

# National Sun Yat-sen University Department of Chinese Literature

## Master's Program Degree Examination Regulations

(For new students enrolled from academic year 2015 onwards)

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Amendment approved by the 1st Department Affairs Council Meeting, Academic Year 2007, September 26, 2007  
Amendment approved by the 1st College Affairs Council Meeting, Academic Year 2007, October 4, 2007  
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Amendment approved by the 3rd College Affairs Council Meeting, Academic Year 2008, December 11, 2008  
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1. The Regulations were defined in accordance with the "Degree Conferral Law" and its implementation bylaws as issued by the Ministry of Education, as well as the "Academic Regulations" and "Implementation Bylaws for Ph.D. and Master Degree Examination" of this University.
2. While student is at the University:
  - (1) Study period: Between one to four years in accordance with Ministry of Education rules (not including deferred admission and suspension). The study period for MA. students of the Department shall in principle be no less than three years. In special circumstances the matter may, with the approval of the supervising professor and head of department, be submitted to the Academic Development Committee of the Department for discussion.
  - (2) Academic credit system and study requirements:
    - i. MA. students must complete at least 32 credits within the study period. This does not include their degree thesis; any courses taken from another department or at another university must be related to Chinese literature and should be a course not offered by the Department in the

- current semester. Up to 6 credits may be transferred from another department or university.
- ii. If the MA. student's research direction is academic thought then he or she must study at least two non-related courses. The same applies to those researching literature or linguistics.
  - iii. Local students who did not graduate from this Department must make-up for the basic courses offered by the Department within their study period. The basic courses that must be made-up are "History of Chinese Literature" and "History of Chinese Thought"; one of the three optional courses must be taken: "Linguistics", "Phonetics" and "Critical Interpretation". Make-up courses do not count towards the credit requirements for MA. students. Students who have previously taken the above courses may present their transcript to the Department to apply for a credit transfer.
  - iv. Apart from the core courses, overseas students are limited to selecting the overseas MA. courses offered by the Department as their options, or courses approved by their mentor (or supervising professor).
  - v. Overseas MA. courses taken by local students do not count towards the graduation credit requirements.
  - vi. MA. students are required under the University's Implementation Bylaws for Academic Ethics Education to complete the academic ethics education course before the end of their first year at the University, and complete the course before applying for degree examination. Those who fail to do so will be barred from applying for degree examination.
- (3) Regulations relating to degree examination eligibility: MA. students must publish two peer-reviewed academic papers that are must also be recognized by the Academic Development Committee of the Department during their study period, or pass the scholastic examination. The scholastic examination consists of three subjects chosen by the student from among the courses offered through the MA. and Ph.D. programs of this Department taken by the student. The supervising professor shall be recused from the examination and scoring.
- (4) Assignment of supervising professor: MA. students must decide on the scope

of their degree thesis by the end of April in semester 2 of their first year.

The retention of the supervising professor requires the consent of the head of department is required. The supervising professor should in principle be a faculty member of the University. If there is no faculty member with the related expertise or the supervising professor resigns or retires, then co-supervisors may be appointed. At least one must be a current faculty member of the University.

- (5) Other: During their study period, MA. students must take part in 8 academic lectures hosted by the Department and 4 academic symposiums hosted within or outside of the University. Those who fail to meet the requirements may not apply for degree examination.

3. Master's degree examination:

Semester definition: Semester 1 is from August 1 of each year through to January 31 of the following year. Semester 2 is from February 1 through to July 31 of each year.

- (1) MA. students who satisfy the above regulations of the Department may submit their degree thesis disclaimer along with three copies of the thesis at the time specified in the University calendar to apply to sit the degree examination.
  - (2) Those who failed their degree examination and have not yet reached their study period limit may re-sit the exam in the following semester or academic year. They may only retake the exam once and those who still fail to pass shall be directed to withdraw from the program in accordance with the University's Academic Regulations.
4. Graduation: Those who meet the various requirements above may apply for graduation. Two copies of the thesis with the required changes made must be submitted as part of the graduation process.
5. The Regulations were approved by the Department and College Affairs Councils then submitted to the University President for sanction prior to implementation. Modifications shall follow the same procedure.

