

**NATIONAL DONG HWA UNIVERSITY**  
**COLLEGE of INDIGENOUS STUDIES**  
**Academic Guidelines for the**  
**International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies**

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**Article 1** Basis of the guidelines

These guidelines are issued following the Regulations of the Master and Doctoral Degrees Examination and other applicable regulations of National Dong Hwa University (hereinafter referred to as NDHU or “the University”).

**Article 2** Admission requirements:

1. Applicants who passed the University’s doctoral admission examination.
2. Foreign students who applied to the University following the NDHU *Admission Guidelines for International Students*.
3. Newly admitted students to the International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies (the Program), but those who are unable to enroll in time due to a serious illness or military draft, may apply to retain their admission status before the enrollment deadline. The application to the University needs to describe the reason for late enrollment and relevant proof has to be attached. Once approved, students may defer their enrollment.

**Article 3** Duration of this Program shall be two to seven years. Students admitted as a working professional may be granted an extension of up to two years.

**Article 4** Course Requirements:

Refer to the Program’s course requirements table. Relevant matters shall be processed following the *Course Requirements for International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies*.

**Article 5** Credit Waiver and Regulations:

Relevant matters shall be following the *Credit Waiver Policy* and *Course Requirements for International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies*.

**Article 6** Dissertation Guidance:

Relevant matters shall be following the Program’s *Academic Guidelines for the Dissertation Review for International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies*.

**Article 7** Doctoral Candidacy Review:

Relevant matters shall be following the Program’s *Guidelines for Doctoral Dissertation Proposal*.

**Article 8** Degree Examination

1) Qualification:

1. The student has to complete the required courses and obtain the required credits.
2. The student has completed the Academic Research Ethics Education Course.
3. The student passed the Ph.D. candidacy review.
4. The student has completed the first draft of their doctoral dissertation.

5. The student has met all other applicable requirements outlined in the *Regulations of the Master's and Doctoral Degrees Examination* and the *Academic Guidelines for the Dissertation Review for International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies*.
6. The student has submitted the dissertation to the Similarity Checking System before the application of the oral defense. The similarity index of the dissertation shall be under 30% and the report shall be approved and signed by the dissertation advisor.

2) Application Deadline:

1. Announced on the website of the University.
2. After completing the required courses and with the agreement of the dissertation advisor, students may apply to take the qualification exam no later than the sixth semester of enrollment.

Article 9 Graduation requirements

Students must pass the degree examination.

Article 10 Matters unaddressed herein shall be processed following NDHU Academic Regulations and other applicable regulations and laws of the University and the Ministry of Education.

Article 11 These guidelines shall be promulgated following the approval of the Program and College Affairs Committee and shall be announced after being approved at the Academic Affairs Meeting.

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