

Guidelines Governing Master's Degree Thesis Proposal Oral Defense The
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Article 1. The Regulations Governing Master's Degree Thesis Proposal Oral Defense at the Department of Sociology are established in order to supervise the duration the master's program students of the department of sociology take to complete their degree thesis and promote the thesis's quality.

Article 2. The master's program students must put forward the master's degree thesis proposal oral defense within the first two years of enrollment and pass the review of thesis proposal oral exams before participating in the degree thesis oral defense. The master's program students who come back from suspension of degree and fail to propose the thesis proposal oral defence date must sign a new advisor agreement form.

Article 3. Format: The master's degree thesis proposal oral defense is held in the form of a conference, taking place at the end of each semester and the students taking the current Issues of Southern Society class have to be present at the conference. The conference is consisted of one or more panels, depending on the thesis topics(s); each panel has one host, each paper one commentator. The hosts and the commentators can be served by a post-doc researcher or a full-time assistant professor or above within and outside of the university.

Article 4. Deadline for submission: The presenter must obtain the advisor's signature to approve their presentation two weeks prior to the conference; and submit a hardcopy of the proposal to the commentator one week prior to the conference before presenting at the conference. Failure to submit the paper to the commentator 7 days before the conference, the presentation qualification will be revoked.

Article 5. Subsidy: The department shall provide the venue and beverage of the conference but does not subsidise the fees of host(s) and commentator(s) in principal. However, if commentators come from outside of the university, each should be subsidized at east NT 800, depending on the department's budget.

Article 6. Review result: Faculty members of our department are the natural reviewers at the master's thesis proposal oral defence conference. The review outcomes include: 'pass', 'conditional pass', and 'fail'. Students who received 'conditional pass' have to revise the proposal within the deadline and be reviewed for the second time by their thesis advisor. Students who receive 'fail' have to retake the proposal oral defence conference.

Article 7. These guidelines were approved by the department meeting prior to implementation. Modifications shall follow the same procedure.