

# Regulations for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree Program in Political Economy, Taipei School of Economics and Political Science (TSE), National Tsing-Hua University

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## Article 1: Legal Basis

This regulation is established in accordance with the “National Tsing Hua University Academic Regulations,” the “National Tsing Hua University Doctoral Degree Exam Statutes,” and other relevant regulations.

## Article 2: Duration of Study

A doctoral degree program must be completed within the duration of two to seven years.

## Article 3: Course Requirements

- I. Ph.D. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits of coursework approved by the Taipei School of Economics and Political Science (hereinafter referred to as “TSE”), excluding dissertation credits.
- II. International Ph.D. students must complete 8 credits of Mandarin courses before graduation. Credits for Mandarin courses are not counted within the minimum 30 credits of coursework required for the degree. Relevant regulations are addressed in accordance with the “Mandarin Course Requirements for NTHU International Students.”
- III. Ph.D. students must complete the “National Tsing Hua University Online Academic Research Ethics Education Course.”

## Article 4: Graduation Requirements

- I. Ph.D. Core Knowledge Examination
  - 1. Examination Requirements:** The Core Knowledge Examination consists of two subject examinations, set according to the student’s track in Political Science or Economics. Each student is allowed two attempts. The first attempt must cover both subjects and be completed no later than the end of the first academic year of matriculation. If only one subject fails to meet the passing grade of 70, the second attempt shall be limited to that subject.
  - 2. Examination Schedule:** The examinations are held in January and July of each year.
  - 3. Completion Deadline:** Students must pass the Core Knowledge Examination within two academic years of matriculation, excluding any leave of absence periods.
- II. Ph.D. Qualification Examination
  - 1. Eligibility:** Students who have passed the Ph.D. Core Knowledge Examination are eligible to apply for the Qualification Examination.
  - 2. Passing Criteria:** Students pass the Qualification Examination by satisfying any of the following conditions:
    - (1) Passing the review of two academic papers;
    - (2) Passing two field examinations; or
    - (3) Passing the review of one academic paper and one field examination.Each student’s total number of attempts for academic paper reviews and field examinations, combined, may not exceed four.

**3. Academic Paper Review:** A passing academic paper may be either a journal paper or a research paper.

**(1) Journal Paper:**

- a. The paper must be published with the Taipei School of Economics and Political Science (TSE), National Tsing Hua University, listed as the affiliated institution, and accepted by an academic journal included in the *TSE Journal Ranking List*.
- b. Student must be the sole author, first author, or corresponding author. A letter of acceptance or proof of publication must be submitted to the TSE Office for verification.

**(2) Research Paper:**

- a. Content Requirement: The paper must represent original and independent research, approaching a publishable standard, exceeding 6,000 words in length, excluding citations.
- b. Review Process: Students must complete a public presentation and defense of the Research Paper at a brown-bag seminar organized by the Taipei School of Economics and Political Science (TSE) and be approved through formal review by the Review Committee. The oral presentation shall not exceed 30 minutes, followed by a Q&A session. Students must submit an application at least one month prior to the scheduled presentation and defense date. The paper must be submitted to the committee at least two weeks prior to the presentation and defense.
- c. The Review Committee shall consist of at least three members and shall be approved by the Ph.D. Program Director. The advisor shall serve as an ex officio member, and the remaining members shall be TSE faculty or faculty teaching at TSE.
- d. The review results shall be classified as *Accepted*, *Accepted with Revisions*, or *Rejected*. *Accepted with Revisions* is considered conditional passing; students must submit the revision within 30 days for the advisor's approval. Failure to obtain approval within the period shall result in failure.

**4. Field Examinations:** The passing grade is 70. The examinations are held in January and July each year.

**5. Completion Deadline:** Students must pass the Qualification Examination within three academic years of matriculation, excluding any leave of absence periods. Students who fail to do so will be dismissed from the Ph.D. program.

III. Ph.D. to Candidacy

A Ph.D. student who meets the following criteria will advance to a Ph.D. candidate:

- (1) Passed the Ph.D. qualification examination.
- (2) Completed all of the courses required for the doctoral degree program.
- (3) Passed the English language proficiency verification.

