

National Taiwan University College of Public Health MS and Ph.D. in Global Health Program Regulations

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Chapter 1 General Principles

Article 1 These regulations are to assist Master's and Doctoral students to complete their studies.

Chapter 2 Periods of Study

- Article 2
1. Master's students: 1-4 years
 2. Doctoral students: 2-7 years

Chapter 3 Course Credits Requirement for Graduation

- Article 3
1. In addition to the master's thesis, students must earn at least 30 credits, including 20 credits from compulsory courses and 10 from elective courses.
 2. In addition to the doctoral dissertation, students must earn at least 26 credits, including 18 credits from compulsory courses and 8 from elective courses.
 3. The compulsory and elective courses and credits are specified in the curriculum map.

Chapter 4 Regulations of Qualifying Exam Towards Doctoral Candidacy

Article 4 Students enrolled in the Ph.D. program should take the qualifying exam as soon as possible since admission. The qualifying exam should take place based on the *National Taiwan University (NTU) College of Public Health (CPH) Implementation Rules of Qualifying Exam Towards Doctoral Candidacy for Ph.D. in Global Health Program*.

Chapter 5 Thesis/Dissertation Advisor

- Article 5 Master's students should select a thesis advisor by the end of the first semester. Doctoral students should select a dissertation advisor by the start of the second academic year of their studies.
- Article 6 Students should select 1 full-time lecturer ranked with assistant professorship and above based at the NTU CPH (excluding adjunct lecturers) to be their (primary) thesis/dissertation advisor.

Chapter 6 Degree Qualifying Examination

Article 7 Degree Qualifying Exams take place according to *NTU Rules of Qualifying Examination for Master's and Ph.D. Degrees at Graduate Institutes*.

1. Master's Program: Approved by the thesis advisor(s), students may request for final thesis defense. The request application should include the first draft of the thesis and all relevant application documents. The dissertation defense can be arranged only when the application is reviewed by GHP office and accepted by the GHP Director.
2. Doctoral Program:
 - 1) Doctoral students must first pass the qualifying exam towards doctoral candidacy.
 - 2) Doctoral candidates can only request for degree qualifying exam six months later after they defends their dissertation proposals.
 - 3) Approved by the thesis advisor(s), doctoral candidates may request for final dissertation defense. The request application should include the first draft of the thesis and all relevant application documents. The dissertation defense can be arranged only when the application is reviewed by GHP office and accepted by the GHP Director.
 - 4) For graduation, doctoral students should have at least one manuscript accepted or published by an academic journal or magazine recognized by the GHP.
 - i. The manuscript must be original research related to public health (theory, verification, innovation), and the student must be the first author.
 - ii. Recognized journals: SSCI or SCI listed journals.
 - iii. Any journal or magazine that is not listed above can be recognized only when the GHP reviews and approves it.

Article 8 The defense for thesis/dissertation proposals or degree qualifying exams must take place in public. The title, time, and location of the oral exam should be announced a week before the defense date by the GHP office. Those who fail to pass the degree qualifying exam may retake the exam in the next semester or next academic year, if their maximum period of study is not yet expired. The exam can only be retaken once. Those who fail again shall be ordered to withdraw from the program.

Chapter 7 Supplementary Provisions

Article 9 Students who want to change their thesis/dissertation advisor(s) should follow the *NTU Thesis Advisor and Student Agreement Guidelines*.

Article 10 Students who are unable to continue their study due to special circumstances should be

referred to GHP meetings for discussion.

- Article 11 Any matters not covered in these regulations should be handled in accordance with related rules of the Ministry of Education, NTU, and the GHP.
- Article 12 These regulations, adopted by the GHP Curriculum Committee, should be reported to the CPH Curriculum Committee and NTU Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) for recordation, and enter into force on the day when they are announced by the NTU OAA.