National Taiwan Normal University

Graduate Institute of Environmental Education

Doctoral Program Guidelines

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Applicability of this amendment: all doctoral students enrolled at the Institute in Academic Year 107 (ROC) and thereafter.

Article 1

These Guidelines are established under the relevant rules to govern doctoral studies at the Institute.

Article 2

Within one month of admission (by October 31 or March 31), doctoral students must complete the online academic research ethics course and pass its assessment before they may formally begin writing their dissertation.

Article 3

Doctoral students must complete 4 required credits:

Seminar (I): 1 credit.

Seminar (II): 1 credit.

Seminar (III): 1 credit.

Seminar (IV): 1 credit.

Doctoral electives are grouped into three areas. The minimum elective credits for each area are:

Environment: 6 credits.

Education: 6 credits.

Research: 6 credits.

Total elective credits required: 18.

Article 4

Doctoral students must complete at least 22 credits to graduate.

Article 5

Application for selection of a dissertation advisor:

1. Doctoral students must submit the Application for Selection of a Dissertation Advisor by the end of their second semester after admission. At least one advisor must be a full-time faculty member of the Institute at the rank of associate professor or above. If needed, one additional full-time or part-time faculty member from the Institute, or a faculty member from another department or university, may serve as co-advisor.

2. If a change of advisor is necessary for exceptional reasons, both the outgoing and incoming advisors must sign their consent. The signed consent must be submitted to the Institute Director for the record. If necessary, the Director may convene an Institute Affairs Meeting to help resolve the matter.

Article 7

The minimum and maximum credit loads per semester for doctoral students are governed by the Academic Regulations of National Taiwan Normal University.

Article 8

Doctoral students must pass the doctoral candidacy qualifying examination and the dissertation proposal oral examination before applying for the degree examination.

Separate rules govern the doctoral candidacy qualifying examination and the doctoral dissertation proposal oral examination.

Article 9

The doctoral candidacy qualifying examination covers "Specialized Knowledge of Environmental Education and Research Methods" and "Specialized Knowledge in the Candidate’s Research Area."

"Specialized Knowledge of Environmental Education and Research Methods" is a required examination subject.

Before applying for the doctoral candidacy qualifying examination, doctoral students may obtain an exemption from "Specialized Knowledge in the Candidate’s Research Area" if, while enrolled at the Institute, they have published one scholarly work as first author or corresponding author in one of the following journals:

- Journals indexed in SCI, SCIE, SSCI, EI, or TSSCI.
- Canadian Journal of Environmental Education (CJEE)
- Australian Journal of Environmental Education (AJEE)
- Applied Environmental Education and Communication
- International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education
- Journal of Science and Technology Policy
- Journal of Interpretation Research
- Environmental Communication
- Journal of Environmental Education Research

Article 10

To graduate, doctoral students must pass the degree examination and publish at least two scholarly works during their enrollment as first author or corresponding author in journals listed in Article 9. At least one work must appear in a journal indexed in SCI, SSCI, or TSSCI.

Separate procedures for administering the degree examination shall be established in accordance with the relevant regulations.

This amendment applies to doctoral students admitted in Academic Year 106 (ROC) or later.

Article 11

Applicants must submit the following with their degree examination application:

1. A dissertation originality report from the online plagiarism detection system. The similarity score, after excluding references and direct quotations, must not exceed 15%.

2. A signed undertaking for the dissertation examination application.

3. Evidence of publication meeting the requirements of Article 10, including proof of acceptance for publication from the journal.

Items 1 and 2 apply to doctoral candidates applying for the degree examination from the first semester of Academic Year 105 (ROC) onward.

Item 3 applies to doctoral students who pass the doctoral qualifying examination after the first semester of Academic Year 105 (ROC).

Article 12

These Guidelines take effect upon approval by the Institute Affairs Meeting. The same procedure applies to amendments.

Article 13

The Institute Affairs Meeting may review and amend these Guidelines. Any amendment shall specify its scope of application and effective date.

Article 14

Matters not covered by these Guidelines shall be handled in accordance with the relevant rules of the University and the Institute.