

National Taiwan University Guidelines for the Implementation of Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination

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- I. These guidelines are established in accordance with article 26 of the University Act and article 7, section 1 of the Degree Conferral Law for the purpose of evaluating Ph.D. program student's research capabilities and equipping them with the necessary academic background.
- II. Ph.D. candidacy shall be presented by each department or graduate institute based upon rigorous evaluation and upon satisfying the qualifying examination and the regulations related to the Ph.D. candidacy as stipulated by the Degree Conferral Law. Once the students satisfy all of the above conditions, they may be nominated for the Ph.D. candidacy.
- III. There shall be one Ph.D. qualifying examination every semester, and the date and application procedures of which shall be determined by each department or graduate institute.
- IV. Each department or graduate institute, upon receiving the application for the qualifying examination, shall set up a committee to supervise the administration procedure of the examination. The mode of the examination and the course subjects of the examination shall be determined by each department or graduate institute, and they must be stated explicitly in the Ph.D. qualifying examination's implementation guidelines.
- V. Ph.D. program students possessing both of the following conditions shall be eligible for the Ph.D. candidacy:
 1. Having completed all the required courses for the Ph.D. degree.
 2. Having passed the Ph.D. Degree candidacy's qualifying exam.In addition to the previous two items, each department or graduate institute may add other criteria in the Ph.D. qualifying examination's implementation guidelines.
- VI. Ph.D. program students who have not completed the Ph.D. qualifying examination within the stipulated time period or fail the Ph.D. qualifying examination shall be ordered to withdraw from the university if they fail the examination for the second time.
- VII. Once the Ph.D. students obtain the candidacy for the Ph.D. degree, the department or the graduate institute shall report to Academic Affairs Division to register the grade and to record the Ph.D. candidacy qualification.
- VIII. Each department or graduate institute shall establish its own Ph.D. candidacy qualifying examination's implementation guidelines and shall pass such

guidelines in the departmental or graduate institute's meeting and file for reference with Academic Affairs Division for future implementation.

- IX. These guidelines shall be approved by the Academic Affairs meeting and reported to the Ministry of Education for future implementation.