

註: 此英文翻譯為輔助外籍同學理解，僅供參考法規內容。相關規定悉依本系中文版法規辦理。 Note: These documents have been translated from Chinese to assist foreign students and are meant to serve as a reference only. The relevant regulations shall be handled in accordance with the original Chinese language versions.

## **The Graduate School of Geography, National Taiwan University**

### **Requirements of the Ph.D. Candidacy Examinations**

- I. These requirements are enacted to ensure that doctoral students are equipped with the necessary academic qualifications and research abilities. They are written in accordance with Article 26 of the University Act and Article 7.1 of Degree Conferral Act.
- II. Matters related to the qualification assessment of this department are handled by the Student Affairs Steering Committee, as convened by the Department Chair.
- III. Doctoral students enrolled after the 2007 academic year (inclusive), and who have completed the required course credits (inclusive of their current semester), are required to provide proof of passing the TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS English proficiency tests (minimum passing score for legacy TOEFL tests of 550 is equivalent to the minimum scores for TOEFL CBT of 213, TOEFL iBT of 79, TOEIC of 750, IELTS of 6.0), before applying for the qualification exam. Applications are processed once per semester. The following materials are required for all applications: qualification examination and thesis proposal applications, official transcripts of past semesters, and thesis proposal. Applications must be submitted to the department office before the deadline specified in the academic calendar.
- IV. Qualification examinations are conducted in the form of written examinations. The examination subjects are divided into “Common Subjects” and “Professional Subjects”.
  1. The “Common Subjects” for those enrolled before the 2016 academic year (inclusive) are either “Geographic Thought and Methodology” or “Professional Review Article” (choose one). Those enrolled from the 2017 academic year will be given “Professional Review Article”. “Geographic Thought and Methodology” assessment will be created by five faculty members as appointed by the Student Affairs Steering Committee. “Professional Review Article” will be reviewed and assessed by an external reviewer chosen by the Student Affairs Steering Committee.
  2. The “Professional Subjects” portion will be evaluated by the members of the doctoral student’s academic steering committee and supervisor. The content of the exam will be based on the major of the student and the thesis subject.
- V. The minimum passing score for successful completion of the exam is 70 points in each subject. Those who fail the first qualification exam may apply for a second exam (only

failed subjects will need to be retested). Students who fail the second exam will be dropped from the doctoral program according to university regulations.

- VI. Graduate students (including part-time and full-time students) must pass their exam before the end of the fourth academic year (including periods of suspended study) in order to obtain the qualification as Doctoral Candidates (for those enrolled from the 2014 academic year), otherwise the student shall be deemed as failing the qualification exam, and dropped from the doctoral program. Only under extenuating circumstances (e.g. parental leave, childcare for children under 3 years of age, major injury, illness, military service, or other factors), the Student Affairs Steering Committee is authorized to extend this deadline at their discretion.
- VII. After successfully passing the written qualification examination, the thesis proposal must be submitted within one month. After completing these requirements, the qualification of Doctoral Candidate shall be granted.
- VIII. These regulations will be announced and implemented after passage by the department meeting. If there are unresolved matters, please follow the relevant university regulations.