

Application for the Doctoral Qualification Exam

1. Eligibility: Doctoral students who have completed the graduation credits of the Program may apply for the Qualification Exam.

Semester	Application Date	Announcement of Reading List	Cancellation Date	Exam Date
Fall (first)	Before end of July	Before end of September	November 10-17	End of December
Spring (second)	Before the end of January	Before end of February	April 1-14	End of May

2. Application and Exam Date:

Note: Cancellations for any reason should be made within the stipulated time. Cancellation is limited to one time.

3. Please submit the “Application Form of Doctoral Qualification Exam” and a transcript to the office.
4. The examination shall be taken within two years after enrolment and shall be no later than the fifth year of study.
5. The questions and marking of the examination shall be designed and done by the Program’s Doctoral Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of at least 3 members who have relevant expertise of the exam and at least one of the committee members shall be external examiner hired from outside of the University.
6. At least B- (70 percent grade) grade is required to pass the qualification examination. Students can retake the qualification examination two times.
7. If not taking the qualification examination, the students may also publish in the name of the Program an academic thesis in a SSCI, SCI, A&HCI journal (acceptance by a journal is counted as having been published). Students must be the lead (or corresponding) author of the theses and the theses must not be the students’ master’s program graduating theses. Each thesis can only be registered to one student only if more than one person is on the authorship.