    - iii. Before applying for the thesis oral defense, the local students need to participate overseas exchange program: study abroad at the universities / institutes acknowledged by NSYSU, and acquire more than 6 credits from management related courses approved by IBMBA. Whereas foreign students do not need to participate overseas exchange program. However, those local students who have studied abroad in university or above for one or more semester, after approved by IBMBA, may not participate the overseas exchange program.
  4. Thesis regulations and advisor selection:
    - i. A thesis advisor must be an assistant professor or above, as well as qualified of being a master's examination committee member in accordance with the Degree Conferral Law.
    - ii. A thesis advisor should be selected within the College of Management. However, if the college lack related research area or suitable teacher, the student could select advisor from other department/college in NSYSU or experts or scholars outside of NSYSU, while arranging another College of Management faculty as co-advisor.
    - iii. The thesis advisor, after retiring or resigning from the university, may continue advising the student. However, the student must arrange another College of Management faculty as co- advisor.
    - iv. Before student applies for co-advisor from IBMBA, both advisors must approve the student’s Thesis Proposal.

- v. If the student need to change advisor, the student must acquire written consent from both original advisor and new advisor.
- vi. Thesis and degree examination must be in English.

5. Master's Degree Examination:

i. Regulations for Thesis Oral Defense:

- a. Before taking the Master's Degree Examination, the student must meet the requirement for all courses, be approved by the thesis advisor and apply for the degree examination in due time according to NSYSU regulation.
- b. The member of Master's Degree Examination Committee should be assistant professor or higher. The committee is composed of 3 to 5 members. Members exclude the thesis advisor should account for more than 1/2 of all committee members.
- c. The thesis oral defense should be held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of IBMBA program.

ii. Other related regulations:

- a. The students who fail the degree examination and haven't complete the year of study could take re-examination in the next semester or next academic year. The re-examination can only be taken once, and the student who fail the re-examination will be expelled according to NSYSU regulations.
- b. Language proficiency test: Local graduate students need to provide qualified certificate of English proficiency test before applying for degree examination. The requirement of English proficiency test is either TOFLE iBT 80 (or above), CBT 213 (or above), IELTS 6 (or above), TOEIC 800 (or above) or Cambridge Main Suite FCE (or above). However, those who have studied 4 years or more in a university or higher institute in English-speaking countries need not take the English proficiency test. On the other hand, International students should also reach Chinese proficiency, TOCFL score level 2 (A2) or New HSK score level 2. Students might also pass a Chinese-taught course which provide by International Programs in order to exempt from graduation requirement.

6. Graduation: Graduate students who meet the requirement of aforesaid regulations may apply for graduation, and receive degree from NSYSU.

7. The Regulations shall be implemented upon approval by the College Affaires Meeting, sign by the president of NSYSU and released, and the same shall apply as to amendment hereto.

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