

Graduation Process Regulations of the Master's Program Students

Article 1 Based on the Academic Degree Conferring Act decreed by the Ministry of Education and the school's academic affairs related regulations, the Institute's graduation process is as follows:

1. Graduate students shall start considering their thesis directions, select their own advisor and discuss their thesis topic with their advisor after their admission.
2. When filing a "thesis proposal" open oral defense application with the school, the graduate student shall also attach a list indicating his/her finished courses and a copy of his/her transcript. The thesis theme and study direction of a graduate student shall be associated with the curriculum he/she finished (or is taking), in which the curriculum shall be his/her required courses. Otherwise, the application is not allowed. After finalizing choice of an advisor, all of the courses elected by the graduate student must be agreed by the advisor in the first place.
3. The thesis proposal submitted by a graduate student shall cover the following: (1) study purpose, topic significance and expected results; (2) theoretical structure and study methodology; (3) literature review and data sources; (4) references. In principle, the length of a thesis shall be within 10,000 words.
4. After the graduate student has submitted the thesis proposal, the Institute shall complete its examination procedure within one month. The schedule does not include summer and winter school vacations.
5. A thesis proposal shall be examined by a 3-person panel arranged by the Institute, in which the most senior member, except the advisor, shall be the host. The length of the open oral defense shall not be less than 40 minutes and the graduate student's oral report shall take about 10 minutes.
6. Graduate student's thesis proposal oral defense shall to be open to the Institute faculty and students.
7. In case that a change is required after a graduate student has selected an advisor and a thesis topic, it shall be approved by the Institute Director and the thesis proposal shall be resubmitted to go through the open oral defense procedure.
8. Prior to participating in a thesis oral examination, a regular student shall take part in the academic lectures or academic symposiums held inside the Institute five times at least; or at least two times for an

on-the-job student.

9. After completing the thesis preliminary draft, the graduate student shall apply to the Institute for arranging the oral examination committee members and the oral examination time, and proceeding with the thesis oral examination and open oral defense. After the oral examination, the thesis shall be modified as required.
10. Complete the procedure and earn an academic degree.

Article 2 A master's degree in political economy will be conferred by the Institute on those students who have finished the required courses and passed the required examinations in the Institute.