

Thesis Examination Committee at each graduate school, etc

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G r a d u a t e  S c h o o l  o f  H u m a n i t i e s	Department of Human Philosophy	<p>&lt;Overall&gt; (1) A doctoral thesis plan must be submitted by the end of the academic year preceding the submission of the thesis and must be approved by the Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee and the Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council. (2) Approval must be obtained for the submission of the doctoral thesis and the application for review of the doctoral thesis from the Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>&lt;Philosophy and Ethics&gt; Philosophy: Three or more publications in refereed academic journals; three or more conference presentations Ethics: Two or more publications in refereed academic journals (including one or more in a national academic journal); one or more conference presentations</p> <p>&lt;Eastern Thought&gt; History of Indian Philosophy: Three or more papers (including one or more in a national academic journal) History of Chinese Philosophy: Three or more papers (including at least one in a refereed academic journal or an overseas journal); one or more conference presentations</p> <p>&lt;Art Studies&gt; Art Studies: Three or more publications in national or equivalent academic journals; three or more conference presentations</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) will be composed of four or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be the supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee must not be composed solely of faculty members of the same course. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools, departments, or research institutes at this university may be included in the screening committee. In this case, only one such person may be included as one of the three or more Examiners.</p>	<p>(Cases when external faculty members are appointed to the screening committee) If the presence of an authoritative scholar of the main research topic from outside the University is deemed necessary to properly evaluate the thesis</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics (7) The thesis must contain a systematically organized, persuasive argument, with a consistent awareness of the issues in question.</p>	<p>[First year] (1) After entering the doctoral program, students select their supervisors and assistant supervisors (including those outside the course) and submit a doctoral research plan with their approval. (2) <b>Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council:</b> Approves the appointment of supervisors and assistant supervisors and the composition of a Doctoral Thesis Guidance Committee (3) Students submit their doctoral thesis plans to their supervisors. (4) <b>Doctoral Thesis Guidance Committee:</b> Reviews the doctoral thesis plans submitted by students (Second year) (5) <b>Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council:</b> The Doctoral Thesis Guidance Committee presents its review results, and following approval of the same, it grants the preliminary qualification for doctoral thesis preparation. (6) <b>Doctoral Thesis Guidance Committee:</b> Progress reports from students. (Third year) (7) <b>Doctoral Thesis Guidance Committee:</b> Approves the submission of doctoral theses and requests for thesis review (8) <b>Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council:</b> Deliberates on and appoints a Thesis Screening Committee (9) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Oral examinations and public hearings will be held by the Thesis Screening Committee members comprised as detailed above. (10) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The results of the review are presented to the Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council. Vote on approval (11) <b>Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council:</b> Takes the decision regarding the awarding of doctoral degrees</p>	
	Department of History and Geography	<p>&lt;Overall&gt; (1) A doctoral thesis plan must be submitted by the end of the academic year preceding the submission of the thesis and must be approved by the Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee and the Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council. (2) Approval must be obtained for the submission of the doctoral thesis and the application for review of the doctoral thesis from the Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>&lt;Japanese History&gt; Japanese History: Four or more papers (including two or more in refereed academic journals); two or more conference presentations</p> <p>&lt;Asian History&gt; Eastern History: Three or more papers (including two or more in refereed academic journals) Korean History: Two or more publications in refereed academic journals Archaeology: Two or more publications in refereed academic journals</p> <p>&lt;Regional History of Civilizations&gt; Western History: Two or more publications in refereed academic journals History of Islamic Civilization: Two or more publications in refereed academic journals</p> <p>&lt;Geography&gt; Geography: Three or more papers (including two or more in refereed academic journals)</p>					
	Department of Language and Literature	<p>&lt;Overall&gt; (1) A doctoral thesis plan must be submitted by the end of the academic year preceding the submission of the thesis and must be approved by the Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee and the Graduate School of Humanities Faculty Council. (2) Approval must be obtained for the submission of the doctoral thesis and the application for review of the doctoral thesis from the Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>&lt;Japanese and Eastern Literature&gt; Japanese Linguistics / Japanese Literature: Three or more papers (including one or more in a refereed academic journal) Chinese Literature: Three or more papers (including one or more in a refereed academic journal)</p> <p>&lt;Western Literature&gt; English Linguistics / English Literature: Four or more papers (including two or more English-language papers, two or more in refereed academic journals, and one or more in a national academic journal) German Literature: Three or more papers French Literature: Three or more papers</p> <p>&lt;Linguistics&gt; Linguistics: Two or more papers; three or more conference presentations *Doctoral students must pass two interim reviews conducted by their advisors and assistant advisors.</p>					

