

NATIONAL DONG HWA UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES
Degree Examination Guidelines for the
International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies

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- Article 1 The *Degree Examination Guidelines for the International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies of the College of Indigenous Studies at National Dong Hwa University* (hereinafter referred to as “the Guidelines,” “the Program,” “the College,” and “the University,” respectively) are issued to effectively implement and improve the quality of dissertations written by students in the Program.
- Article 2 The Guidelines regulate the qualifications and other related parts of the Degree Examination of the Program.
- Article 3 The regulations of the Degree Examination are as follows:
1. Application Qualifications: Students of the Program who
 - (1) Have completed two years of study,
 - (2) Have completed all the required course credits of the Program,
 - (3) Have passed the Doctoral Candidate Qualifying Examination,
 - (4) Have passed the Review of the Doctoral Dissertation Proposal, and
 - (5) Have completed the Dissertation draft.
 - (6) All other matters shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Regulations of Master and Doctoral Degrees Examinations of National Dong Hwa University* and the *Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Review Guidelines for the International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies of the College of Indigenous Studies at National Dong Hwa University*.
 - (7) Before the application for the Dissertation Defense, the Dissertation draft should be checked by using text-matching software with a similarity index of less than 30% and approved and signed by the supervising professor(s).
 2. Application Schedule: Students must pass their Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Review at least three months before the Degree Examination and revise their proposals based on feedback from the Review Committee. With the approval of the supervising professor(s), students may then apply for the Degree Examination by completing the “Degree Examination Application Form” following the University’s academic calendar.
- Article 4 The regulations of the Degree Examination Committee are as follows:
1. The Degree Examination Committee shall consist of five to seven scholars

specializing in a field related to the Dissertation topic, both from within and outside the University, with at least one-third of the members being from outside the University. The supervising professor(s) shall serve as *ex officio* member(s). The remaining members of the Committee shall meet at least one of the following qualifications and be appointed by the Director of the Program, with the recommendation of the supervising professor(s):

- (1) A person who has served as a professor, an associate professor, or an assistant professor.
 - (2) A person with a doctoral degree and significant academic accomplishments.
 - (3) A person with expertise and significant academic or professional accomplishments in a rare or highly specialized academic field.
2. Scholars who are the examinee's spouse or within the examinee's third degree of kinship, whether by blood or by marriage, shall not serve as members of the Degree Examination Committee.
 3. All members of the Degree Examination Committee shall attend the Degree Examination in person.
 4. The passing score for the Degree Examination is 70 (letter grade B-), and the full score is 100 (letter grade A+). Each examination may be graded only once.
 5. Examinees who fail the Degree Examination but have not yet reached the maximum period of study shall retake the Examination within the next two semesters. Each student may retake the Examination only once. Students who fail the retake will not be permitted to continue in the Program. Students who are unable to complete the Degree Examination after applying for it must notify the University to rescind their Examination by the last day of the semester, as designated on the academic calendar. Students who fail to rescind the Degree Examination by the deadline will be considered as having failed the Examination.
 6. Students who have passed the Degree Examination shall revise their Dissertation according to the Committee members' feedback within the maximum study period. With the approval of their supervising professor(s), they may complete the University's exit procedures to be conferred the doctoral degree.
 7. Diplomas are issued in bulk twice a year. Graduating students must complete the University's exit procedures by the end of the semester in which they graduate to receive their diploma.
 8. Before leaving the University, students must create and upload the electronic files of the abstract and full text of their Dissertations (in accordance with the University Library's regulations for creating and processing the electronic files of thesis and dissertation abstracts and full texts) and submit the following number of hard copies of their Dissertations: two copies (along with the authorization form) to the University

Library, one copy (with the degree thesis and dissertation filing inspection form stamped by the University Library) to the Registration Section, one copy to each Degree Examination Committee member, and three copies to the Program Office.

Article 5 The University shall revoke a student's degree and require the return of the awarded diploma if, following an investigation, there is evidence that the student's Dissertation involves plagiarism or any form of fraud.

Article 6 Matters not addressed in the Guidelines shall be processed in accordance with relevant laws and regulations from the Ministry of Education and the *Academic Regulations* and other applicable regulations issued by the University.

Article 7 The Guidelines shall become effective following the approval of the Program Affairs Meeting. The same procedure shall be followed when amendments are made.

Note: This document has been translated from the original Taiwanese Mandarin version. In case of any discrepancies between the two, the Taiwanese Mandarin version shall prevail.