

Implementing Regulations for the Doctoral Candidacy Examination of the Department of History, National Chung Hsing University

- Article 1 The Department, in accordance with the “National Chung Hsing University PhD Graduate Application Examination Regulations”, has established these implementing regulations to strengthen the research capability of doctoral students and equip them with necessary academic literacy.
- Article 2 Doctoral students shall complete the required course and credits and attend at least six academic activities inside and outside of the University. With the approval by the advisor, he/she shall apply for the Doctoral Candidacy Examination from the second semester of the second year.
- Article 3 The Doctoral Candidacy Examination shall include three stages: (1) Written Examination, (2) Language Proficiency Examination, (3) Dissertation Defense.
- Article 4 The Written Examination shall be held twice an academic year: every November in first semester, every March in second semester. The subjects and time schedule for the Written Examination are as follows:
- (1) Required subjects: The Department Head shall discuss with and respect the minor field examination scope as designated by the advisor and establish a committee for mandating the committee members and determining the examination scope.
 - (2) Elective subjects: The advisor shall determine and confirm the major field examination content (scope, questions) with the Department Head.
 - (3) The Examination shall be held on the basis of three hour per subject.
- Candidate who fails any subject and his/her years of enrollment (including suspension) are not expired shall apply for a re-examination, he/she shall be dismissed from the program if fails in the re-examination.
- Article 5 Language Proficiency Examination: Candidates shall pass the Multilingual Examination (refer to the attached requirements).
- Article 6 Doctoral students shall apply for the Doctoral Candidacy Examination after completion of the Written Examination and Language Proficiency Examination, he/she shall be registered as the candidate for the doctoral degree after completion of the examinations.

Article 7 Doctoral students, with the approval from the advisor, shall apply for the doctoral dissertation defense after completion of the Written Examination, Language Proficiency Examination and the first draft of the doctoral dissertation.

The doctoral dissertation defense shall be attended by the relevant department faculty and postgraduate students after confirmation of schedule. Reporter shall prepare with written outline and reference and present the research output whereof the advisor shall question and evaluate the dissertation.

Article 8 The Department shall establish a Doctoral Candidacy Examination Committee History (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") after receiving the application for Doctoral Candidacy Examination. The Committee is consisted of at least five members, of which the advisor shall serve as the ex-officio member, the convener shall be elected by mutual election (the advisor must not serve as the convener). Committee member shall be qualified as stipulated in the "Degree Conferral Act", and qualified full-time faculty with Assistant Professor rank or above from the Department or relevant departments shall serve as the member. Qualified adjunct faculty with Assistant Professor rank or above shall serve as the member as necessary.

Article 9 Doctoral students shall be registered as the candidate for the doctoral degree by informing the Office of Academic Affairs after completion of the examinations. The candidate for the doctoral degree shall fulfill all graduate requirements and complete the dissertation defense (the list of dissertation defense members shall be approved by the Academic Development Committee). After completion of the dissertation defense, the candidate shall be conferred with a doctoral degree. The doctoral degree examination shall be handled in accordance with the "NCHU Implementation Guidelines for Doctoral Degree Examination".

Article 10 These regulations are implemented upon approval by the Departmental Affairs Meeting, and approval for reference by the Office of Academic Affairs. Any amendments thereto shall be subject to the same process.

Attachment

Multilingual Examination Certification Guidelines for the Doctoral Candidacy Examination of the Department of History

Guidelines:

1. Examination Criteria

(a) Japanese: Completion of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT)

(i) Level 2 under old system: Obtain 140 out of 200 in “Reading and Grammar”

(ii) Level 2 under new system: Obtain 42 out of 60 in “Reading”

If the regulations change, the certification shall be handled on the basis of obtaining 70% score.

(b) English: fulfillment of one of the follows:

(i) TOELF ≥ 527 (paper-based) or ≥ 197 (computer-based);

(ii) pass the GEPT;

(iii) IELTS ≥ 5.5 ;

(iv) FLPT ≥ 70 and a total grade of 240 (at least) shall be obtained;

(v) TOEIC ≥ 750

(The criteria shall be adjusted in accordance with the Comparison Chart of English Proficiency Test for Promotion Criteria of Civil Service). **Applicants who have obtained a bachelor's or master's degree from an English as the official or common language country recognized by the Ministry of Education shall be considered as having fulfilled the English proficiency requirement.**

2. The Department shall establish a two-year (four semesters) with 0 credit course for reading and analyzing historical sources in foreign languages in order to evaluate the foreign language proficiency of the doctoral students. Doctoral students shall register analyzing historical sources in foreign language-related courses outside the University (e.g. National Tsing Hua University or National Cheng Kung University) through the Inter-University Course Selection. The passing score shall be 70 for each semester.
3. The Department shall establish a foreign language proficiency examination for evaluating the doctoral student on analyzing historical sources in foreign languages. The proficiency examination criteria shall be decided by the advisor.
4. **For cases not covered under Article 1 or Article 2, the Academic Development Committee**

shall determine whether the multilingual examination requirement is met. Where necessary, such recognition may be granted via remote communication.