National Yunlin University of Science and Technology Graduate School of Design Doctoral Program Regulations - Abridged Version

I. Course Requirements

1. Compulsory courses: 14 credits (including 6 credits for doctoral thesis)
2. Elective courses: 18 credits (at least 9 credits from one professional field)
3. For regular students, no less than 8 credits per semester in the first academic year; for in-service students, no less than 5 credits per semester in the first academic year. This does not apply to students retaking the program who have already applied for credit exemption.

II. Confirmation of Advisor

Students need to select an advisor before the end of December in the first semester of the first academic year, and submit the Advisor Consent Form and the Fulfilling School Attendance Consent Form.

III. Design Research Result Presentation

1. Presentation time: Approximately in May or June of the second semester of the first academic year.
2. Completion time: Must be completed before the third year of the doctoral program.
3. Participants: All first-year doctoral students (or those who have not passed)
4. Passing grade: 70 points or above.

IV. Qualification Exam

Application time: According to the school regulations, students can apply for the exam in the second year of the doctoral program.

Design research methods: Registration is accepted every year from July to August, and the exam is held in September.

Design literature review: Registration is accepted every year from December to January, and the exam is held in February.

※**Retaking the exam is limited to once.**

V. Doctoral Candidate Examination (to be completed within four years of admission, including suspension, and must not exceed four years)

1. Application time:
   ⑴ From the start of the first semester to December 15.
   ⑵ From the start of the second semester to May 15.
2. The following must be completed before applying for the doctoral candidate examination:
   ⑴ Completion of two academic years of compulsory credits (a total of 8 credits).
   ⑵ Passing the design research result presentation.
   ⑶ Passing the two qualification exams (design research methods, design literature review).
   ⑷ Passing relevant language proficiency requirements.
   ⑸ Submission of one or more academic journal articles approved by the institute 【which have been accepted】.

VI. Degree Application (choosing one of the following)

2 Journal Articles	1. Completion of the required credits set by the graduate school.. 2. Meeting the language proficiency requirements set by the graduate school.. 3. Obtaining doctoral candidate qualification for one semester. 4. Publications of 2 or more articles in domestic or foreign academic journals approved by the graduate school. (1) Must be published in English in one of the following journals: SCI, SCIE, SSCI, A&HCI international journals, THCI or TSSCI core journals. (2) The other article cannot be replaced by two international conference papers, but is not restricted by Chinese (domestic) or international journals.
3 Journal Articles	1. Completion of the required credits set by the graduate school. 2. Meeting the language proficiency requirements set by the graduate school. 3. Obtaining doctoral candidate qualification for one semester. 4. Publication of 3 or more articles in domestic or foreign academic journals approved by the graduate school. 【At least one article must be in an international journal approved by the graduate school.】