

**PhD Degree Requirements for Publications on Academic Journals and
International Conference and Foreign Language Proficiency
College of Design, National Yunlin University of Science and Technology**

1. These requirements are based on the academic guidelines, qualification tests and degree examinations for PhD candidates of College of Design, National Yunlin University of Science and Technology.
2. The publications on academic journals and international conferences refer to the publications made **during the academic years with College of Design.**
3. The papers published on academic journals (domestic or overseas) and international conferences shall list the full name of College of Design, National Yunlin University of Science and Technology, as the organization the author is affiliated to. The college only acknowledges the papers with the advisor's name listed and with the PhD candidate as the first author (or the advisor as the first author and the PhD candidate as the second author; or with more than one advisor listed and the PhD candidate listed below the advisors).
4. The review on the addition of academic journals and international conferences to the list recognized by the college shall be conducted in April of each academic year (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on September 29, 2010).
5. To ensure the integrity of academic ethics, the use of advisor's name on the publication by the PhD candidate requires prior consent from the advisor concerned (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on September 29, 2010).
6. If the journal decides not to publish the paper after the PhD candidate has acquired his or her doctoral degree, the Doctoral Program Committee of the college shall investigate the case. If any breach of academic ethics is identified, the doctoral degree shall be rescinded and such rescission shall be publically announced. The issued certificate for the doctoral degree shall be recalled and notices shall be sent out to other colleges, universities and relevant organizations. In case of any law violations, the case shall be forwarded pursuant to applicable laws and regulations (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on December 18, 2013).
7. Requirements for the academic publications by PhD candidates:
 - (1) Table 1 lists all the academic journals acknowledged by the college.
 - (2) Only the academic publications with the PhD candidate listed as the first author (other than advisors and co-advisors) shall be acknowledged (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on December 18, 2014).
 - (3) Those PhD candidates wish to publish on Japanese academic journals shall submit relevant and valid Japanese language proficiency certificate(s). The college encourages students to publish in English (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on May 3, 2006).
 - (4) The publication in English on SCI, SSCI, A&HCI and TSSCI in Taiwan are acknowledged by the college as the publication on international journals (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on January 25, 2007).
 - (5) The publication on JSSD and Journal of Science and Technology Yunlin Hsien can only be counted as one paper (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on April 29, 2014 and retroactive to all the PhD candidates and graduates since the announcement date on May 9, 2014).

8. The regulations governing the publication of papers by PhD candidates on international conferences are as follows:
 - (1) Table 2 lists all the international conferences acknowledged by the college.
 - (2) The publication of multiple papers on the same international conference during the year can only be counted as one paper (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on June 3, 2009).
 - (3) If the paper published on an international conference is also published by SCIE, the publication on SCIE shall be acknowledged by the college. The acknowledgement shall be either for the publication on an academic journal (i.e. SCIE) or on an international conference, but not both. It is not allowed to apply for a waiver of the qualification test (written) by using the same paper once acknowledged as publication on a conference, or apply for the acknowledgement of the same paper as publication on a Chinese-language academic journal. Meanwhile, the referral from an international conference for publication on an international academic journal is limited to one time only (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on March 27, 2014).
 - (4) If the publication of the paper by the PhD candidates enrolled in the academic year of 2015 or later is on an international conference held in a region where Mandarin is the official language, it will be counted as one paper (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on December 18, 2014).
 - (5) Requirements for acknowledgement of international conferences (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on October 16, 2007): International conferences with open calls for papers and a review system, organized or commissioned by international organizations on an on-going basis (for two years or more). Application for acknowledgement before paper submission and not retroactive to the publication during the first year of the conference.
 - (6) Any application for a waiver shall be accompanied with the proof for the acceptance of the published paper(s), the original scripts of the paper(s) and the photo of the paper publication(s).
9. Requirements for foreign language proficiency of PhD candidates are as follows:
 - (1) Table 3 lists all the foreign language proficiency tests acknowledged by the college.
 - (2) The college acknowledges the foreign language proficiency tests taken before enrolment, according to the requirements detailed in Table 3 (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on October 22, 2013).
 - (3) Foreign PhD candidates may submit the proficiency tests for the non-native languages (per the decision by the Doctoral Program Committee on October 22, 2013).
 - (4) The applying students who have completed a bachelor or master's degree overseas are waived of the requirement for foreign-language proficiency tests. However, this is only applicable to the students from non-Chinese speaking countries and not applicable to the students from China, Hong Kong or Macau.
 - (5) Any PhD candidate on an exchange program with a foreign university (except the universities in China) or on an international academic exchange program sponsored by the Taiwanese government (such as Graduate Student Study Abroad Program Award under the Ministry of Science and Technology) shall reside in the foreign country concerned for at least six months (180 days, the days can be accumulated by no more than 3 exchange programs in different universities, and each exchange program should have its research finding published individually). The application to study overseas should be filed to the college offices and approved by the Doctoral Program Committee in order to obtain acknowledgement for equivalent levels of foreign language proficiency. Research findings during the overseas study

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period shall be published, written in both Chinese and the foreign language concerned (at least six pages in A4) and submitted to the college offices. The acknowledgement of the equivalent levels of foreign language proficiency is only valid upon the approval via the working reports by the committee.

10. Any issues not covered in this document shall be subject to the regulations and requirements associated with the doctoral program of the college.
11. These requirements and subsequent amendments shall take effect upon the approval from the Doctoral Program Committee.

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