

The Guidelines for Qualification Exam of Ph.D.

Students in TMNDD

A. Students who have completed the required courses of the Institute for at least one year may apply to take the "Ph.D. Qualification Examination," which must be achieved within three years (that is, six semesters of registration). Those who fail to pass the qualification assessment will be dropped out of school.

B. When applying, students should fill in the application form and hand in the following documents:

1. One copy of Full Academic Transcript.
2. The draft of thesis plan and research results.

C. The following procedures shall be followed for the qualification exam.

1. The primary advisor of the student should establish a Ph.D. Qualification Examination Committee and recommends at least five scholars to the department chair. Any change of the members requires the approval from Advisor and the department chair.
2. The committee can be composed of less than 1/2 of external members, and CMU members should have the qualification to guide doctoral students.
3. Relatives within the third degree of kinship or significant interested persons of a graduate student cannot serve as the members of the examination committee.

D. Assessment procedure:

- (1) Each doctoral student should submit a research proposal and preliminary research results, which will be reviewed by the committee through an oral examination.
- (2) Qualification examination results are calculated based on the average of each member's assessment results (100 points are full marks, 70 points are passing marks). If the evaluation results of the committee members are above 90 or below 70, the evaluating members should fill in written comments. If more than one-third (inclusive) of the committee members fail the evaluation, it will be regarded as a failure.
- (3) Those who pass the qualification examination within the time limit will be called as PhD candidates.

Those who fail the qualification examination must re-apply for the examination.
Students who still fail the retest will be dropped out of the school.