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Graduate School of Science	Department of Integrated Sciences for Global Society	<p>This school provides interdisciplinary education and has a wide range of student research themes. The guidelines for the submission criteria are shown below. However, the specific criteria (i.e., the required number of papers and conference presentations, conditions relating to authorship, language, etc.) shall be determined separately according to each research topic. When doctoral students submit their first research proposal after admission, the advisors will consult and decide on the submission criteria. At this time, the criteria set may be more or less stringent than the guidelines. In addition to the applicant's academic achievements, the advisors will decide on the documents to be submitted by him/her in consideration of their progress in terms of thesis preparation.</p> <p>Doctorate (Science) Two or three papers (including one or more peer-reviewed paper—generally in English—in which the applicant is the first author)</p> <p>Doctorate (Ph.D.) One to three papers (including one or more peer-reviewed papers) or equivalent research results</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee shall have five members (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and four Examiners). The Examination Committee Chair will be the applicant's principal academic supervisor, and the Examiners will be selected by a vote at the graduate school's Faculty Council based on the recommendation of the supervisors. Screening committee members may include university faculty members from graduate schools other than this school, as required.</p>	<p>(Cases when external faculty members are appointed to the screening committee) There are no special conditions. However, faculty members from outside the University who are familiar with the research field of the doctoral thesis may be included in the thesis screening committee to ensure greater objectivity.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p>• Applicants should submit their thesis applications along with qualifying documents to their supervisors in advance and undergo screening so as to determine whether they qualify. Those so approved will become candidates to be qualified for thesis submission. • Candidates to be qualified for thesis submission should submit their application along with documents to the Dean of the Graduate School. <b>Faculty Council:</b> Once applications along with qualifying documents for thesis submission have been accepted, a Preliminary Screening Committee (comprising one Examination Committee Chair and four Examiners) will be constituted at the Faculty Council. With the establishment of the Preliminary Screening Committee, applicants gain the qualification to submit their theses. <b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> The Preliminary Screening Committee reviews preliminary review theses. This must take place within six months from the date of the meeting of the Faculty Council. • If a thesis is acceptable upon revision, the Committee will re-screen the resubmitted thesis. • The Examination Committee Chair of the Preliminary Screening Committee reports the completion of the preliminary review to the Dean of the Graduate School. • Those approved to submit their thesis will submit a request for a doctoral thesis review along with relevant documents to the Dean of the Graduate School. (Within one to six months) <b>Faculty Council:</b> The Faculty Council will deliberate as to whether to accept the doctoral thesis. • As a general rule, the Preliminary Screening Committee's duties will be transferred to the Thesis Screening Committee. • The Examination Committee Chair will notify doctoral student of the date of the public review at least two weeks in advance. <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Screening of the thesis and the final examination will be conducted in an open hearing. • The screening results will be reported to the Dean of the Graduate School by the Examination Committee Chair of the Thesis Screening Committee. (Approximately one to two months) <b>Faculty Council:</b> The Faculty Council discusses and decides on whether to award the doctoral degree.</p>	
Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies	Department of Urban Design, Planning, and Disaster Management	<p>Must have one or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed academic journal. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date.</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee shall be composed of three or more thesis screening committee members, including one Examination Committee Chair (hereafter referred to as "screening committee members"). In this case, the Examination Committee Chair and one or more screening committee members shall be selected from among the supervisors in the department to which the student belongs, and one or more of the others shall be selected from among supervisors in other departments or from among supervisors at other graduate schools or universities.</p> <p>Note that with regard to the above internal regulations, screening committee members other than the Examination Committee Chair serve as Examiners.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When the graduate school's Faculty Council considers it necessary. Specific examples include cases in which a person who is deeply knowledgeable in a field relevant to the thesis and who is suitable to be a member of the thesis screening committee comes from outside the University or where the supervisor of a doctoral student is transferred to another university while he/she is still enrolled at this university.