IV. Dissertation Proposal

1. Upon advancement to Ph.D. candidacy, students are qualified to proceed with a proposal of their doctoral dissertation for review. Approval from the advisor(s) is required for the submission of the proposal. At least one advisor must be a full-time associate professor or higher at TSE, or a jointly-appointed associate professor or higher at TSE.
2. Application for Dissertation Proposal Review: Ph.D. candidates must submit their applications at least four weeks before the date of proposal review.
3. Proposal Review Procedures: The dissertation proposal will be reviewed by a committee consisting of at least five members, including the advisor(s). At least one-third of the members must be external to National Tsing Hua University. The qualifications for committee members shall be in accordance with those stipulated by the Doctoral Degree Examination Committee below.

V. Doctoral Degree Examination

1. Ph.D. candidates who meet the following conditions are eligible to apply for the doctoral

degree examination. They must submit their applications at least four weeks before the examination date, along with a draft of the dissertation (including an abstract), a copy of the transcript, the application form for the doctoral degree examination, and a report of the dissertation originality check:

- (1) Completion of at least two academic years of study and advancement to Ph.D. candidacy.
  - (2) Completion of the dissertation proposal.
  - (3) Completion of a dissertation draft, with approval from the advisors.
2. Doctoral Degree Examination Committee
- (1) The doctoral degree examination committee shall consist of five to nine members, including at least one-third of external members. The advisor is an *ex officio* member but may not serve as the chair in the examination. The chair is to be elected by the committee members attending the examination.
  - (2) Apart from expertise in the research field of the candidate, the committee member must meet one of the following qualifications:
    - a. Currently serving or has served as a professor or associate professor.
    - b. Currently serving or has served as an academician, research fellow, associate research fellow at Academia Sinica.
    - c. Holding a doctoral degree and has garnered notable academic achievements.
    - d. Having academic or professional achievements in a rare or highly specialized academic field or professional practice areas.
- TSE establishes its own specific standards for points c and d.
3. The doctoral degree examination includes examination and review of the dissertation, which should be conducted publicly in the form of an oral defense, but may be held in an alternative format if deemed necessary.
  4. The doctoral degree dissertation (including the abstract) should be written in English. A dissertation that has been used for the purpose of another degree does not qualify.
  5. The dissertation examination grade should reflect the results of the oral defense and the written dissertation itself. The Examination Committee members who attend the dissertation examination will sign an “Examination Committee Member Verification Form” to complete the dissertation review. In instances where the dissertation examination committee requests a revision of the dissertation, the candidate should revise and submit it for approval by the committee accordingly. The revision and approval must be completed prior to the next semester’s registration date, or the said dissertation examination will be invalidated.
  6. Ph.D. candidates who fail the doctoral degree examination before reaching the maximum study period may apply to take a re-examination in the next semester or next academic year. Candidates who fail the examination for the second time will be dismissed from the Ph.D. program.

#### **Article 5: Conferring of Degree**

Ph.D. candidates who have completed the graduation requirements, and whose Doctoral dissertation has been examined and approved by the Doctoral Degree Examination Committee will be conferred a Doctor of Philosophy degree by National Tsing Hua University.

#### **Article 6: Other Provisions**

Any matters not addressed in this regulation shall be handled in accordance with the relevant regulations of the Ministry of Education and the National Tsing Hua University Academic Regulations.

# 國立清華大學台北政經學院政治經濟博士班修業規定

113年10月9日113學年度第3次院行政會議會議通過  
114年4月16日113學年度第1次院課程委員會修訂通過  
114年11月6日114學年度第1次院課程委員會修訂通過

## 第一條 法源依據

本修業規定根據「國立清華大學學則」、「國立清華大學博士學位考試細則」及相關規定訂定。

## 第二條 修業年限

修業年限為二至七年。

## 第三條 修業規定

- 一、博士班研究生須完成台北政經學院（下稱本學院）認可之研究所課程共30學分（不含論文研究）。
- 二、華語課程學分另計，博士班外國學生應於畢業前修畢8學分華語課程，相關規定依「國立清華大學外國學生修讀華語課程實施要點」辦理。
- 三、修習「國立清華大學學術研究倫理教育課程」且通過課程測驗成績達及格標準。

## 第四條 畢業規定

### 一、博士核心知識考試

- (一)、考試內容：依組別而定，通過政治學或經濟學各二科考試，有兩次考試機會。第一次考試須考二科，並應於入學第一學年結束前參加考試；若僅有一科未達及格標準（70分）者，第二次僅須考該科。
- (二)、考試時間：每年一、七月。
- (三)、通過年限：入學後兩學年內（休學不計入年限）須通過。

