

Main Points for the Implementation of the Graduate Institute of Political Economy (NCKU) PhD Candidate Qualifying Assessment

Article 1 The purposes of these main points are to enhance PhD students' research ability, professional knowledge and training. These requirements are set in accordance with the "Main Points for the Implementation of the NCKU PhD Candidate Qualifying Assessment".

Article 2 All PhD students are required to satisfactory pass the qualifying assessment before achieving the PhD candidateship.

Article 3 Requirements for PhD students applying for Qualification Examinations:

- (i) Successfully completed at least one-year study in this Institute with more than 18 credits;
- (ii) Already successfully taken one course each in his/her major and minor study;
- (iii) Agreed by his/her supervisor(s) and/or the Head of this Institute.

Article 4 The Qualification Examination is scheduled to be held once in every semester. For details regarding the exact date(s) and/or venue, further announcements will be made by the Institute office. The applications for the Qualification Examinations need to be submitted one semester prior to the examination.

Article 5 All PhD students are required to successfully pass two qualification examinations before acquiring the candidateship: choose one course that you have taken from the four areas of study as your major and another one for your minor.

Article 6 The Committee for the examination questions-setting will be established within one month after the application is submitted. The Committee is chaired by the Head of the Institute, and composed of three to five faculty members. In principle, the questions setters will be faculty who instructs relevant courses. In some cases, external faculty may be invited to set the questions if needed. The examinations scope will be announced by the Committee three months in advance.

Article 7 The satisfactory result for the Qualifying Examination is 70 points. One supplementary examination can be granted upon request. Alternatively, students can also alter the examination subject to different course from other areas of study for once only.

Article 8 The implementation of these main points are firstly discussed and passed by the Institute Staff Meeting, and then recognized by the school authorities.