The Regulation Flowchart of Doctor Degree

Course Credit Requirement

A minimum of 30 credits are required for the degree. Per semester, there is a maximum of 12 course credits and a minimum of 6 course credits (both may include credits from other graduate programs in NSYSU). Students can obtain a maximum of 12 credits from other graduate programs as degree requirement.

Two exams are required. The first is for the required courses and the second for the elective courses. Students can apply for the first exam after obtaining the minimum 30 credits, and for the second exam after passing the first exam. First Exam Schedule: first week of October and first week of March. Second Exam Schedule: last week of December and last week of May. Students must pass the 2 qualifying exams in 5 years of enrollment or will not be allowed to continue the program.

Dissertation Supervisor

Students mainly choose full-time professors from this Institute as their dissertation supervisor. Students may choose, to meet the specified field of study, an adjunct professor from this Institute or a professor from another institute with the permission of the Institute Committee Meeting, though they must choose a professor from this Institute for their dissertation defense.

Other Requirements

- 1. Publish at least 1 article in SSCI or TSSCI periodical or 2 articles in a related academic journal with anonymous review.
- 2. Achieve the lowest target of the designated foreign language exam.
- Attend at least 10 academic conferences or speeches held by the Institute.

Oral Exam for Dissertation Plan

Registration to the Degree Exam

Register for the Degree Exam Applying System on the Office of Academic Affairs website. Registration time: before 30th November in the Fall, or before 30th April in the Spring.

Candidates should complete all the other requirements before publishing their papers.

Doctoral Degree Exam

Candidates can take the degree exam 6 months after the Oral Exam for the Dissertation Plan. Candidates can register for a re-examination in the following semester only one time if they do not pass the degree exam. Candidates who do not pass the re-examination will not be allowed to continue the program.