

Applicable to students enrolled since academic year 2014

**National Pingtung University of Science and Technology**  
**Department of Tropical Agriculture and International Cooperation**

**Policies for Ph.D. Studies**

Passed by ITA faculty meeting dated on May 2, 2001;

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**I. Admission qualification**

Students must have a Master's Degree and successfully pass the Ph.D. entrance exam in order to enroll at DTAIC.

**II. Evaluation**

**i. The evaluation committee:**

After enrollment at the Department, students must select an academic advisor (with the qualifications of associate professor or above). The academic advisor should form an evaluation committee of 3 to 5 academic faculty or non-academic faculty members (including the academic advisor and at least 1 from off-campus) with the qualifications of associate professor or above (or with equivalent qualifications). Members should assist graduate students in formulating and/or reviewing academic curriculum and the academic progress as well as recommending the examination method that will be applied in the qualifying exam. Students must submit the related documents to the department office after approval from the committee.

- ii. Scheduled evaluation of the academic performance of the Ph.D. students will be conducted orally at least once. After the oral exam, the committee members vote to determine whether the student has passed (2/3 of the vote) or not. A written record of the evaluation, comments and suggestions made by the members will be filed, as a record and a reference for checking the courses that need to be taken and the directions of the dissertations. These records will be used as a reference when the students apply for Ph.D. dissertation exam.

**III. Qualifying Exam**

- i. After the Ph.D. students have successfully passed the scheduled evaluation, the academic advisors should invite qualified members (associate professors or above) to make up the qualifying exam committee.
- ii. The qualifying exam for Ph.D. students will be implemented as defined in the “Enforcement Regulations for Ph.D. Qualifying Exam” at the Department of Tropical Agriculture and International Cooperation.”

**IV. Ph.D. Dissertation Exam**

The Ph.D. degree dissertation exam will be proceeded according to the “Regulations for Ph.D. Dissertation Exam” of National Pingtung University of Science and Technology.

**V. These policies are applicable to all graduate students enrolled from academic year 2014 and onwards.**

**VI. These policies were approved by the Department’s faculty meeting and submitted to the university for future reference and promulgation. A similar procedure will be followed when revision is needed.**

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**Enforcement Regulations for Ph.D. Qualifying Exam**

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- I. "Enforcement Regulations for Ph.D. Qualifying Exam" at DTAIC are established according to the "Regulations for Ph.D. Dissertation Exam" of National Pingtung University of Science and Technology.
- II. The academic advisor should form a qualifying exam committee of 5 to 7 academic faculty or non-academic faculty members (including the academic advisor and at least 3 from off-campus) with the qualifications of associate professor or above (or with equivalent qualifications). Qualifying exams may include an oral and/or a written exam to be decided by the qualifying exam committee. The student becomes a Ph.D. candidate after passing the qualifying exam. If the candidate fails the first qualifying exam, application for the second qualifying exam can only be submitted six months after the first exam. Reapplication for qualifying exams is limited to one time only.
- III. The qualifying exam must be completed within four years after initial enrollment (on-the-job status students may extend their time of study for 1 or 2 years more). If the Ph.D. student failed to reach the deadline requirement, the student shall be dismissed from the university after request made by the department.
- IV. These regulations are applicable to all Ph.D. students enrolled from academic year 2012 and onwards.
- V. These regulations were approved by the Department's faculty meeting and submitted to the university for future reference and promulgation. The same procedure will be followed when a revision is needed.

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**Regulations for Revision of Ph.D. Degree**

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These regulations are established in accordance with the “Policies for Ph.D. Studies” of Department of Tropical Agriculture and International Cooperation, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology.

**I. The Ph.D. dissertation exam**

**i. Qualifications for applying**

The Ph.D. student who has successfully passed the qualifying exam can be a candidate for the Ph.D. degree. The candidates must successfully pass all related academic courses, and meet the Publication requirements and Language proficiency requirements to be eligible to apply for Ph.D. dissertation exam based on the regulations of the university.

**ii. Publication requirements**

Academic publications should be in accordance to the “Regulations for Ph.D. Publications” of Department of Tropical Agriculture and International Cooperation.

**iii. Language proficiency requirements**

1. The candidate must pass and obtain the following tests scores before **applying** the dissertation exam (except for foreign students from English speaking countries):
  - 1) GEPT: High-Intermediate first stage or above.
  - 2) TOEFL ITP: 550 points or above.
  - 3) TOEFL CBT: 200 points or above.
  - 4) TOEFL iBT: 73 points or above.
  - 5) IELTS: Level 6 or above.
  - 6) TOEIC: 750 points or above.

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2. The candidate who fails to meet the above mentioned standards must attach a copy of the English proficiency test result and must choose ONE of the following alternatives:
  - 1) Submit proof of 1 SCI journal publication (or an equivalent publication).
  - 2) Submit proof of 3 peer-reviewed English academic journal publications.

### iv. The procedures for the dissertation exam

1. The candidate must fill out the dissertation exam application form approved by his/her academic advisor and then submit to the university within the time limit established by NPUST. Arrangements for the dissertation exam are the responsibility of the academic advisor.
2. The Ph.D. candidate will present the research content and results orally and will be evaluated and examined (oral) by the dissertation exam committee. After the oral exam, the committee members will vote and the student must receive approval votes of more than two-thirds of the oral exam committee members in order to be considered having successfully passed the oral exam.
3. If the Ph.D. student fails the dissertation exam, application for the second dissertation exam can only be submitted six months after the first exam. Reapplication for dissertation exams is limited to one time only.
4. The Ph.D. studies must be completed between two to seven years from the time of first enrollment (on-the-job status students may extend their time of study for 1 or 2 years more), and the dissertation exam must be completed within aforementioned study period. If the Ph.D. student failed to reach the deadline requirement, the student shall be dismissed from the university after request made by the department.

## II. This policy is applicable to all graduate students enrolled from the academic year 2014 and onwards.

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**Regulations for Ph.D. Publications**

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- I. The dissertation must be written in English.
- II. Each student must have at least one paper (as the first or corresponding author) published in a journal from the J\_A category and accumulate minimum 4 “Publication points” (verified by the committee of DTAIC) before the Ph. D. dissertation exam. The module is as:

Type of Journal	Category	Points
SCI, SSCI, A&HCI	J_A	3
EI, TSSCI, TSCI, ABI, JIC	J_B	2
Peer reviewed English publication	J_C	1.5
International patent, monograph, textbook (book), and so on has to be evaluated by DTAIC	P_A	Maximum 2
Domestic patent, monograph, textbook (book), and so on has to be evaluated by DTAIC	P_B	

- III. Only publications that meet the following conditions are qualified for “Publication points”
- (1) The student is the first author or corresponding author.
  - (2) The content is originated from the Ph.D. dissertation and is completed during the student’s studying period.
  - (3) The student’s advisor is one of the co-authors.
  - (4) DTAIC is the affiliated address of the student.
- IV. These policies are applicable to all Ph. D. students enrolled from the academic year 2014 and onwards.