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APPLIED ECONOMICS**



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# POLICIES & PROCEDURES DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) APPLIED ECONOMICS

The following information is a guide to the policies and procedures for the PhD in Applied Economics. The information is intended for use by graduate students, faculty, and staff in the Department of Applied Economics. Additional information can be found at <http://nchuae.nchu.edu.tw/en>. Graduate forms, rules and regulations are available at <http://www.oaa.nchu.edu.tw/eng/rules.htm>.

## I. ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

### A. *General Requirements*

Duration of PhD degree:

Minimum 2 year

Maximum 7 years (excluding 2 years of academic leave)

*Note:* Students with working status are allowed an extra year to graduate.

### B. *Credit Requirements*

a. Minimum number of credits required for degree (all students): 54 credits

1. Required (compulsory) courses: 21 credits

    Selective courses: 21 credits

2. Dissertation: 12 credits

b. Credit Deduction: 9 credits maximum

*Note:*

- According to NCHU regulations regarding credit deductions, students must apply for credit deductions before the course addition and removal deadline in the first semester.
- Foreign students (excluding Overseas Chinese Students) at most 12 credits, but the courses must be taught in English, and admitted by the professor or the Departmental /Program Chair.

c. Undergraduate credits applicable towards graduation credit requirements: 0 credit

Not applicable to this department.

*Note:* According to NCHU regulations regarding course selection, graduate students may select graduate courses to supplement their academic study. A maximum of 6 credits may be applied towards the graduation credit requirements with approval from the departmental chair, the student's advisor, and the chair of the graduate department of the selected courses.

d. Number of credits from other departments applicable towards credit graduation requirements: 9 credits maximum

*Note:*

- Credits from other universities are allowed.

**C. Required Courses and Credits**

The PhD program offers 11 required courses with 33 credits in total. Students should take a minimum of required courses with at least 21 credits in total.

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1.	Microeconomic Theory (II)	3	
2.	Econometric Theory (II)	3	
3.	Macroeconomic Theory (II)	3	
4.	Microeconomic Theory (III) A	3	Select A or B
5.	Microeconomic Theory (III) B	3	
6.	Dissertation	12	
7.	Economic Analysis for Agricultural Policy (II)	3	Agricultural economics group (Select at least one course with 3 credits)
8.	Agricultural Marketing Theory	3	
9.	Economic Analysis of Non-market Assets	3	Resources and environmental economics group (Select at least one course with 3 credits)
10.	Industrial Development and Policy (II)	3	Industrial economics group (Select at least one course with 3 credits)
11.	International Economics (III)	3	

- a. If students fail a required course, they must retake it and pass before graduating. All required courses must be passed before a student is allowed to graduate.
- b. Masters students and PhD students are required to take at least one course from the following groups before graduation: agricultural economics, environmental and resource economics, and industrial economics. (2005/10/20)

**D. Credit Exemption**

For more detailed and updated information, please see “The NCHU Regulation for Credit Exemption” (<http://www.oaa.nchu.edu.tw/eng/download/rules/C03eng.pdf>).

**E. *PhD Student Evaluation***

A PhD student must select an advisor and obtain permission from the Department Director before the end of the 1st academic year.

*Note:*

If a student does not have an advisor before the deadline, their studies will be suspended.

**F. *Qualification Examination for PhD Candidates***

A PhD student may apply for the qualification exam after finishing 2 years of study, completing all courses and credits, and finishing the outline and basic content of the dissertation. The student will pass the qualification exam upon approval from two-thirds of the committee members.

*Note:*

A PhD student cannot apply to defend their dissertation if they did not pass the qualification exam. The PhD candidacy will be withdrawn from the PhD program upon their second failure of the qualification exam.

**G. *English Proficiency Standard***

According to the 2nd article of the NCHU graduate English proficiency regulation, all departments have the right to require graduate students to provide proof of adequate English proficiency before graduation. (Established in the 57th NCHU Meeting, Mar. 26, 2009).

## **II. GRADES**

- A.** For each course, a course grade of 70 or above and a student conduct score of 70 or above are required to pass. Students fail in the course if the conduct score falls below 70.
- B.** The course grade average accounts for 50% of the graduation score.
- C.** Students matriculating directly into the PhD program from a Masters program before finishing the Masters program may apply a maximum of 12 credits from their Masters program towards the PhD credit requirement for graduation.
- D.** Students matriculating directly into the PhD program without completing a bachelor or Masters program in Applied Economics may apply a maximum of 21 credits (half of PhD credit requirement excluding the dissertation) from previous academic programs toward the PhD credit requirement for graduation.

*Note:*

- Credits from required courses, selective courses, and dissertation comprise the required credits for graduation.
- The grading rules are referred to “NCHU Guidelines for Grading Students' Academic Performance” (<http://www.oaa.nchu.edu.tw/eng/download/rules/C10eng.pdf>).

### III. INACTIVE STATUS AND PROBATION, DISMISSAL AND REINSTATEMENT, GRIEVANCES

Students are afforded rights and have assumed responsibilities for adequately completing the requirements under the policies of the university. Refer to “NCHU’s Student Study Regulations”, (<http://www.oaa.nchu.edu.tw/eng/download/rules/GM05eng.pdf>) a student’s withdrawal from the PhD program is regulated by NCHU. Students who withdraw after having studied for less than one year are not granted any certificate or documentation. Graduate students must follow all NCHU regulations. If there is a violation of the regulations, students will receive punishment according to the NCHU Student Study Regulations.

