

(4) “Credits Completed” means the number of credits for subjects students shall have passed at grades A, B+, B, C+,C, or S. In cases where students have passed any course more than once or where they have passed any additional course specified as equivalent to the course already completed, only the number of credits gained at the first pass shall be awarded. Notwithstanding this regulation, students may, with the permission of the Graduate Studies Committee, re-register and have the credits for both subjects in question validated, provided that the additional subject’s content is significantly different from that of the previous one.

Part 2

Period of Study

Number 14. “Period of Study” means a total period of time which students spend on studying and producing academic works, as required by the curriculum, namely taking courses, conducting research, writing up a thesis or dissertation, as well as having his/her thesis published.

The Period of Study, as defined above, shall commence from the date of first registration for graduate study in the program and finish when students pass the examinations and complete all of the Program’s requirements.

Number 15. The period of study for a Graduate Diploma and an Advanced Graduate Diploma shall not exceed that determined by the Policy Board.

Number 16. The maximum period of study for a master’s degree shall be 4 academic years.

Number 17. The maximum period of study for a doctoral degree shall be

- (1) 6 academic years with regard to candidates who hold a master’s degree,
- (2) 8 academic years with regard to candidates who hold a bachelor’s degree.

In cases where a student succeeds in an a thesis or dissertation examination and submits a copy of his/her thesis/dissertation within the appropriate period of time, as indicated above, but is still waiting for his/her research to be published in an international journal, the student may request an extension of the study period, which shall be the maximum of 2 semesters. Each granted extension shall not exceed 1 semester. To request an extension of the study period, students are required to provide evidence for the submissions of their research papers for publication and maintain their status as a Graduate Student during the semester in which he/she has been granted an extension.

Number 18. In cases where there are unavoidable cases that prevent a student from completing his/her study within the period of time stipulated, he/she shall submit his/her case to the Program Committee and the Faculty Board, respectively, for their consideration. Should the Faculty Board agree to allow the student an extension of the period of study, he/she shall proceed to submit the matter to the Graduate School Board and the President of the University for an approval.

Number 19. The period of study for the foregoing programs with regard to regular part-time students shall not be 1.5 times longer than the duration specified above.

Part 3

Language of Instruction

Number 20. Courses may be conducted in Thai or in a foreign language.

Students may write their theses/dissertations or their research exercises in Thai or in a foreign language as specified by the Program Committee.

The above-mentioned regulations on language of instruction shall be announced before an application to the Program takes place.

Section 3

Graduate Programs

Part 1

Available Study Programs

Number 21. The Graduate School offers the following programs of study:

(1) The Graduate Diploma Program is a program of advanced study aimed at building up professional expertise and efficiency. It is a self-contained program for holders of bachelor's degrees or the equivalent.

(2) The Master's Degree Program is a program of advanced study aimed at promoting academic and research advancement in a variety of disciplines at a higher level than the bachelor's degree level.

(3) The Advanced Graduate Diploma Program is a program designed to build up professional expertise and efficiency. It is a self-contained program for holders of bachelor's degrees that require 6 academic years of study, of master's degrees or equivalent. In some cases, holders of the graduate diplomas in specialized areas of study may be accepted.