</p>	<p>Faculty members implement the criteria agreed at departmental meetings in a disciplined manner and conform to department agreements in cases where there are no particular problems.</p> <p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p>As indicated on the website of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, faculty members implement the criteria agreed at departmental meetings in a disciplined manner, and there are no particular problems. Based on the description given on the website of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, the operational procedure of the department is as follows.</p> <p><b>Thesis submission:</b> The main supervisor of the student whose thesis is to be reviewed will convene a (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately four weeks) <b>(Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee is composed of a total of three or more thesis screening committee members consisting of the applicant's main supervisor as the Examination Committee Chair in addition to one or more supervisors from the department to which the student requesting a thesis review belongs (the applicant's department), as well as one or more supervisors from other departments, other graduate schools, and/or other universities. The (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee conducts a preliminary screening of the thesis effectively and discusses whether or not the Preliminary Screening Committee should be convened. If deemed appropriate, the main supervisor will request the department to convene the Preliminary Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> The Preliminary Screening Committee is composed of faculty members in the rank of lecturer or above in the department to which the student requesting a thesis review belongs. After receiving an explanation of the contents of the doctoral thesis from the main supervisor, the Preliminary Screening Committee discusses whether the thesis meets the specified level. If the thesis is considered to meet the requisite level, the Preliminary Screening Committee approves the composition of a Thesis Screening Committee as proposed by the main supervisor. The student requesting a thesis review submits his/her doctoral thesis and related documents to the Dean of the Graduate School through the head of their department. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council will consider whether to accept the doctoral thesis, and if approved, it will set up the Thesis Screening Committee and Thesis Review Committee. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The Thesis Screening Committee is composed of a total of three or more screening committee members consisting of the applicant's main supervisor as the Examination Committee Chair, in addition to one or more supervisors from the applicant's department and one or more supervisors from other departments, other graduate schools, and/or other universities as Examiners. The Thesis Screening Committee screens the thesis and selects the location of where the final examination will be held. ↓ (Approximately four weeks) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> Upon receiving a proposal from the Thesis Screening Committee, the Graduate School Faculty Council will decide to hold a public thesis defense and will publicize this. At the public thesis defense, experts on the content of the doctoral thesis are invited from inside and outside the university, and the student presents his/her doctoral thesis and engages in a Q&amp;A session with attendees. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Based on the contents of the doctoral thesis, the presentation, and the Q&amp;A session at the public thesis defense and the results of the final examination conducted by the Thesis Screening Committee, the Thesis Screening Committee compiles a screening report and submits it to the Dean of the Graduate School. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> The Thesis Review Committee is composed of the professors of the department to which the doctoral student belongs, as well as the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners. The Thesis Review Committee discusses the results of the thesis screening and the final examination based on the screening report submitted by the Thesis Screening Committee and votes on the suitability of the application to be approved. The Thesis Review Committee submits a review report to the Graduate School Faculty Council. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council deliberates and takes a decision on whether to grant the doctoral degree based on the review report of the Thesis Review Committee.</p>	<p>In this department, in collaboration with the Department of Architecture, the following applies with regard to outstanding research records in Article 16(1), 16(3) and 19(2) of the Rules of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies (shortened enrollment period) with regard to the requisite qualifications to apply for a doctoral thesis at the graduate school.</p> <p>"Outstanding records" refers to any of the following achievements recognized at a joint meeting of the Department of Urban Design, Planning and Disaster Management and the Department of Architecture at a level sufficiently high in fields related to this department.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two or more published papers (including one as the first author) in a peer-reviewed journal or internationally acclaimed conference proceedings</li> <li>One published paper in a peer-reviewed journal in addition to one of the following outstanding results:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Architectural work(s) related to the research</li> <li>Books in the relevant field of study</li> <li>Patent(s) related to the research</li> <li>Research award(s) from an academic society in a related field</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Academic papers are acceptable if suitable for publication (even if unpublished)</p>