### IV. PhD DEGREE PROGRAM POLICIES & PROCEDURES

#### A. *Admission*

- a. According to the “NCHU PhD Program Regulations”, applicants who have one of the following four conditions can be admitted into the PhD program at NCHU:
  1. Students who have graduated from national, private, or independent colleges and have received a Masters/PhD Degree will be permitted to take the PhD entrance exams.
  2. Graduate students of foreign nationality, with credentials recognized by the Ministry of Education, who have passed the NCHU foreign student admission evaluation will be admitted into the NCHU PhD program.
  3. Foreign nationality graduate students who are granted admission according to the NCHU Foreign Student Enrollment Regulations are admitted into the NCHU PhD program.
  4. A statement of regulations governing the admission of PhD students is set out separately.
  5. The Entrance Exam for the PhD program includes an evaluation of qualifications, a written exam, and an oral exam.

6. The number of students who are granted direct admission into each PhD program shall not exceed 40% of the total number of PhD students in that program. Only two students can be granted direct admission into a PhD program when a total of less than 5 students are admitted into the program. The number of students who are granted direct admission into the PhD program shall be included in the total student enrollment quota approved by the Ministry of Education.
- b. NCHU Admission Application for Foreign Students
1. For more detailed and updated information regarding qualification for the application of foreign degree-seeking students, academic programs and all the other required documents, please visit  
<http://www.oia.nchu.edu.tw/index.php/en/internationalstudentscategory-en/59-degree-seeking-students-admission-en/58-degreeseeking-apply-en>  
Foreign Applicants should read thoroughly, complete and submit the online application via NCHU's office of international affairs website at  
<https://missfortune.nchu.edu.tw/oiafsdeg/?action=login>
  2. For the fee information, please visit <http://www.oia.nchu.edu.tw/index.php/en/internationalstudentscategory-en/59-degree-seeking-students-admission-en/63-degreeseeking-fees-en>

**B. Faculty introduction**

Effort is made to match the specific professional interests of entering students to the areas of specialization of the faculty in the assignment of the initial temporary advisor and selection of the major professor. After becoming familiar with the research areas of the faculty, the student should select a major thesis advisory professor. The department has seven full-time professors, four full-time associate professors, three assistant professor, four part-time professors, and one adjunct professor. The following is the basic introduction of full-time faculty members:



<b>Full-time Faculty</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Professional Field</b>
<a href="#">Chia-Lin Chang</a>	Distinguished Professor and Chair	Industrial Organization, Empirical Finance, Energy Finance, Applied Econometrics, Financial Economics, Time Series Analysis, Climate Change Econometrics
<a href="#">Tsorng-Chyi Hwang</a>	Professor	International Economics and Marketing, Agricultural Policy and Finance, Rural Development and Planning, Agribusiness Development
<a href="#">Jong-Wen Wann</a>	Professor	Agricultural and Food Economics, Agricultural Marketing, Innovation Management
<a href="#">Chi-Chung Chen</a>	Distinguished Professor	Economic Analysis of Climate Change, Agricultural Policy, Resource and Environmental Economics, International Agricultural Trade, Energy Economics
<a href="#">Biing-Wen Huang</a>	Professor	Agricultural Economics, Industrial Economics, Rural and Agricultural Market Survey
<a href="#">Wei-Chun Tseng</a>	Professor	Natural Resources Economics, Applied Econometrics
<a href="#">LiHsien Hank Chien</a>	Associate Professor	Agricultural Marketing, Agribusiness Decision and Management, Industrial Economics, Risk Economics
<a href="#">Lee-Yu Shih</a>	Associate Professor	Agricultural Finance, Agricultural Economics, Financial Analysis, Insurance
<a href="#">Shu-Yi Liao</a>	Associate Professor	Computable General Equilibrium Modeling, Input - Output Analysis, Dynamic Programming, Application of Econometrics Model
<a href="#">Kuo-I Chang</a>	Associate Professor	Agricultural Trade, Empirical Analysis of International Trade
<a href="#">Yu-Chen Yang</a>	Associate Professor	Agricultural Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics
<a href="#">Yun-Ju Chen</a>	Assistant Professor	Analysis of Consumers' Willingness-to-pay, Application and Analysis of Demand Model
<a href="#">Wu-Yueh Hu</a>	Assistant Professor	Agricultural Economics, Empirical IO, Applied Econometrics

For more information regarding each faculty member's honors and awards, publications, working papers, and conference presentations, among others, please visit [http://nchuae.nchu.edu.tw/en/member.php?member\\_class=%E5%B0%88%E4%BB%BB%E6%95%99%E5%B8%AB](http://nchuae.nchu.edu.tw/en/member.php?member_class=%E5%B0%88%E4%BB%BB%E6%95%99%E5%B8%AB).

**C. *Rules for Finding A Thesis Advisory Professor***

After PhD students enroll, they are required to appoint a qualified thesis advisor within one year. A student's spouse or relatives within the third-degree of kinship (including relatives by blood and affinity) are prohibited from acting as the PhD student's thesis advisor or thesis examination committee member. The list of thesis advisors shall be approved by the chair of the department, graduate program, or credit course before it is submitted to the Division of Registration, Office of Academic Affairs for record.

