

**National Chung Hsing University, College of Engineering,
Department of Mechanical Engineering
Regulations for Ph.D. Graduate Students**

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1. These regulations are formulated in accordance with the NCHU Doctoral Program Regulations and the NCHU Implementation Guidelines for Doctoral Degree Examination.
2. Ph.D. students in the Department must complete at least 18 credits and attend at least two semesters of seminars. Direct-entry Ph.D. students must complete at least 36 credits (including a maximum of 12 credits from the master's program) and attend at least two semesters of seminars.
3. Before graduation, Ph.D. students in the Department must not only complete the required credits but also pass the Ph.D. candidacy evaluation (the implementation details of this evaluation are set forth in a separate document) and the Ph.D. degree examination.
4. Ph.D. students in the Department must select a dissertation advisor based on their research interests by the end of their first academic year.
5. Before the Ph.D. degree examination, students must have published (or have papers accepted for publication) at least two papers in academic journals that have a review system and are indexed in SCI or EI. At least one of these papers must be a full-length paper published in an international SCI journal, with the student as the first author.
Ph.D. candidates may apply for the Ph.D. degree examination with the recommendation of their advisor. Upon approval by the Ph.D. degree examination committee, the university will award the Ph.D. degree.
※Note: The papers must be based on research conducted during the Ph.D. study period. For the papers, at least one must list the student as the first author and the second paper must list the student as either the first or second author. If the student is the second author, the first author must be the main advisor.
6. The Ph.D. degree examination committee for Ph.D. candidates in the Department shall consist of five to nine members, nominated by the advisor and approved by the departmental committee. At least one-third of the members must be from outside the university, and one member will be designated as the committee chair (the advisor may not serve as chair). The list of committee members will be submitted by the department chair to the president for appointment. The expertise and qualifications of the committee members must comply with the relevant university regulations.
7. The Ph.D. degree examination for Ph.D. candidates in the Department will be conducted as an oral examination, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the NCHU Implementation Guidelines for Doctoral Degree Examination.
8. For direct-entry Ph.D. candidates, if their performance in the degree examination does not meet the Ph.D. degree standard, they may be awarded a master's degree in accordance with the relevant regulations upon approval by the Ph.D. degree examination committee.
9. Any matters not covered by these regulations shall be handled in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.
10. These regulations shall be implemented after approval by the Department Affairs Meeting and the College Affairs Meeting, and shall be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs for record-keeping. The same procedure applies to any amendments.

※Applicable to students admitted from the 115th academic year onward.