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Graduate School of Human-Environment	Department of Clinical Psychology and Community Studies (Community Studies)	Must have one or more published paper in a peer-reviewed journal of a national academic organization. Must have two or more published papers other than the above, whether peer-reviewed or not. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) will be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  If a thesis covers specialized fields that cannot be fully addressed by University faculty members, faculty members from outside the University may be asked to join the thesis screening committee.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<p><b>Supervisory Council:</b> All professors qualified to supervise the Community Studies course, as well as associate professors and full-time lecturers qualified to supervise the thesis in question, will meet to approve the initiation of the thesis screening process.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Members of the above Supervisory Council conduct a preliminary screening of the thesis.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> Members of the Department of Clinical Psychology and Community Studies approve the submission of the thesis and the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Acceptance of Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council decides whether to accept the thesis.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Members of the Thesis Screening Committee conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> Members of the Department of Clinical Psychology and Community Studies decide whether the application is to be approved.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The head of the Department of Clinical Psychology and Community Studies submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The members of the Graduate School Faculty Council decide whether to award the doctoral degree.</p> <p>Note that the required period for each stage is not specified. Based on past experience, the whole process is estimated to take at least three months.</p>		
	Department of Clinical Psychology and Community Studies (Clinical Psychology)	The qualifications of the applicant will be examined via lecture and approved on the basis of the number of peer-reviewed papers published in journals affiliated with the Japanese Union of Psychological Associations, the American Psychological Association, and the British Psychological Association. Three or more peer-reviewed papers.	The thesis screening committee is composed of one Examination Committee Chair and three Examiners. One Examiner shall be from another department.	/	/	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<p>1. The Preliminary Screening Committee meeting in the department is followed by deliberation on thesis acceptance and on establishment of Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee at the Faculty Council. (After approval by Faculty Council)</p> <p>2. Thesis reviewed and public defense convened by Doctoral Thesis Screening Committee (After completion)</p> <p>3. Report from Screening Committee to department followed by deliberation on awarding of doctoral degrees (After approximately two weeks)</p> <p>4. Thesis review results are reported to the Faculty Council, and deliberation is requested. (Subsequent Faculty Council)</p> <p>5. Deliberation on review results and approval for awarding degrees at the Faculty Council</p>	
	Department of Behavior and Health Sciences (Psychology Program)	(1) Term: Those who have completed the doctoral program no more than three years ago (2) Submission criteria: Two peer-reviewed papers and one literature review paper (Note that any of the following may be considered one peer-reviewed paper: books (single-authorship); two presentations at an international conference (reviewed); or awards from an academic society.)	(1) The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of four or more members. (The Examination Committee Chair is not subject to particular conditions but is usually the supervisor in the department to which the student belongs.) (2) The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. In addition, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	/	/	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<p>(1) <b>Qualifications Review Committee:</b> Upon consultation, faculty members (professors and associate professors) of the Psychology Department approve the requisite qualifications for doctoral thesis submission and the establishment of a Preliminary Review Committee (including its members).</p> <p>(2) <b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> Members of the Supervisory Council approve the submission of the thesis and the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>(3) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the specified documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>(4) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council determines whether to accept the thesis.</p> <p>(5) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.</p> <p>(6) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Members of the Thesis Screening Committee conduct thesis screening and the final examination and decide whether to approve applications.</p> <p>(7) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>(8) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the final decision on whether to award a doctoral degree.</p> <p>Note that the required period for each stage is not specified. Based on past experience, the whole process is estimated to take at least three months.</p>	

