

# **National Yunlin University of Science and Technology, College of Design, Graduate School of Design Doctoral Program Qualification Examination Enforcement Rules**

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- I. National Yunlin University of Science and Technology College of Design, Graduate School of Design (hereinafter referred to as "the Graduate School") Doctoral Program qualification examination is conducted in accordance with the "National Yunlin University of Science and Technology Graduate Degree Examination Regulations", "National Yunlin University of Science and Technology College of Design Graduate School of Design Doctoral Program Graduate Study Guidelines", and these Enforcement Rules
- II. The qualification examination consists of three parts: written examination, design research results presentation and doctoral candidate qualification examination.
- III. The written examination includes two subjects: "Design Research Methodology" and "Design Literature Review". The examination is held once per semester, and the application and examination dates are announced by the Graduate School office before the end of the previous semester. The examination subjects are set and graded by teachers appointed by the Chair of Graduate School. Each subject is scored out of 100, with 70 as the passing score. Those who fail an exam can apply for retake, with only one retake opportunity allowed.
- IV. For the design research results presentation, students are required to orally present their proposed doctoral research direction (including literature review, research purpose, problem statement, etc.) in the form of slide presentation and must be completed and passed before the third year of the doctoral program. The presentation is held once per academic year, with the date announced by the Graduate School office.
- V. Students must pass the two written examination subjects of the qualification examination, "Design Research Methodology" and "Design Literature Review". Those who score below the passing mark but reach or exceed 45 points, students can choose to present one related paper at an international conference in foreign language in place of one written exam subject. The criteria for recognizing international conferences are determined separately. If the score is below 45, students can choose to use one accepted journal publication to replace one written exam subject, provided that the journal has been approved by the Doctoral Committee. The journal publication cannot be used for other purposes. Students applying for the doctoral candidate qualification examination must submit a written

examination subject substitution application form, along with proof of acceptance for the oral presentation or journal publication, the original manuscript, and the photos of the presentation, to the Graduate School office. After confirmation by the Doctoral Committee, the written examination subject will then be considered passed.

- VI. Students who have passed the written examination, design research results presentation, and have had one (or more) academic journal submission(s) accepted during their period of study (this submission cannot be substituted by two papers from international conferences), and have participated in the computerized TOEFL test or other equivalent foreign language proficiency test, may apply for the doctoral candidate qualification examination upon recommendation by their advisor. Students must pass the foreign language proficiency test before applying for the doctoral degree examination.
- VII. Doctoral Candidate Qualification Examination: Students present an oral report on the proposed doctoral thesis (including literature review, problem statement, research purpose, research methodology, expected outcomes, etc.) and their research progress, and is evaluated by the Review Committee. If two-thirds (or more) of the committee members approve, the student is considered to have passed the exam.
- VIII. Graduate students must complete the doctoral candidate qualification examination within four years of admission (including periods of leave of absence). For students who take a leave of absence due to military service, pregnancy, childbirth, caring for a child under the age of three, or serious illness, the period of leave of absence will not be counted in the four-year limit. Students who have not passed the doctoral candidate qualification examination and meet related regulations upon reaching the deadline will be subject to dismissal according to the University's regulations.
- IX. Graduate students are not allowed to apply for or participate in any examinations during their leave of absence.
- X. Upon passing the doctoral candidate qualification examination and meeting the requirements of the University's Graduate Degree Examination Regulations and the Doctoral Program Graduate Study Guidelines, the student will be assisted by the School in applying for the doctoral candidate certificate.
- XI. These Enforcement Rules are announced and implemented after being approved and announced by the Doctoral Committee of the Graduate School. The same applies when amendments are made.

Serious Illness or Injury - In accordance with Article 2 of the Regulations on Exemption from Self-Payment for National Health Insurance Beneficiaries - Information on the duration and validity of proof for serious illness or injury under the National Health Insurance, those suffering from diseases within these specifications may apply for an extension (a doctor's diagnosis certificate must be provided)