National Sun Yat-sen University Research Dissertation Supervising Professor Consent Form	
Name:	Student No:
Program	Ph.D. MA. MA. in-service night program <input type="checkbox"/> MA. in-service summer program
Dissertation	_____
Direction:	_____
_____	_____
Consent of Supervising Professor:	Head of Department:
1.	
2.	

MA./Ph.D. students (for MA. summer program see the specific regulations) must decide on the scope of research for their degree dissertation by the end of April in semester 2 of their first academic year. The retention of the supervising professor requires the consent of the head of department is required. The supervising professor should in principle be a faculty member of the University. If there is no faculty member with the related expertise or the supervising professor resigns or retires, then co-supervisors may be appointed. At least one must be a current faculty member of the University.

[The following fields are used when applying to make changes]

National Sun Yat-sen University Department of Chinese Literature Application for Changes to Supervising Professor		
Name:	Student No.:	
Program	Ph.D. MA. MA. in-service night program <input type="checkbox"/> MA. in-service summer program	
Semester of Change	Academic Year	Semester
Type of Change	Change of supervising professor	
	Supervising professor's signature	
	Add ___ supervising professor(s)	
	Supervising professor's signature	
Remove ____ supervising professor		Supervising professor's signature
Original supervising professor's consent:	Head of Department's signature:	

National Sun Yat-sen University

Department of Chinese Literature

Research Student **Academic Paper Review** Application

Applicant		Student No.	
Date of Application		E-MAIL	
Review Items	Degree examination waiver for MA. student Publication of academic paper by Ph.D. student	Telephone	

Dissertation Information

	Paper 1	Paper 2
Dissertation Name		
Name of Journal (Conference)		
Issue, Year/Month of Publication (Conference Date)		
Publisher (Organizer)		
Submitted Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> One photocopy of the full text of the paper <input type="checkbox"/> Review opinion and proof of anonymous review <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of publication (if published, provide photocopy of relevant pages) <input type="checkbox"/> Conference schedule of academic symposium	

**Review Result (Office Use Only)**

**This application was reviewed by the \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Development Council meeting of this Department in academic Year \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (YYYY/MM/DD)**

**Pass**

**Fail**

Staff in Charge Signature		Head of Department Signature	
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National Sun Yat-sen University

Department of Chinese Literature

Research Student **Scholastic Examination** Application

Applicant		Student No.	
Date of Application		E-MAIL	
Supervising Professor		Telephone	
<b>Ph.D. Student</b>	<p>Qualification Exam (<b>please attach transcript</b>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>1st Application    <input type="checkbox"/>2nd Application</p> <p>Subject (Instructor):</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p>	<p>※This qualification exam should in principle be completed in the 3rd year after enrollment, and no more than 5 years.</p> <p>※I, the undersigned have completed the required number of credits and the selected subjects are not those taught by my supervising professor. If the above is not true then the results of this examination will not be counted.</p> <p><b>Applicant signature:</b></p>	
	English proficiency test		



<b>Master's Student</b>	Subject (Instructor):		<i><b>Avoid choosing subjects taught by the supervising professor. Separate applications for each subject may be submitted. The applicant must pass all three subjects to complete the scholastic examination. Please attach the exam results at the end.</b></i>
	1. _____	2. _____	
	3. _____		<b>Applicant signature:</b>
<b>Office use only</b>			
Processing remarks: (Examination date:                      Year                      Month                      Day)			
Result of Examination	_____ Points	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Staff in Charge Signature		Head of Department Signature	

- ※ This form is to be used for students enrolled from academic year 2011 onwards. Students enrolled before academic year 2010 who wish to take their exam under the new scheme may use this form as well.
- ※ The application deadline for this examination in semester 1 is from after enrollment through to October 5; for semester 2 the application deadline is March 5.