

National Central University Department of Philosophy Doctoral Program Study Schedule for the 112th Academic Year, 2nd Semester (Qualification Examination and Thesis Proposal Defense)113/01/18

Date	Event	Description
Before March 18th	Application for Qualification	Doctoral students must complete ten credits before applying. Application must be made within one month from registration day.
June 3rd to June 7th	Qualification Examination	The examination includes choosing one subject from Applied Philosophy, Western Philosophy, or Contemporary Interpretation of Chinese Philosophy and presenting a thesis. Alternatively, the examination can include either Metaphysics and Epistemology or Ethics and Political Philosophy (choose one). For students in the Medical Ethics Group, the examination includes Bioethics and an oral defense based on a relevant paper published in an international journal. Examination is scheduled three months after registration day. If a subject is failed, a reexamination can be taken after six months (next semester). Failure in the second attempt results in termination of doctoral student status.
Before April 12th	Submission of Doctoral Thesis Proposal (4 copies)	Writing can commence only after approval from the thesis review committee appointed by the department chair. The research scope for doctoral thesis focuses on "Contemporary Interpretation of Chinese Philosophy," "Western Philosophy," or "Applied Philosophy." For students in the Medical Ethics Group, the research scope focuses on Bioethics. The advising professor should primarily be a faculty member of this department. Note: Proposal can only be submitted after passing the qualification examination.
Doctoral Thesis Graduation Oral Defense		
Before April 12th	Submission of Final Thesis (with advisor's approval)	Apply for oral defense within eight weeks of the semester start through the department office and submit: (1) Hard copies (6 copies of thesis with "For Oral Defense" on the cover) 1.Six copies of the thesis (with "For Oral Defense" noted on the cover) 2.Transcript of academic records (ensure all required credits are completed) 3.Advisor's recommendation letter (obtain advisor's signature, submit original to the department office, and keep a copy) 4.Certificate of completion of academic ethics course (self-printed) (2) Electronic files (combine the following in sequence into a single PDF file for upload) 5.Signed advisor's recommendation letter 6.Electronic receipt of plagiarism check report 7.Transcript of academic records 8.Certificate of completion of academic ethics course 9.Abstract and initial draft of the thesis Complete the application form for degree examination and upload the electronic files on the "National Central University Portal" -> "Service Center" -> "Academic Affairs Area" -> "Degree Examination Application." If the application is not approved, it will be returned for correction.
June 3rd to June 28th	Thesis Schedule Defense	"The department office will arrange defense schedules for students after the thesis has been sent to each committee member."

July 31st	University Procedures for Leaving and Degree Certificate Collection Deadline	Submit three copies of the thesis (1 hardbound copy to the department office, 1 hardbound copy to the library, and 1 softbound copy to the registration office). Follow library regulations for submission of copies. For other procedures, refer to the "National Central University Portal" -> "Student Services" -> "Academic Affairs Services" -> "Checklist for Leaving Procedures" and comply with the regulations.
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Notes:

1. All deadlines in this schedule are final. Students must complete tasks within the specified deadlines, and no extensions will be granted.
2. Before applying for thesis defense, students must submit the "Graduate Student Thesis Advisor Agreement" (download from <http://phi.ncu.edu.tw/forms>, obtain advisor's agreement and signature) to the department office.
3. Before applying for thesis defense, students must ensure they have completed sufficient credits and met the specified requirements. Academic records from previous years must be submitted with the defense application.
4. Obtaining certificate of completion of academic ethics course: Ministry of Education Taiwan Academic Ethics Education Resource Center -> Click "Mandatory Students" for login -> Coursework and Tests -> Click "Student Homepage-Learning Progress" -> Download certificate (upload this file).