

### Evaluation Criteria for M.S. Academic Thesis

- I. Appropriateness of research objective/theme, title/subtitle, etc.
  1. The research objective has been indicated clearly and the title reflects the contents of the dissertation appropriately.
  2. The research theme is appropriately in line with the research objective and contents.
- II. Appropriateness, adequacy, and originality of awareness of current circumstances, identification of issues/establishment of problems, analysis method/resolution method, conclusion
  3. The individual's awareness of current circumstances, identification of issues, and establishment of problems, etc., are appropriate in light of the research objective.
  4. The contents indicate originality, new knowledge, contributions, etc.
- III. Appropriateness of the dissertation structure/consistency and adequacy of the discussion/appropriateness of the conclusion, etc.
  5. The research objective or a basic research question is clearly stated.
  6. A clear framework of analysis is developed with adequate review of literature, clear identification and definitions of concepts, and theoretical supports.
  7. The framework of analysis develops the authors' creative arguments.
  8. Research method, information sources, and data properly correspond with the framework of analysis.
  9. The analyses are conducted appropriately and logically to correspond to research objectives and the analytical framework.
  10. The analytical findings clearly support conclusions.
- IV. Clarity/argument construction/appropriateness of textual expression, etc.
  11. The thesis is structured logically and persuasively and is easy to understand.
- V. Dissertation format, use of citations, indication of reference materials, etc.
  12. The thesis is organized in an overall format suitable for a master's dissertation, including notes, proper citations, reference materials, etc.

### Evaluation Criteria for M.S. Project-Oriented Thesis

- I. Appropriateness of research objective/theme, title/subtitle, etc.
  1. The project objective has been indicated clearly and the title reflects the contents of the dissertation appropriately.
  2. The project theme is appropriately in line with the research objective and contents.
- II. Appropriateness, adequacy, and originality of awareness of current circumstances, identification of issues/establishment of problems, analysis method/resolution method, conclusion

3. The individual's awareness of current circumstances, identification of issues, and establishment of problems, etc., are appropriate in light of the research objective.
4. The contents indicate originality, new knowledge, contributions, etc.
- III. Appropriateness of the dissertation structure/consistency and adequacy of the discussion/appropriateness of the conclusion, etc.
  5. The project objective or a basic research question is clearly stated.
  6. A clear framework of project components and structure is developed with adequate review of literature and existing cases, clear identification and definitions of concepts, and logical connections identified concepts and elements.
  7. The framework of project components contains creative, innovative, and pragmatically relevant contents of the authors' arguments.
  8. Methods for developing the project, information sources, and data properly correspond with the framework of project component.
  9. The project development is conducted appropriately and logically to correspond to project objectives and the methods of development.
  10. The project testing with proper methods has to clearly support the validity and effectiveness of project outcome.
- IV. Clarity/argument construction/appropriateness of textual expression, etc.
  11. The thesis is structured logically and persuasively and is easy to understand.
- V. The thesis is organized in an overall format suitable for a master's dissertation, including notes, proper citations, reference materials, etc.
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#### Evaluation Criteria for Ph.D. Dissertation

- I. Appropriateness of research objectives/themes/title/subtitle/etc.
  1. Research objectives are clearly defined and the title reflects the contents of thesis.
  2. Research themes are in line with research objectives/contents and are original.
- II. Appropriateness, adequacy, and originality of research questions, methods, analysis, and conclusion.
  3. Research questions are appropriate
  4. Research framework and methods are appropriate and effective, drawing upon the existing literature.
  5. Research demonstrates originality and contribution to the field.
- III. Appropriateness of the organization of thesis, consistency of arguments and conclusions
  6. Organizational structure is appropriate for the research objectives and logically

consistent.

7. Concepts, theories, and special terminology are clearly defined and understood.
  8. Necessary materials, data, and literature are appropriately shown and analyzed.
  9. Conclusions are drawn from adequate evidence.
- IV. Clarity and appropriateness of arguments and expressions
10. The main arguments are clear and easy to understand
  11. Expressions are appropriate and research objectives are easily understood.
- V. Appropriateness of format, citations, bibliography
12. Format is appropriate as an M.A. thesis, with adequate notes, citations, and references.

#### Examination Committee for M.S. Academic Thesis/Project-Oriented Thesis

Dean of the graduate school will appoint at least two faculty members as thesis examiners. The examiners will form an examination committee. In addition, the dean can appoint individuals from other graduate schools within the university or from other universities to the examination committee. In such a case, the dean must obtain permission from the university president.

#### Examination Committee for Ph.D. dissertation

Dean of the graduate school will appoint at least three faculty members as dissertation examiners. The examiners will form an examination committee. In addition, the dean can appoint individuals from other graduate schools within the university or from other university to the examination committee. In such a case, the dean must obtain permission from the university president.

#### Requirements for Graduation

1. <For a master's degree> Enrollment in the program for at least 2 years, completion of 40 credits or more of course work, and successful completion of Master's thesis (including oral defense).
2. Students with exceptional academic record may graduate in less than two years.
3. <For a doctoral degree> Enrollment in the program for at least three years, completion of 16 credits or more of course work, passing of two preliminary examinations, passing of research proposal evaluation, and successful completion of Ph.D. dissertation (including oral defense).

#### Degree Conferred

Master of Science in Digital Business and Innovation/Doctor of Philosophy in Digital Business and Innovation