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Graduate School of Humanities - Environment Studies	Department of Behavior and Health Sciences (Health and Sport Science Course)	<p>Must have two or more papers in peer-reviewed journals. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e., unpublished) at the time of applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date.</p> <p>Note that journals published for internal readerships at universities are not considered peer-reviewed papers with regard to application qualifications.</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee is composed of three or more thesis screening committee members, including the Examination Committee Chair. In this case, the Examination Committee Chair and one or more screening committee members must be selected from the supervisors in the department to which the student belongs, and one or more of the others must be selected from among supervisors in other departments or from among supervisors at other graduate schools or universities.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When there are no faculty members at the University with the necessary expertise to evaluate the content of the doctoral thesis.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p><b>In-Lecture Presentations:</b> Students submitting their theses report on the content of their theses publicly. ↓ (Approximately one week or less)</p> <p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> A departmental meeting is convened to approve the submission of the thesis and the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately four weeks or less)</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The student submitting the thesis and the department head must submit the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately 2 weeks)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council determines whether to accept the thesis and approves the establishment of a Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately one to four weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Members of the Thesis Screening Committee approved by the Graduate School Faculty Council conduct the thesis screening and the final examination and decide whether the application is to be approved.</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the chief examiner applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. (The public thesis defense will be held after instructions to carry out the thesis review are received and before the decision on approval of the application is taken.) ↓ (Approximately one week or less)</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the specified documents to the head of the department. ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members of the department and assistant examiners from other departments decide whether the application is to be approved. ↓ (Approximately one week or less)</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The head of the department submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately 2 weeks)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	
	Department of Education	<p>• Must have one or more papers published in the journal of a national academic society with a referee system However, the purpose and nature of this academic society and its methods of assessment must be clearly stated at a departmental meeting. For articles in non-Japanese journals, judgment will be made based on whether the journal is registered with the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), taking into account the context of each field as needed. • Must have published three or more papers other than those mentioned above The above two conditions must be met while submitting a doctoral thesis.</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee shall be composed of four or more members including the Examination Committee Chair, and the Examination Committee Chair shall be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) • To enable a review of the content of the thesis in terms of research, with a high level of expertise</p>	<p>(1) The thesis demonstrates an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field. (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Research has been planned and carried out independently, and research findings have been presented in Japan and other countries. (4) The thesis has contributed to the creation of new knowledge through original research from scientific, academic, and international perspectives. (5) It contains explanations that use scientifically and academically accurate terminology. (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p>(1) <b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Departmental Meeting):</b> Based on the applicant's academic history and research achievements, qualifications are granted for a presentation on the concept of the doctoral thesis. (2) <b>Doctoral Thesis Concept Presentation:</b> The first Wednesday in July or November or the fourth Wednesday in March (3) <b>Thesis Guidance Committee (several times):</b> Guidance/supervision provided by the Thesis Guidance Committee (4) <b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Departmental Meeting):</b> Deliberation regarding the applicant's qualifications for acceptance of their thesis (5) <b>Approval of Thesis Acceptance:</b> The faculty member along with the applicant gives an outline of the thesis based on the abstract, followed by deliberations on approval of the thesis acceptance and selection of a Thesis Screening Committee. (6) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council decides whether to accept the thesis and approves the establishment of the Thesis Screening Committee. (As a rule, for the decision regarding the awarding of the degree to take place within the same academic year, the thesis must be submitted by December.) (7) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> The Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. (8) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Faculty members in liaison with the applicant and the members of the Screening Committee consider any questions and conduct the final examination. (9) <b>Thesis Review Committee (Departmental Meeting):</b> Decides on approval of the application based on the public thesis defense, the report of the Thesis Screening Committee, and the review of the thesis (10) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. (Up to 10 days prior to the Faculty Council) (11) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p> <p>Note that the required period for each stage is not specified. Based on past experience, the whole process is estimated to take at least three months.</p>	