If students fail to appoint a PhD thesis advisor before the deadline, they will be requested to take a compulsory leave of absence for a semester. The thesis advisor must possess a degree recognized by relevant regulations to serve as a member of the degree exam committee. Generally speaking, the thesis advisor should be a full-time NCHU teacher. However, the advisor may be a part-time teacher in NCHU or other universities, if approved by the chair of the departmental/graduate program.

a. Advisory Committee (Examination Committee)

NCHU's PhD Degree Examination (oral defense examination) will be held by the NCHU Examination Committee. The Examination Committee consists of 5 to 9 members; at least one-third of the members shall be from universities other than NCHU. Graduate student's spouse or relatives within the third-degree of kinship (including relatives by blood and affinity) are prohibited from acting as the graduate student's thesis advisor or thesis examination committee member.

A student's PhD thesis advisor is included in the Examination Committee, but is not allowed to be the committee convener. Members of the Examination Committee are recommended by the thesis advisor, approved the departmental/graduate program/degree program, and reported to the NCHU president by the chair of the departmental/graduate program/degree program. Members of the Examination Committee must have knowledge regarding the thesis topic, and must fulfill one of requirements below:

1. Have been a professor.
2. Is currently an Academician of Academia Sinica or was a Researcher at Academia Sinica.
3. Has been an Associate Professor or Associate Researcher at Academia Sinica and was prominent in academic achievement.
4. Has a PhD degree and is prominent in academic achievements.
5. Has worked in a unique research area and is prominent either in academic or professional achievement.

The qualifications specified in sub-paragraph 3 to 5 shall be determined by the academic affairs meetings of the respective departmental/graduate program/degree program.

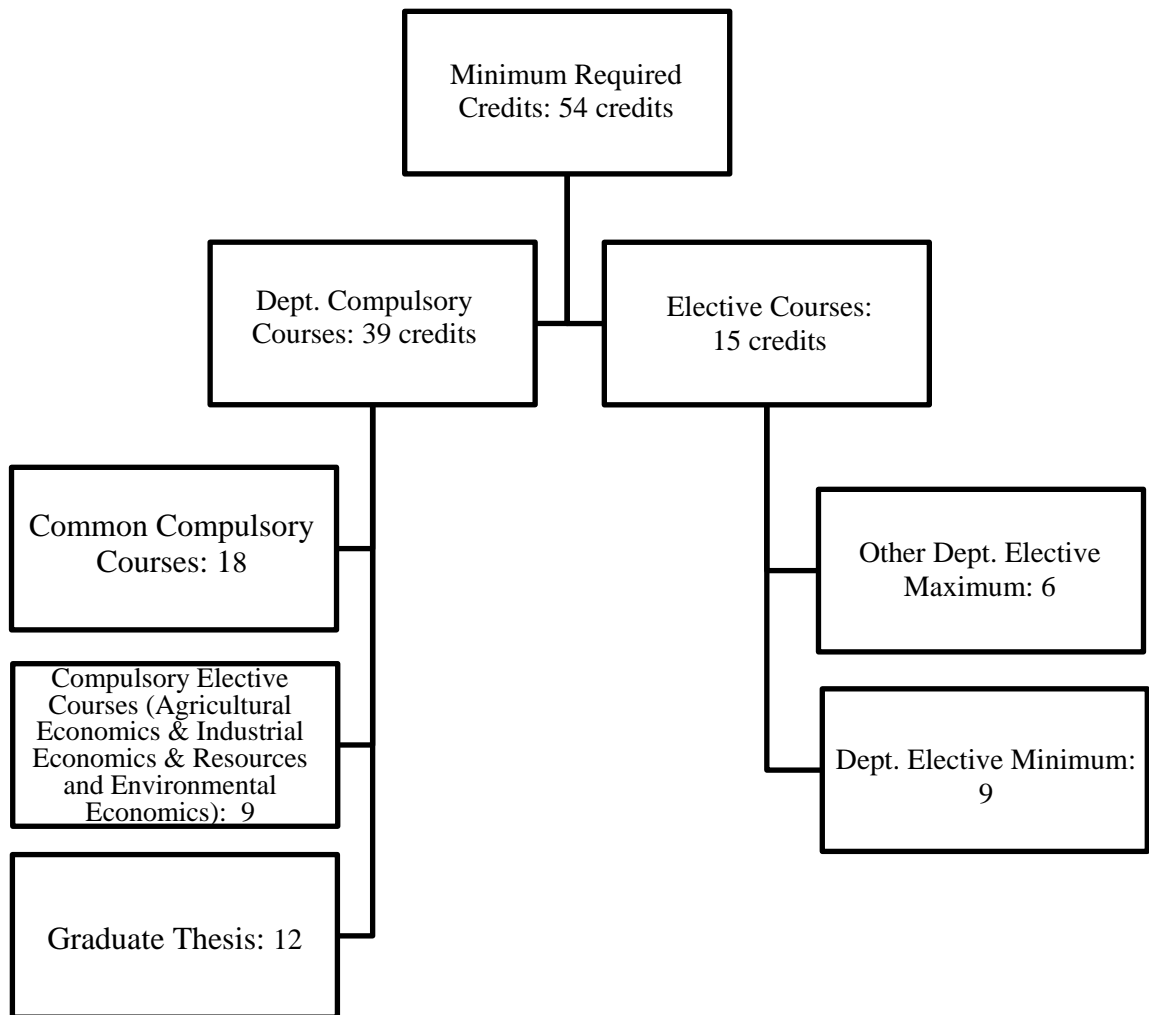
For more detailed and updated information, please see "NCHU Guidelines for the Interaction Between Thesis Advising Professors and Graduate Students" at <http://www.oaa.nchu.edu.tw/eng/rules.htm>.

