

# **National Sun Yat-Sen University**

## **Implementation Guidelines for the Qualifying Examination of Ph. D. Candidates**

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- Article 1 The Guidelines are established according to the Degree Conferral Law and its implementation of the bylaws to improve the research and professional capability of Ph. D students and ensure their academic accomplishments.
- Article 2 Graduate students of the Ph. D. program must take a strict qualifying examination. The department (institute) may approve a graduate student as a Ph. D. candidate if he/she passes the qualifying examination and meets the application requirements for Ph. D. candidates as specified in the Implementation Bylaws for Ph. D. and Master's Degree Examinations.
- Article 3 The qualify examination must be basically taken within two years and no more than five years after admission into the Ph. D program. The times to apply for the qualifying examination for each course are determined by the department (institute). A graduate student who does not take the qualifying examination within the timeframe or observe the application times as specified, the department (institute) may notify the Office of Academic Affairs to stop the schooling of the graduate student.
- Article 4 The qualifying examination is taken in oral form or in both oral and written forms. The department (institute) shall form a committee to deal with the affairs related to the examination.
- Article 5 After the graduate student of Ph. D program passes the qualifying examination, the department (institute) will notify the Office of Academic Affairs to list him/her in the grade record list.
- Article 6 The department (institute) establishes the guidelines for implementation of the qualifying examination for Ph. D candidates. The guidelines are subject to approval of the department (institute) and president. It will be implemented after approved by the president and sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.
- Article 7 The Guidelines are approved at the meeting of academic affairs and implemented after being reported to the Ministry of Education for reference. The same procedure is applicable to the amendment of the Guidelines.

(These guidelines are enacted in Chinese, which shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English translation and the Chinese original.)