

Detailed Regulations for the Implementation of the Graduate Institute of Political Economy (NCKU) PhD Degree Examination

Article 1 These regulations are set in accordance to the “NCKU PhD and Master Degree Examination Regulations”.

Article 2 PhD candidates who meet all of the requirements set below can apply for degree examination:

- (i) Successfully complete all the courses required and earn at least 30 credits;
- (ii) Successfully pass the PhD candidateship qualifying examinations;
- (iii) Successfully pass the PhD dissertation proposal review;
- (iv) Having three pieces of your work published in blind peer-referred journals. In cases that any piece of your work published in a SSCI, SCI, JEL, EI, or A&HCL indexed journal, your article is highly recognized and can be treated as fulfilling the requirement of publication. In the case that two pieces of your work published in the TSSCI-indexed journals, these two publications can also be regarded as fulfilling the requirements. PhD students need to be the first author in their published work. Offprint, acceptance letter(s), or any other relevant documents are needed as a proof.
- (v) Presenting proof equivalent to the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) at the High-Intermediate level in the final test, or single-authored (or first-authored) journal article published in any English journal in related fields of academic study. Offprint is needed as a proof.

Article 3 The Committee for PhD Degree Examination is consisted of six to nine members, including the supervisor(s), in which at least one thirds of the committee members are from external institutions. Apart from specialized knowledge and outstanding academic achievements of committee members on the expertise / focus of the PhD candidate’s dissertation, the committee members should meet the following requirements. The committee members are firstly appointed by the Institute of Political Economy, and then recognized and issued a certificate by the President of NCKU to invite to examine students’ degree oral defense. The supervisor(s) cannot serve as convener during the degree examination.

- (i) Currently or previously served as a full professor;
- (ii) Currently or previously served as a Academician or Research Fellow, in

Academia Sinica, Taiwan;

- (iii) Currently or previously served as an associate professor or associate research fellow in Academia Sinica, Taiwan, with outstanding academic achievements;
- (iv) Holding a PhD degree with prominent academic performance;
- (v) Having notable academic achievements or expertise in rare or special subjects.

Article 4 PhD candidates wishing to apply for degree examination need to submit their application to the Institute before May 15 or November 15 in every semester. There will be only one degree examination held in each semester. The application form is provided by the Institute office upon request. The success of the degree examination will be subject to the consent by at least two thirds of participating committee members and the average score more than 70 out of maximum 100 points. There is only one evaluation of the oral defense.

Article 5 In the case that the PhD candidate fails his/her oral defense, s/he can re-take the degree examination only once in the following semester or academic year, if his/her PhD study is still within the length/period of schooling.

Article 6 The implementation of these main points are firstly discussed and passed by the standing committee of the Political Economy Institute, later acknowledged by the Institute Staff Meeting, and lastly recognized by the school authorities.