**D. Program of Study: PhD**

a. General Requirements

All PhD programs should be approved and submitted to the Departmental Office at the beginning of each academic semester. The student prepares the program of study in consultation with the thesis advisor, who must then indicate their approval by signing the Program of Study form. The Director of PhD Studies must endorse the Program of Study and forward it to the Dean of the PhD School.

b. PhD in Applied Economics Course Map



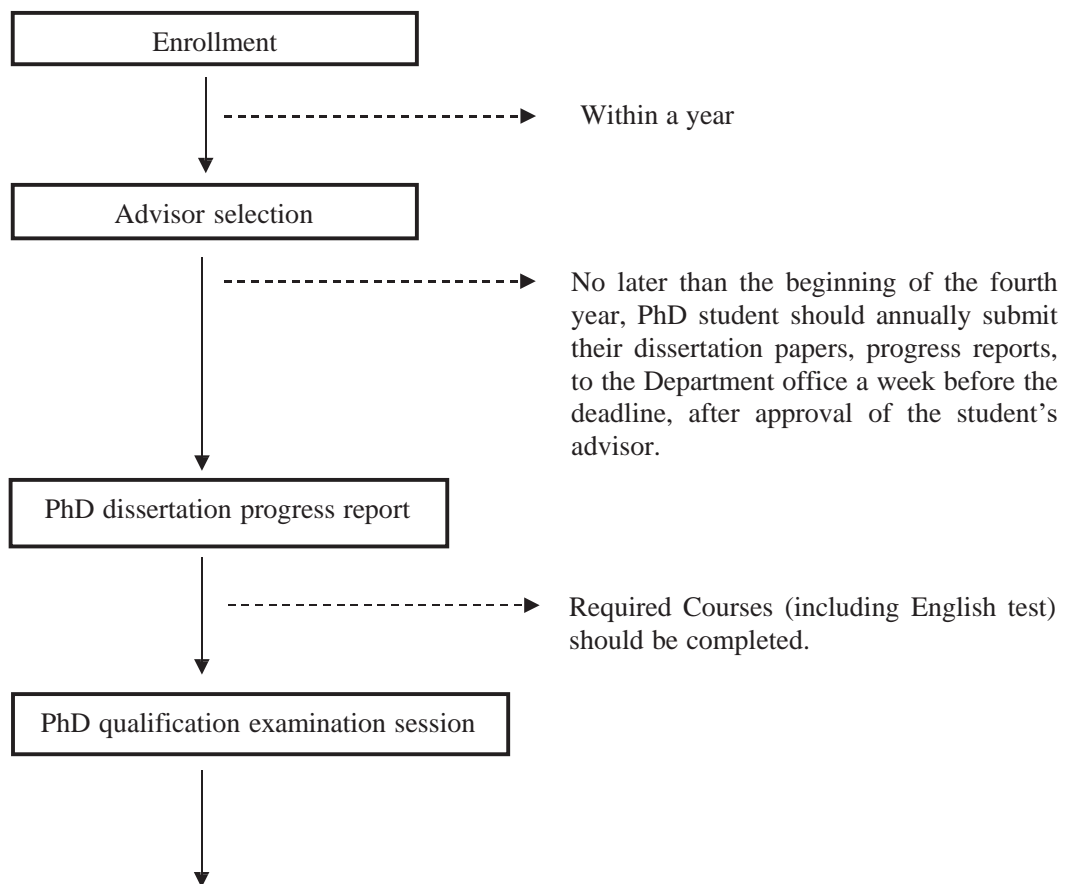
c. Notice of regulations and procedures for PhD theses

