

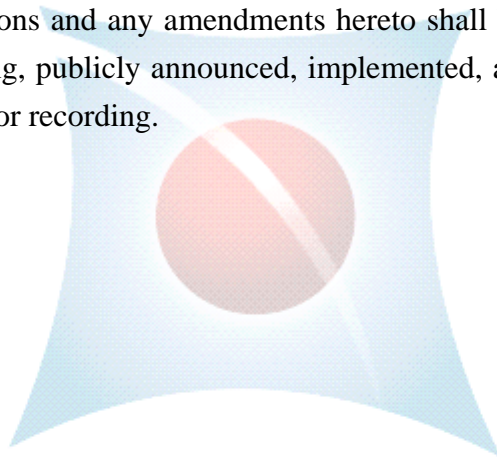
NCHU Guidelines for Doctoral Candidacy Evaluation

- Article 1 These Guidelines are adopted in accordance with Article 26 of the University Law by the MOE (also as stated in Article 7.1 of the Degree Award Law and other applicable regulations. The adoption of these guidelines is to promote the doctorate student's research ability and to assure their essential academic education.
- Article 2 All doctorate students of NCHU must sign up for the doctoral candidacy evaluation held by their department/graduate program/degree program before they are allowed to begin thesis writing. Students must pass the candidacy evaluation before they can apply for the thesis examination.
- Article 3 After students apply for the candidacy evaluation, their department/graduate program/degree program shall arrange a "doctoral candidacy evaluation committee" for the said students. Each evaluation committee shall consist of no less than five members, including the thesis advisor. Regulations governing the election of the committee convener and other members shall be established by each department/graduate program/degree program.
- Article 4 The thesis professor must possess a degree recognized by relevant regulations to serve as a member of the degree exam committee. In general, the thesis advisors are NCHU professors with equivalent of assistant professor or higher teaching rank, but they may be part-time professors with equivalent of assistant professor or higher teaching rank from other colleges. They may also be teachers who are teaching part-time at NCHU, if they have been approved by the chair of the department/graduate program. A graduate student's spouse or relatives within the third-degree of kinship (including relatives by blood and affinity) are prohibited from acting as the graduate student's thesis advisor or thesis examination committee member.
- Article 5 The doctoral candidacy evaluation committee shall be administered once each semester. Each department/graduate program/degree program shall determine their application deadline, evaluation date and time.
- Article 6 The form for the doctoral candidacy evaluation shall be established by each department/graduate program/degree program, may it be written, oral, report writing, or other appropriate means of evaluation. The scope of the evaluation and other relevant regulations must be announced by the department/graduate program/degree program beforehand.
- Article 7 Doctoral students who have failed their doctorate degree candidacy evaluation twice will be required to withdraw from the program.
- Article 8 Each department/graduate program/degree program shall notify the Office of

Academic Affairs (OAA) of the students who have passed the doctorate candidacy evaluation. The Doctoral Degree shall be granted when the said student has completed all of the graduation requirements, finished their thesis, and has passed the thesis examination.

Article 9 Each NCHU department/graduate program/degree program shall establish its own specific implementation regulations for doctoral candidacy evaluation in accordance with these guidelines. The said regulations must be reported to the NCHU Office of Academic Affairs, then publicly announced before they take effect.

Article 10 These regulations and any amendments hereto shall be reviewed at the Academic Affairs Meeting, publicly announced, implemented, and submitted to the Ministry of Education for recording.



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