

### Evaluation Criteria for M.A. Thesis

- 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.

### 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.
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#### Examination Committee for M.A. 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 32 credits or more of course work, and successful completion of an M.A. thesis (including oral defense).
2. Students with exceptional academic record may graduate in less than two years.
3. <For a doctoral degree> Completion of 20 credits or more of course work, passing of the thesis qualifying examination, and successful completion of Ph.D. dissertation (including oral defense).

#### Degree Conferred

Master of Arts in Economics/Doctor of Philosophy in Economics