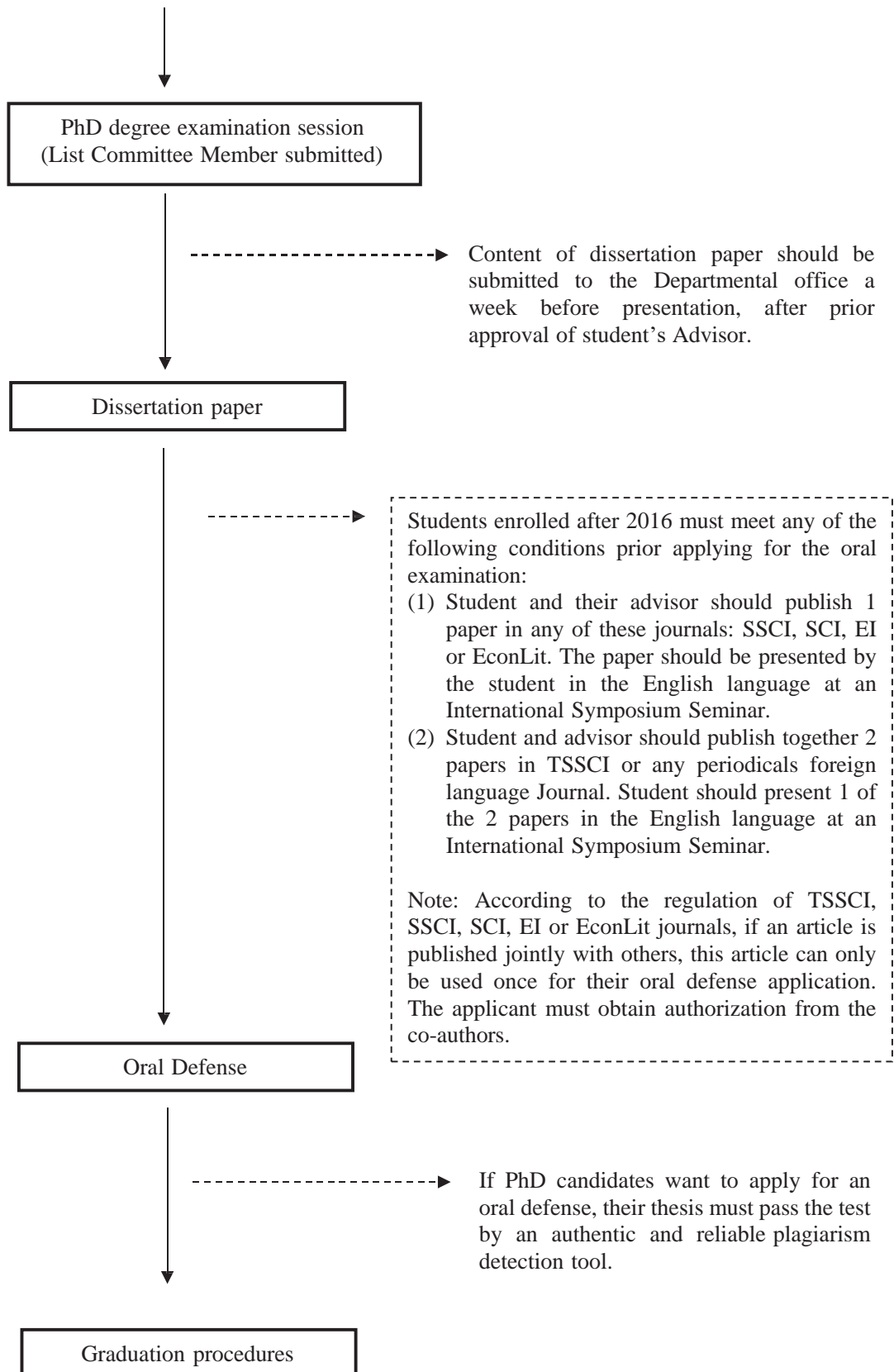
The report should demonstrate a student's understanding of the economic concepts critical to the problem. A critique of the literature related to the topic should be included in the written report. The student should provide a qualitative analysis (graphical) of the problem. The qualitative analysis may propose testable hypotheses. Finally, the student should present a quantitative framework for further analysis. Quantitative analysis is not necessarily required, although it is encouraged.

The student shall be given a minimum of 1 week and a maximum of 2 weeks to complete the written paper. The oral defense is to be scheduled no sooner than 2 days after the papers are submitted. The oral presentation and defense is open to all faculty members and students.

The student's advisory committee will evaluate the report and oral defense. A copy of the student's report should be filed with the department.

The following flowchart shows the procedure for studying the PhD degree:





**E. Modifications (“Variations”) in the Program**

PhD students wishing to transfer to another departmental/graduate program/degree program can do so only after they has studied in their original program for at least one semester before the transfer application can be filed. The application must be filed before the student registration date of the 4<sup>th</sup> semester (not counting the semester during which students are on leave of absence), and approved by the chair of the original departmental/ graduate program/ degree program. This application must also be approved by the departmental/ graduate program/ degree program to which the student wishes to transfer. The Dean of Academic Affairs and the President of NCHU must also approve the application.

**F. Research Ethics**

Every graduate student has to acquire the Research Ethics Education (REE) course certificate before applying for their final thesis exam. The department will make the decision on whether each graduate student fulfills the REE requirements.

About RRE, please visit the Center for Taiwan Academic Research Ethics Education website at <https://ethics.moe.edu.tw/>.

**G. Completing the PhD in 2-7 years**

Students who have reached the minimum period of study, completed required courses, credits, and also registered in that semester, can apply for the PhD Examination in that semester and at least 20 days before the date scheduled for the examination. Students who fail the Examination and are still within the time limit of study are allowed to apply for a re-examination in the following semester or academic year. Students who fail the re-examination will be withdrawn from the PhD program. The passing grade for the exam is 70.

The following table shows the suggested timetable [yearly plan] for the PhD degree:

Recommended Grade	Common Compulsory Courses	Core Compulsory Elective Courses			Elective Courses
		Agricultural Economics	Industrial Economics	Resource and Environmental Economics	
First Year PhD	- Microeconomic Theory (II) - Microeconomic Theory (III) - Macroeconomic Theory (II) - Econometrics (II) - Econometrics (III)	- Agricultural Development Policy - Agricultural Marketing Theory - Policy of Rural Development	- Industrial Development and Policy(II) - International Economics(III)	- Valuation Methods of Nonmarket Goods - Management of Recreational Resources	- Economics Behaviors under Uncertainty - Optimal Control Theory and Applications in Economics
2 <sup>nd</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> Year PhD	- English Writing - Dissertation				

## V. ORAL EXAMINATION & FINAL COPIES OF THE THESES

PhD students who pass the PhD Qualification Examination may apply for the PhD and be allowed to attend the Candidacy Examination. The qualifications for PhD are specified in other relevant regulations.