### 二、博士資格考試

- (一)、申請資格：須先通過博士核心知識考試。
- (二)、通過標準：符合下列任一條件者，視為通過博士資格考試：

1. 通過二篇學術論文審查。
2. 通過二門領域考試。
3. 通過一篇學術論文審查與一門領域考試。

每位學生之學術論文審查／領域考試，合計以四次機會為限。

- (三)、學術論文審查：學術論文需為期刊論文或研究論文。

#### 1. 期刊論文：

- (1) 須以本校台北政經學院（TSE）為所屬機構發表，且為列入「台北政經學院期刊分級表」之學術期刊接受刊登。
- (2) 學生須為單一作者、第一作者或通訊作者，並應檢附接受函或正式刊登證明，由院辦公室審查確認。

#### 2. 研究論文：

- (1) 內容要求：論文須為具原創性與獨立完成之研究成果，並達可發表學術期刊之水準，字數須超過六千字(不含引用文獻)。
  - (2) 審查程序：學生須於本院舉辦之Brown-bag seminar中公開進行研究論文之報告與答辯，並經審查委員會正式審查通過。口頭報告時間以三十分鐘為限，隨後進行問答。學生須於預定報告與答辯日期一個月前提出申請；論文須於報告答辯二週前提交審查委員會。
  - (3) 審查委員會至少由三名委員組成，並經博士班主任核定。其中指導教授為當然委員，其餘委員須為本院教師或在本院授課之教師。
  - (4) 審查結果分為「接受 ( Accepted )」、「接受但需修訂 ( Accepted with Revisions )」與「拒絕 ( Rejected )」。其中「接受但需修訂」視為附條件通過，學生須於三十日內完成修訂並經指導教授核可；未於期限內獲得核可者，視同未通過。
- (四)、領域考試辦法：及格標準為70分。考試時間為每年一、七月。
- (五)、通過年限：入學後三學年內(休學不計入年限)須通過，未完成者將予以退學。

### 三、博士學位候選人

博士班研究生具有下列條件者，得為博士學位候選人：

- (一)、通過博士資格考試。
- (二)、修畢博士班應修科目與學分數。
- (三)、通過外國語文能力之認定。

### 四、博士論文提案

- (一)、博士班研究生取得博士候選人資格後，得進行博士論文之提案申請，申請前須經指導教授同意；指導教授至少須有一人為本學院專任副教授(含)以上，或為本學院合聘副教授(含)以上。
- (二)、申請時間：博士班候選人應於提案前4週提出申請。
- (三)、審查方式：由指導教授邀集五位(含)以上委員進行審查，且校外委員至少須三分之一以上。審查委員資格與博士學位考試委員資格相同。

### 五、博士學位考試

- (一)、博士班研究生符合下列條件可申請博士學位考試，並應檢具論文初稿及摘要、歷年成績表、博士學位考試申請表、論文相似度比對報告各一份，於口試前4週提出申請：
  1. 修業二學年(含)以上，並為博士學位候選人者。
  2. 完成博士論文提案。
  3. 完成論文初稿且經指導教授同意。
- (二)、博士學位考試委員
  1. 博士學位考試置考試委員五人至九人，校外委員至少須三分之一以上。指導教授為當然委員，但不得為主持人，主持人由出席委員互推舉之。出席委員中須有校外委員三分之一以上始能舉行考試。
  2. 博士學位考試委員，除對博士學位候選人之研究領域有專門研究外，並應具有下列資格之一：
    - (1) 現任或曾任教授、副教授。
    - (2) 中央研究院士、現任或曾任中央研究院員、副研究員。
    - (3) 獲有博士學位，且在學術上著有成就。

- (4) 研究領域 屬於稀少性或特殊學科，且在學術或專業上著有成就。  
前(3)、(4)資格之認定基準，由本學院會議訂定之。
- (三)、博士學位考試包含論文考試及論文審查，以公開口試行之，必要時得另舉行其他方式之考試。
- (四)、博士學位論文需以英文撰寫，前經取得他種學位之論文，不得再行提出。
- (五)、論文審查不另評分，論文審查通過者，由出席論文考試之委員簽署「考試委員審定書」，完成論文審定。完成論文審定者，論文考試成績即為學位考試成績。論文經考試委員審查認為須修改者，應修改後再送考試委員審查。未能於次學期註冊日前修改並完成審定者，該次考試無效。
- (六)、學位考試不及格者，在修業年限未屆滿前，得於次學期或次學年申請重考，重考以一次為限，仍不及格者，應予退學。

#### **第五條 學位授予**

授予本校博士學位。

#### **第六條 其他未盡事宜**

本細則如有未盡事宜，悉依教育部、本校學則等相關規定辦理。