

Degree Exam Related Provisions of the International Master Program of Education  
and Human Development, College of Social Science, National Sun Yat-sen University

(For students enrolled in academic year 2020)

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1. The Regulations are based on “Degree Conferral Law” of the Ministry of Education, “School Regulations” and “Graduate Degree Exam Enforcement Rules” of this University.
2. Relevant information during study period:
  - (A) Limitations on study duration: students must complete their study within one (1) to four (4) years (not including the period of deferred enrolment and suspension of study).
  - (B) Course and Credit Requirements:
    - I. The postgraduates are required to complete 27 credits, including the 3 credits of Research Methodology.
    - II. The postgraduates shall not take more than 12 credits each semester (including the credits taken from other programs).
    - III. The elective courses are divided into three (3) major areas, namely Education, Applied Psychology in Education, and Statistics & Psychometrics. Postgraduate students shall select one major area and complete at least three (3) courses in the selected major area.
    - IV. The required minimum credits for graduation may be taken from other programs external to IGPEHD; however, such credits shall not be more than ten (10).
  - (C) Selection of Supervisors:
    - I. The postgraduates shall finalise their choices of supervisor and submit the Application Form of Dissertation Title and Supervisor by the end of their first study year (by the end 31<sup>st</sup> January in the first semester or by the end of 31<sup>st</sup> July in the second semester).
    - II. Supervisor has to be IGPEHD’s faculty member and co-supervisor may be selected outside from NSYSU.
    - III. If the postgraduate wishes to change his or her supervisor or dissertation title, he or she must obtain IGPEHD Committee’s approval before applying for the change.
  - (D) Others

- I. The postgraduates shall publish at least one (1) conference paper during his or her study, and to participate at least one time in conferences.
- II. The postgraduates shall become postgraduate candidates if he or she satisfies the criteria of minimum credits and Degree Conferral Law.

### 3. Postgraduate dissertation proposal

Definition of semester: the fall/first semester starts from the 1st August to the next 31st January; and the spring/second semester starts from the 1st February to the next 31st July.

- (A) The postgraduates may start the postgraduate degree defence three (3) months after passing the dissertation proposal defence.
- (B) The postgraduates may apply for dissertation defence after his or her proposal is reviewed and approved by IGPEHD Examination Committee members.

### 4. Dissertation Defence

- (A) The postgraduates may participate in a dissertation defence if he or she has completed the minimum credits as regulated by IGPEHD, has presented at least one (1) conference paper in the name of IGPEHD, and has passed the relevant regulations of academic ethics at NSYSU.
- (B) The postgraduates shall apply for the dissertation oral defence from the start date of the semester and shall be held before the end of the semester as scheduled by the University.
- (C) The postgraduates shall hand in the Application Form of Dissertation Defence two (2) weeks before the dissertation defence.
- (D) IGPEHD Exam Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members, with the supervisor of the postgraduate being the designated reviewer. There shall be at least one (1) external reviewer outside IGPEHD. The reviewers are named by the supervisor; however, the supervisor shall not be the convener.
- (E) The postgraduate shall be conferred with Master's degree if he or she passes Dissertation and Dissertation Oral Defence at the score of at least B- (70 out 100).
- (F) The postgraduates who pass the dissertation oral defence shall hand in the Review Form of Master's Dissertation with the signatures of all the Exam Committee members.
- (G) The postgraduate who does not pass the Dissertation Oral Defence and has to extend his or her study period may retake the defence in the next semester or next year. The postgraduate can only retake the defence once and discontinuation from his or her postgraduate study shall be applied, as regulated by the University, if he or she fails the re-defence.
- (H) The postgraduates who fail to complete the required courses or the minimum credits as regulated by IGPEHD after taking the Dissertation Oral Defence, the results of the Dissertation Oral

Defence will be nullified.

5. Graduation: the postgraduates who satisfy the aforementioned criteria may apply for graduation.
6. The present regulations come into force following the approval of IGPEHD and the College of Social Sciences in their meetings. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.