Students who intend to apply for the PhD Examination, shall first pass the evaluation for the PhD Qualification 20 days before the examination is held. In addition, students must fill-out the application form for the Dissertation Defense Examination, have the sealed/stamped approval of the instructor and the chair of the department/graduate program/degree program. They must then submit it to the Office of Academic Affairs for the University President's approval.

The time and the location of the PhD Degree Examination will be determined by the department/graduate program/degree program, and the Examination Committee members.

For a more detailed and updated information, please see "NCHU Implementation Guidelines for PhD Examination" at <http://www.oaa.nchu.edu.tw/eng/rules.htm>; and "Notice of attention for thesis oral defense", "The assessment and procedures" at

[http://nchuae.nchu.edu.tw/en/download\\_paper.php?download\\_class=%E8%AB%96%E6%96%87%E5%B0%88%E5%8D%80](http://nchuae.nchu.edu.tw/en/download_paper.php?download_class=%E8%AB%96%E6%96%87%E5%B0%88%E5%8D%80).

### A. *Scheduling*

The PhD candidate contacts members of the advisory committee to arrange a mutually agreeable minimum two-hour period for the oral examination. The candidate is responsible for reserving an examination room. The time and location for the examination should be reported to the departmental coordinator, who will ensure that all department faculty and students are notified. The notice should include the title of the thesis. Details of scheduling should be referred to "Notice of attention for thesis oral defense" at the official website of the Department of Applied Economics.

### B. *Administration of the Candidacy Examination*

- a. The PhD thesis examination is open to the public, and the Examination Committee recruiter must appoint a person to record the process of the examination. When the Examination Committee grades the thesis, all audience members must leave the room. A record of the entire examination process will be kept by each departmental/graduate program/degree program present the thesis scores will be sent to the Division of Registration for record.
- b. The Examination Committee must raise questions regarding the thesis topic during the examination period. The examination length must be adequate, and the written test may be held at another time, if necessary.

- c. The Division of Registration determines the thesis score by averaging the scores given by each member of the Examination Committee. The thesis score is shown on a transcript signed by all committee members and the chair of the departmental/graduate program/degree program. A score of 70 is considered the passing score for all thesis examinations. If one-half of the Examination Committee members give scores below 70, the scores given by the rest of committee will not be considered, even though the total average may reach 70. In this case, the student is considered to have failed the thesis examination.

If copyright breaching or cheating is found to have occurred and is confirmed by the Examination Committee, the student's thesis will be graded as having failed.

- d. All members of the Examination Committee must attend the examination in person, and may not be replaced by others. At least 2/3 of committee members must be present for the examination. At least 3 committee members must attend the examination. At least 1/3 of the committee members present at the examination must come from universities other than NCHU.

### **C. *Final Copies of the PhD Theses***

Students who have passed their *thesis examination* must submit two original copies of their thesis that have been signed by the thesis advisor and stamped by the department/graduate program/degree program. One copy will be stored at NCHU, and the other will be sent to related institutions for recording purposes. Graduate students must also submit the electronic files of their thesis to NCHU with the same contents.

Students who pass the *oral defense examination* shall submit four copies of the dissertation to the university library, with valid signatures of the instructor and the examination committee members. Two of the thesis copies will be retained by the university, and the other two copies shall be sent to other relevant institutes for the university collection. Students shall also submit the electronic file of the paper-based dissertation for the university collection.

PhD students must also submit to NCHU the electronic files of their thesis with the same contents via Electronic Dissertations Thesis Service (EDTS).

Electronic dissertations and theses (EDT) submitted by NCHU students are openly available, and are indexed by the Airiti Library, one of the most commonly and widely-used Electronic Periodicals in Taiwan. For information and assistance with formatting a thesis document, please see "the Guide of ETDS File Format & Conversion & ETDS Service Workflow" on Electronic Theses at [http://etds-new.lib.nchu.edu.tw/files/standards\\_en\\_nchu.pdf](http://etds-new.lib.nchu.edu.tw/files/standards_en_nchu.pdf); and some FAQ at [http://etds-new.lib.nchu.edu.tw/files/QA\\_en\\_nchu.pdf](http://etds-new.lib.nchu.edu.tw/files/QA_en_nchu.pdf).



**D. Pre-Publication of Theses**

If a student wishes to publish the PhD theses in advance of graduation, written authorization by the major advisory professor is required.

