

PhD Degree Requirements for Academic Year of 2015

College of Design, National Yunlin University of Science and Technology

Summary

1. Credit Requirement

14 credits from required subjects (including 6 credits for the thesis)

18 credits from selective subjects (at least 8 credits in professional domains)

A minimum of 8 credits required for each semester during the first academic year for full-time PhD candidates; a minimum 5 credits required for each semester during the first academic year for part-time PhD candidates

2. Confirmation of Thesis Advisor

The selection of the thesis advisor shall be completed before the start of opt-in/opt-out of subject selections during the first semester of the first academic year. PhD candidates are required to submit the consent from the advisor and the agreement for university attendance.

3. Publication of Research Findings

- 1) Start: June of the second semester during the first academic year.
- 2) Completion: before the third year of the doctoral program.
- 3) Participant: all the first year PhD candidates (or those who fail in previous years).
- 4) Pass mark: 70 points.

3. Qualification Test (Written)

Registration: applications in the second academic year according to the university regulations (i.e. approximately the second year of the doctoral program).

Research methodology: registrations open in December and examination in the first week of March.

Literature review: registrations open in May and examination in September, during the first week after the beginning of the academic year).

*** Re-sitting limited to one time only.**

4. Examinations for PhD Candidate

- 1) Application:
 - (1) From the start of the first semester through December 15.
 - (2) From the start of the second semester through May 15.
- 2) Prerequisites:
 - (1) Completion of the required credits during the two academic years (for a total of 8 credits).
 - (2) Passing of the research findings publication.
 - (3) Passing of the qualification tests (written) on two subjects (research methodology and literature review).
 - (4) Passing of relevant language proficiency test(s).
 - (5) One or more (accepted) publications on acknowledged academic journals).

5. Application for Doctoral Degree Examinations (one of the following options)

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| 2 papers published on academic journals | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Completion of the credits required by the college.2. Passing of relevant language proficiency test(s).3. One semester after the acquisition of the PhD degree candidacy.4. Two or more papers published on acknowledged domestic or foreign academic journals<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) One paper published on any of SCI, SCIE, SSCI, A&HCI, THCI Core or TSSCI in |
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| | <p>English language;</p> <p>(2) The other paper published either on a Chinese or international academic journal. Two papers published on international conferences not qualified as the other paper required.</p> |
| <p>3 papers published on academic journals</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of the credits required by the college. 2. Passing of relevant language proficiency test(s). 3. One semester after the acquisition of the PhD degree candidacy. 4. Three or more papers published on acknowledged domestic or foreign academic journals and at least one paper published on an acknowledged international journal |