

21DE Rules on the Examination of the Ph.D. Degree at the Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University

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Article 1. Purpose

The Rules provide for the dissertation evaluation and the examination for the Ph.D. degree at the Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University (hereinafter referred to as “GSID”), along with the Regulations on Degree of Nagoya University (hereinafter referred to as “the Degree Regulations”).

Article 2. Qualifications for Submitting a Ph.D. Dissertation and Classifications of Ph.D. Degrees

1. In order to submit a Ph.D. dissertation, a student must satisfy one of the following conditions:

- 1) A student who, after being admitted to or advanced to the Doctoral Program in the GSID, is enrolled for three or more years and acquires the prescribed credits and receives supervision in doctoral research. However, for those who have achieved outstanding research results, a period of more than one year may be considered sufficient.
- 2) A person who is considered to have academic capability equal or superior to those who have been enrolled in the Doctoral Program of GSID for three years.
- 3) A person who is considered to have academic capability equal to or superior than those covered in 1) and 2) above.

2. The degree conferred on the student covered by 1) above, and who submits his/her dissertation to the GSID Faculty Meeting and is accepted within three years after his/her full retirement and within six years (excluding a period of leave of absence) after she/he is admitted to the Doctoral Program, and who has completed the screening within one year after the acceptance by the GSID Faculty Meeting, is referred to as Program Ph.D. The degree conferred on persons other than the above are referred to as Dissertation Ph.D.

Article 3. Procedures to apply for a Ph.D. Degree

1. Those who apply for a Ph.D. degree shall submit three copies of the following documents (one copy each if files are electronic) along with an application form for the Ph.D. degree and the degree examination fee to the Dean:

- (1) Ph.D. dissertation
- (2) Summary of Ph.D. dissertation
- (3) List of publications
- (4) Resume (curriculum vitae)
- (5) Other documents which the GSID requests (Refer to “Submission of a Ph.D. Dissertation” (21-02DE)).

2. The application for the Ph.D. degree may be submitted at any time.

Article 4. Preliminary Examination

The GSID Faculty Meeting establishes a Preliminary Examination Committee for those who apply for the Ph.D. degree as stated in Article 3. The Preliminary Examination Committee shall report the result of the preliminary examination to the Dean.

Article 5. Dissertation Committee

1. After the Dean receives a Ph.D. dissertation that has passed the preliminary examination provided in Article 4, the GSID Faculty Meeting shall appoint three or more members to the Dissertation Committee, taking into account the opinion of the main academic advisor. Regarding Dissertation Ph.D., the procedure is stipulated in Article 6.

2. The Dissertation Committee shall be composed of three or more professors, scholars, and other experts including the main academic advisor. However, at least two of the members must be professors of GSID.

3. The Dissertation Committee shall meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) The main academic advisor is not the Chair of the Dissertation Committee.
- (2) It includes either a faculty member of Nagoya University who is not a faculty member of GSID, or a scholar or expert who is affiliated with a different university or institution.

4. A faculty member of GSID as indicated in the preceding paragraph refers to principal faculty members, cooperating faculty members, and International Student Advisors of GSID.

Article 6. Procedure for Granting a Ph.D. Degree

Within one year from receiving the application materials for a Ph.D. degree, the Dissertation Committee shall evaluate the Ph.D. dissertation, conduct a Ph.D. degree examination, and submit the results to the GSID Faculty Meeting. If a particular reason is involved and if the GSID Faculty Meeting approves after due deliberation, the examination period may be extended.

Article 7. Evaluation of Ph.D. Dissertation

The Dissertation Committee shall evaluate the Ph.D. dissertation after referring to other documents submitted. The evaluation result shall be either pass or fail, decided by a majority vote of the Committee.

Article 8. Ph.D. Degree Examination

1. After the candidate receives a passing grade on his/her dissertation, the Dissertation Committee shall conduct a Ph.D. degree examination that may be either an oral or a written examination.
2. In the Ph.D. degree examination, the Dissertation Committee may ask questions on the candidate's Ph.D. dissertation, his/her knowledge of the field of specialization, and his/her ability to engage in self-directed research activities or perform highly specialized work.
3. Candidates for Dissertation Ph.D. are required to take a comprehensive examination to determine whether she/he possesses at least the same level of specialized academic knowledge as those who complete the Doctoral Program in GSID, in addition to the matters covered in paragraph 2 of the present Article.
4. The result of the Ph.D. degree examination shall be either pass or fail, decided by majority vote of the Dissertation Committee.

Article 9. Reporting Results of the Ph.D. Degree Examination and Final Decisions

1. The chair of the Dissertation Committee shall submit a written report on the Ph.D. degree examination result to the GSID Faculty Meeting, which must include:
 - (1) A summary of the Ph.D. dissertation (of no more than 2,000 Japanese characters).
 - (2) The result of the Ph.D. degree examination.
2. The GSID Faculty Meeting shall make a final decision regarding whether to award a Ph.D. degree to the candidate based on the report mentioned above.
3. By the attendance of more than two-thirds of the GSID Faculty Meeting members (excluding those who are abroad or who are on leave from their positions), a vote may be taken. The Ph.D. degree shall be awarded by a two-third majority of the members present and voting.

Article 10. Re-examination

A candidate who is denied a Ph.D. degree by the GSID Faculty Meeting may resubmit the Ph.D. dissertation after receiving instructions from academic advisors, and s/he may retake a degree examination under the Rules.

Article 11. Publication of the dissertation

1. As provided by the Nagoya University Degree Rules, persons to whom a doctoral degree is granted must publish their dissertation and abstract on the Internet through the Nagoya University Repository. However, where there are unavoidable reasons, with the approval of the GSID Faculty Meeting, this will not be applied.
2. A candidate must submit the electronic data and other documents that are necessary for publication of dissertation to the GSID. (Refer to "Submission of a Ph.D. Dissertation" (21-02DE)) Candidates must conduct all necessary measures relating to the copyright if necessary.

These rules come into effect from April 1, 2023: provided that the provisions then in force will remain applicable in the case of a doctoral dissertation for which a preliminary evaluation committee has already been organized.