

The period of time in which students are on leave of absence (see Number 135 (1), (2) and (5)) shall not be counted as part of the time conditions specified above.

The Program Committee, with consent from the Faculty Board, may require the students in the program to take a qualifying examination and obtain an S result before the period of time specified above. However, this must be announced before admission of students to the program.

Number 86. When a qualifying examination has been completed, the Qualifying Examination Committee is responsible for submitting a report on the result of the examination to the Faculty Board through the Chair of the Program Committee within two weeks from the day the examination is completed.

Number 87. A student who receives a U after taking the qualifying examination the first time is entitled to submit an application for re-examination one more time.

Part 5

Thesis/ Dissertation proposal examination

Number 88. An examination of thesis/ dissertation proposal is aimed at testing a student's knowledge and understanding of the research topics, methodologies, approaches, and techniques in solving possible problems in their research.

A thesis/ dissertation proposal examination in a doctoral program must test a student's knowledge, both at the basic and in-depth levels, that is essential for conducting research. This is to ensure that the student has enough essential knowledge to conduct research.

A thesis/ dissertation proposal examination shall be organized by a thesis/ dissertation proposal examination committee, which may comprise an expert from outside the University.

Number 89. The thesis/ dissertation proposal examination committee, both at the master and doctoral levels, must comprise no less than 3 members. There are two types of the committee, i.e.:

(1) the Thesis/ Dissertation Proposal Examination Committee, formed by the Program Committee;

(2) the Thesis/ Dissertation Proposal Examination Committee for a particular thesis/ dissertation proposal, appointed by the Program Committee

Number 90. The Thesis/ Dissertation Proposal Examination Committee have the following responsibilities:

- (1) examining a student's knowledge and understanding by considering the scope of the study, its duration and benefits gained from the study;
- (2) report the result of the examination to the Program Committee and the Faculty Board, respectively, for consideration

Number 91. A student must submit a thesis proposal to the Program Committee according to the criteria and within the period of time stipulated by the Committee.

A student's thesis proposal, the name of the thesis advisor and the thesis examination committee (see Number 94) must be approved by the Program Committee and the Faculty Board, respectively. This must take place within the period of time and comply with the criteria stipulated by the Program Committee.

The criteria and time conditions mentioned above shall be put as the Faculty's announcements.

Number 92. Students must gain approval of their thesis/ dissertation proposals within the following periods of time:

- (1) for a master's degree program: within 2 academic years, starting from the first semester they enroll in the program;
- (2) for a doctoral degree program: within 3 academic years, starting from the first semester they enroll in the program,;
- (3) for an Doctoral - Master continuing program: any semester, as long as it is in accordance with Number 97 (2);
- (4) the period of time for part-time students shall be 1.5 times longer than those specified in (1) and (2).

The Program Committee, with consent from the Faculty Board, may require the students in the program to take an examination and gain approval of their thesis/ dissertation proposals before the above-mentioned periods of time. This must be announced before admission of students to the program.

Failure to gain approval of their thesis/ dissertation proposals within the aforementioned period of time shall result the termination of the student's status as graduate student. Exception may be granted in extreme cases where the Faculty Board will grant an extension of another semester following the last semester when the proposal was due for submission.

Number 93. After the thesis proposal has been approved, the Faculty must make an announcement of the topics and the names of persons writing the theses as well as the names of the thesis advisors for submission to the Graduate School to publicize.

Changes of thesis/ dissertation supervisors or the thesis/ dissertation examination committee can be made only for extreme cases. The change must be approved by the Program Committee and the Faculty Board, respectively, before it is submitted to the Graduate School for information.

Part 6

Thesis examination

Number 94. The thesis examination committee for a master's degree program must consist of no less than 3 but not more than 5 members while that for a doctoral degree program must comprise 5-7 members. The Committee comprise:

- (1) Chairperson, who is the Chair of the Program Committee, or a person assigned by the Chair of the Program Committee;
- (2) the thesis supervisor and co-supervisor (if applicable), in which case both are taken as one member of the committee;
- (3) at least 1 expert from outside the University

For a master's degree program, a full-time faculty member may be appointed as an additional committee member. However, for a doctoral degree program, at least 2 full-time faculty members must be appointed as members of the committee.

In certain cases, where academic advantages can be achieved, a committee may consist of more members than the numbers stated above.

A thesis supervisor cannot perform the role of Chairperson of the Thesis Examination Committee.

Number 95. The chairperson and members of a thesis examination committee must have the following qualifications:

- (1) being a full-time faculty member, a special lecturer or an expert from outside the University;
- (2) holding a doctoral degree or its equivalent, or an academic title not lower than Associate Professor in a particular field of study, or having been appointed as Specialist;
- (3) having experience in conducting research which is not part of the study for a degree