

Announcement of the Doctor Degree Program in the Graduate School of Design in National Yunlin University of Science and Technology

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I. Procedures for Admission

1. Public or filed private university, independent colleges, or graduated from other abroad graduate institutes of university that approved and consented by the Ministry of Education could be regarded as with the equal education background. Those who be accepted by our program could study in our program.
2. Other related regulations for exams of admission would be stipulated in the provisions of school dmission requirements.

II. Limit for the Year of Study

3. According to the regulations of Ministry of Education, the limit of study tear for full-time student is 2 years and could be elongated to 7 years; the limit of study tear for student with his/her own job is 3 years and could be elongated to 7 years.
4. The study period for doctor degree program could be divided into 2 stages:
First stage: From admission to passing the qualification exam
Second stage: From passing the qualification exam to passing the doctor degree examination

III. Course Requirements and Examinations

5. The lowest credit requirements in our program are 32 credits, including 14 credits of required courses (6 credits of doctor thesis included) and 18 credits of elective courses. It is also essential to choose at least 9 credits of the following research groups of elective courses.
 - 1) Design theory and education research
 - 2) Design technology and computation research
 - 3) Design humanities and art research
 - 4) Design planning and management research
6. In the first academic year after admission, the full-time graduate students should study for at least 8 credits and students with their own jobs should study at least 5 credits.
In the previous 2 study years, full-time students could not do any full-time job and must spend at least 4 days per week in the school in the semester period.
7. The courses taken by the graduate students in each semester in our program should be confirmed after receiving the consents from advisors. If a student still haven't chose his/her advisor, the courses taken by said student should be confirmed after the receiving the consent from graduate chair.

8. Graduate students who are not graduated from the related departments of design must complement the inadequate subjects. complement the inadequate subjects are Integrated design (I) and Integrated design (II)
9. After admission, graduate students in our program must apply for attending the qualification exam that contains written qualification exam, presentation of the results of design research, and qualification exam for doctor degree candidates.
10. The qualification exams would be thrown one time for each semester. Students who fail to pass the qualification exams could apply for the re-examination and any student could only apply for the re-examination for one time.If a student fails to pass the re-examination, he/she would be flunked out of school.
11. The doctor degree candidates in our program should pass the qualification exam within 5 years after admission. If consider the period for suspension, the students should pass the qualification exam with 5 years after admission.
12. After passing the qualification exams and meet the requirements of degree examination could be egarded as doctor degree candidates after the graduate chair report to office of academic affairs.

IV. Instruction for Theses

13. Graduate students in our program should choose their advisor before the end of course selection.
The research doctoral thesis should be related to design.
14. Graduate student in our program could choose any one of the full-time associate professor and professor as the advisor of academic thesis of doctor degree. If there is any special reason, it could be allowed for a student to choose one the associate professor or professor in other departments as his/her advisor after approved by the institute affair council. The only requirement is that said student should choose one of the full-time teachers as the co-advisor.
15. If graduate students meet any one of the conditions described below, it would be allowed to change the topic of thesis or advisor after approved by the institute affair council.
 - 1) Lack of thesis data and proved by his/her advisor that there are huge difficulties to complete the original proposal.
 - 2) Advisor goes abroad, on a vacation, on advanced studies, or doing other things or incidences that could not be advisor for thesis within all the study of year.
 - 3) Other reasonable cause that proved to be essential to change the thesis topic.
16. If graduate students commit any of the following conditions, advisor could stop to be the advisor of said graduate student after approved by graduate chair and institute affair council. Another advisor would be allocated to the graduate student as advisor by our program.
 - 1) Not abide by the instructions of advisor to choose courses or write thesis
 - 2) Fail to communicate or contact with advisor for certain period without rational reasons
 - 3) With full-time job out of the campus and not report the situation to the graduate chair and advisor in

advance to ask for approval.

V. Doctor Degree Examination

17. Graduate students in our program who meet the requirements of our study regulation for doctor degree in our program could apply for degree examination. Enforcement regulations about the degree examinations would be described and set separately.

- 1) Complete all the required subjects and credits stipulated in the regulations of our program.
- 2) After passing the qualification, it is required for doctor degree candidates to publish at least 3 papers in the domestic or abroad academic journals of related domain. At least one of the publications should be published in foreign language in international journal; or it is also allowed to publish 2 journal papers which at least include 1 paper published in international journal such as SCI, SCIE, SSCI, A&HCI or in TSSCI that written in English. The other journal paper could not be replaced by 2 thesis papers published in international seminars. If the contents of the papers are related to the studying domain, it would be allowed to apply for degree examination after receiving the consents from advisor. The domestic and abroad journal papers or papers published in seminars submitted by the students in our graduate institute should indicate the Chinese and English names of our graduate institute in his/her subordinate organization column. Meanwhile, the papers should be co-authorized with the advisor(s) and the graduate student should be the first author (Or with advisor as first author and graduate student as second author. If there are co-advisor(s), the author order of the graduate students could be put back further.) Only by doing so would this paper be approved as the thesis published in the study period. The criteria and standards for the qualifications of international seminar or related academic journals should be described in another provision.
- 3) At least pass 1 of the language verifications described below:
 - (1) The High-intermediate Level of General English Proficiency Test (High-intermediate Level is also included)
 - (2) Score at least 492 in TOEFL PBT (492 is also included)
 - (3) Score at least 167 in TOEFL CBT (167 is also included)
 - (4) Score at least 59 in TOEFL IBT (59 is also included)
 - (5) Score at least 650 in new TOEIC (650 is also included)
 - (6) Obtain at least grade 4.7 in IELTS (grade 4.7 is also included)
 - (7) Study abroad in universities that totally teach in English or obtained master degree abroad.
 - (8) Other equivalent proof or verification for English ability.
 - (9) Applying for being exchange students in the contracted abroad schools of our school (schools in China are all excluded) and applying for the international academics exchange program promoted by the government (such as grants and financial supports for students study for doctor degree to study abroad) and live locally at least 6 months(180 days in a row) are all regarded as pass the English ability verification described above. Those who choose these items as the verifications of language ability would need to apply for program about studying abroad in the institute office.

The doctor degree committee would deliberate whether the application is qualified. After returning to Taiwan, the committee would throw a presentation that reports the results for each student who studies abroad. After the application is approved, it would be deemed to have the equivalent language ability required by our program. (This article was added according to the decision made by the doctor degree committee in 24th, March, 2010)

18. It is essential for students who are intended to submit the documents required for applying doctor degree examination. After reviewed and approved by our program affair council, the application would be sent to the office of academic affairs for verify. Then the application would be sent to the principal for approval. Enforcement regulations about the degree examinations would be described and set separately.

19. Students who fail to pass the degree examination and not exceed the limit of study year could apply for the re-examination. Re-examination could only be applied for 1 time. If a student fails to pass the re-examination, he/she would be flunked out of school.

20. If there is any graduate student who passes the examination for the doctor degree in our program, we would confer doctor degree of design to said student according to the Degree Conferral Law. The graduation grade for doctor degree student should include the average grade of all the courses taken by the graduate student as well as the grade of degree examination.

VI. Others

21. Details not confirmed in the enforcement regulations could apply the related provisions of the graduate institute of doctor degree in our school.

The study regulations described here should certainly be amended if the related regulations described in the previous sentence are altered.

22. These study regulations should be announced and implemented after approved by the council of our institute. The procedures of amendment are the same.

(There are total 22 points in the study guidelines. The following contents are blank.)