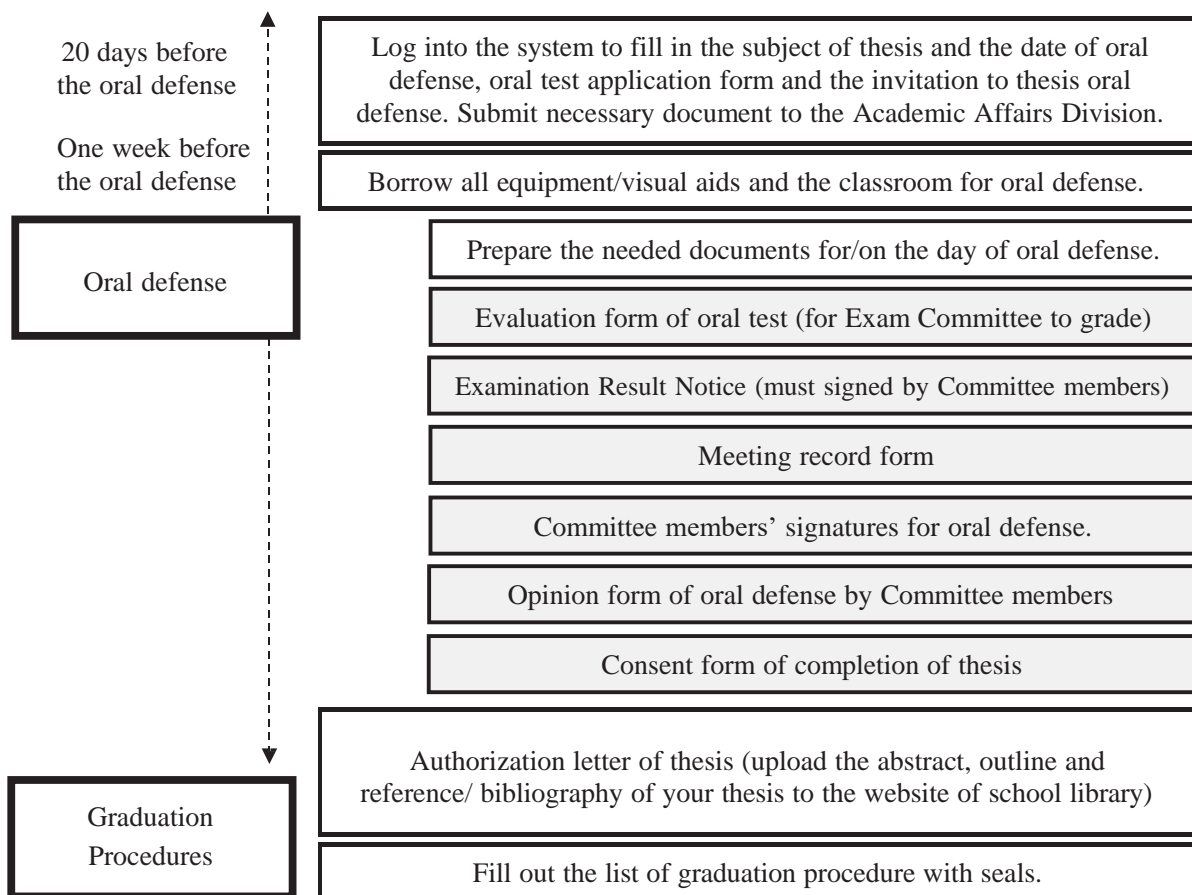
**E. Presentation and Retrieval of Data**

The PhD theses should report, describe, and/or reference the process as undertaken to derive the results presented in the thesis. The thesis should include data documentation, as well as model specification. The student shall provide their thesis advisor with all computer programs that are written or developed.

**F. Enrollment in Final Term**

All students are required to be enrolled in the term in which the degree is granted. The thesis is normally submitted during the last term of graduate studies. In cases where completion is delayed, students must enroll in the term in which the degree is granted. If PhD students fail to successfully defend their dissertation, but have not been in the program for the required time, they may apply to defend again in the next semester or in the next academic year. They will be withdrawn from the graduate program upon a second failure. A score of 70 or higher is required to pass.

The following chart shows the general timeline, procedures and notices for the thesis oral defense:



## **VI. GRADUATION PROCEDURES & PhD DEGREE CERTIFICATE**

### **A. *Procedures for Leaving School***

Students who wish to take the degree examination must submit their Thesis Exam Result Notice before the end of August (for a thesis presented in the second semester) or the beginning of the second semester (for a thesis presented in the first semester). Those who have passed the examination and fulfilled all graduation requirements shall complete the “Procedures for Leaving School.” In this case, the student’s graduation date is the end of the final exam month (either June or January).

For students who complete the “Procedures for Leaving School” before the final exam month (January or June) and who have taken no credit courses other than Thesis Writing during that semester, the date of the degree awarded is based on the actual time when the Procedures for Leaving School are completed.

Students who fail to submit the Thesis Exam Result Notice and complete the “Procedures for Leaving School” before the deadline, are required to register for the next semester. The date of the degree awarded is based on the actual time when the Procedures for Leaving School are completed.

### **B. *Earning the PhD Degree Certificate***

Students who complete the Department Compulsory and Elective courses: 54 credits, pass the qualification examination, candidacy examination and finish the procedures for leaving school, may be awarded a PhD degree certificate.

*Note:* For degrees that are already certified, but are later found to have breached a copyright or to have plagiarized in preparing the thesis, writing, presentation or reports, the degree will be revoked.

## VII. ASSISTANTSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### A. *Regulations from Office of Student Affairs, National Chung Hsing University*

- a. NCHU Student Regulations for Applying for the Emergency Assistance Grant
- b. National Chung Hsing University Financial Aid Regulation
- c. NCHU Regulation for Publication Award

National Ching Hsing University offers students some assistance; for further information regarding the policies and regulations, please visit <https://www.osa.nchu.edu.tw/osa/en/laa/regulation.html>.

### B. *Regulations from Office of International Affairs, National Chung Hsing University*

- a. National Chung Hsing University Scholarship Regulations for Foreign Degree-seeking Students
- b. MOE/NCHU Elite Scholarship
- c. Taiwan Scholarship
- d. Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) Scholarship
- e. Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Foundation (ICDF) Scholarship
- f. Nan-Liu Scholarship

National Ching Hsing University offers international students some assistance; for further information regarding the policies and regulations, please visit <http://www.oia.nchu.edu.tw/index.php/en/internationalstudentscategory-en/59-degree-seeking-students-admission-en/62-degree-seeking-scholarship-en>; and <http://www.oia.nchu.edu.tw/index.php/en/about-en/regulation-en/187-laws-and-regulations-4-en>

### C. *Regulations from the Department of Applied Economics, National Chung Hsing University*

The Department of Applied Economics offers students some support and assistance, mostly from alumni. For further information regarding the policies and regulations, please visit [http://nchuae.nchu.edu.tw/en/download\\_scholarship.php?download\\_class=%E7%8D%8E%E5%AD%B8%E9%87%91](http://nchuae.nchu.edu.tw/en/download_scholarship.php?download_class=%E7%8D%8E%E5%AD%B8%E9%87%91)

## VIII. STUDENT CONDUCT & THE AWARD, MERIT AND PENALTY

### A. *Student Conduct*

See “NCHU Student Conduct Evaluation Regulation” at <https://www.osa.nchu.edu.tw/osa/en/laa/regulation.html>

### B. *Award*

See “National Chung Hsing University Guidelines on Award for Outstanding Students” at <https://www.osa.nchu.edu.tw/osa/en/laa/regulation.html>

### C. *Merit and Penalty*

See “NCHU Student Merit and Penalty Regulation” at <https://www.osa.nchu.edu.tw/osa/en/laa/regulation.html>

### D. *Reporting Academic Dishonesty*

All members of the academic community, both students and faculty, are urged to report acts of academic dishonesty. To discuss or report an alleged violation, contact the Office of Student Affairs, NCHU.

### E. *Additional Information*

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## **IX. OTHER DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **A. *Facilities and Resources***

The main space of the department is divided into two major buildings on campus: “Applied Economics Building I” and “International Agriculture Research Center – 3rd & 4th Floor”.

“Applied Economics Building I” is the teaching building for undergraduate degree students.

“International Agriculture Research Center – 3F and 4F” is the teaching building for the Masters degree, Executive Masters degree, and PhD degree students.

“Applied Economics Building I” hosts seven Faculty Staff Offices, five classrooms (four with e-platforms), two Conference Rooms (one with e-platforms), and one Auditorium. In addition, there are two Offices for the Student Association and one Employment counselling room that provide bachelor’s degree students a meeting and study area.

“IAC – 3F and 4F” hosts eight Faculty Staff Offices, sixteen Graduate Students Research Rooms (Masters, Executive Masters, PhD) and five Classrooms. Additionally, there is one Computer Laboratory and one Library.

Since the return of relevant journals and books to the school library in the period 2011-2013, the departmental library is currently equipped with relevant books, storage of Masters degree theses, copies of the Taiwan Journal of Applied Economics (TJAE), as well as domestic and international Periodicals.

In recent years, for efficiency in teaching and research, the necessary equipment has been enriched. Hence, the research facilities of the department are separated into two areas, namely:

- a. Common Use: Projection automatic curtains, Laptops, Projectors, E-platform, Slide Projector, Copy machine, Fax machines, DV & Camera and Teaching Acoustics.
- b. Facilities in computer laboratory and faculty staff offices: Multimedia Computers, Personal computers, and Laser printers and Scanners. In addition to providing library-related services for research purposes, the Department also set up a computer laboratory equipped with 29 computers and a copy machine. Each graduate student is also issued with an access card to the computer laboratory at any time.

Furthermore, in order to offer a comfortable research and learning environment, the department exclusively provides research rooms for Masters, Executive Masters and PhD students. An average

of six Masters students share one research room; three to four PhD students share one research room; and first- and second-year Executive Masters students share one larger research room. Moreover, each student in a specific research room is provided their own desk and bookcase. Air-conditioned facilities are available, and internet connection with a personal network IP address is issued to each graduate student.

**B. *Assignment of Work Space and Mailboxes to Graduate Students***

Work space for graduate students in the Department is assigned on a priority basis, with students employed as instructors, research assistants or graduate assistants being assigned first, followed by students on fellowship appointments, and by students employed on a miscellaneous payroll.

Each graduate student has an assigned mailbox in the Department in which departmental and university mail is received with other correspondence being sent to the departmental address.

Student cards and room keys will be issued to graduate students, who bear responsibility for reimbursement should keys be lost. All keys must be returned when students are no longer enrolled.

**C. *Future Contact***

The Department of Applied Economics would like to keep an accurate database of where graduates go upon receiving their degrees. After you have secured employment, please send your position title, job description, company information and any other pertinent information to the Graduate Coordinator of the Department of Applied Economics. Position information will be used and integrated as statistical charts in marketing materials and on the departmental website to showcase to prospective students where recent graduates have taken positions.

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