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Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies	Department of Architecture	<p>Must have one or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed academic journal. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date.</p>	<p>Article 5, Paragraph 2 of the Doctoral Program (With Distinction) Doctoral Thesis Review Regulations of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, Kyushu University stipulates the following:</p> <p>The thesis screening committee shall be composed of three or more thesis screening committee members, including one Examination Committee Chair (hereafter referred to as "screening committee members"). In this case, the Examination Committee Chair and one or more screening committee members shall be selected from among the supervisors in the department to which the student belongs, and one or more of the others shall be selected from among supervisors in other departments or from among supervisors at other graduate schools or universities.</p> <p>Note that with regard to the above internal regulations, screening committee members other than the Examination Committee Chair serve as Examiners.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>When the graduate school's Faculty Council considers it necessary, specific examples include cases in which a person who is deeply knowledgeable in a field relevant to the thesis and who is suitable to be a member of the thesis screening committee comes from outside the University or where the supervisor of a doctoral student is transferred to another university while he/she is still enrolled at this university.</p>	<p>Faculty members implement the criteria agreed at departmental meetings in a disciplined manner and conform to department agreements in cases where there are no particular problems.</p> <p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p>As indicated on the website of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, faculty members implement the criteria agreed at departmental meetings in a disciplined manner, and there are no particular problems. Based on the description given on the website of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies, the operational procedure of the department is as follows.</p> <p><b>Thesis submission:</b> The main supervisor of the student whose thesis is to be reviewed will convene a (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately four weeks)</p> <p><b>(Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee is composed of a total of three or more thesis screening committee members consisting of the applicant's main supervisor as the Examination Committee Chair in addition to one or more supervisors from the department to which the student requesting a thesis review belongs (the applicant's department), as well as one or more supervisors from other departments, other graduate schools, and/or other universities. The (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee conducts a preliminary screening of the thesis effectively and discusses whether or not the Preliminary Screening Committee should be convened. If deemed appropriate, the main supervisor will request the department to convene the Preliminary Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> The Preliminary Screening Committee is composed of faculty members in the rank of lecturer or above in the department to which the student requesting a thesis review belongs. After receiving an explanation of the contents of the doctoral thesis from the main supervisor, the Preliminary Screening Committee discusses whether the thesis meets the specified level. If the thesis is considered to meet the requisite level, the Preliminary Screening Committee approves the composition of a Thesis Screening Committee as proposed by the main supervisor. The student requesting a thesis review submits his/her doctoral thesis and related documents to the Dean of the Graduate School through the head of their department.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council will consider whether to accept the doctoral thesis, and if approved, it will set up the Thesis Screening Committee and Thesis Review Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The Thesis Screening Committee is composed of a total of three or more screening committee members consisting of the applicant's main supervisor as the Examination Committee Chair, in addition to one or more supervisors from the applicant's department and one or more supervisors from other departments, other graduate schools, and/or other universities as Examiners. The Thesis Screening Committee screens the thesis and selects the location of where the final examination will be held.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately four weeks)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> Upon receiving a proposal from the Thesis Screening Committee, the Graduate School Faculty Council will decide to hold a public thesis defense and will publicize this. At the public thesis defense, experts on the content of the doctoral thesis are invited from inside and outside the university, and the student presents his/her doctoral thesis and engages in a Q&amp;A session with attendees.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Based on the contents of the doctoral thesis, the presentation, and the Q&amp;A session at the public thesis defense and the results of the final examination conducted by the Thesis Screening Committee, the Thesis Screening Committee compiles a screening report and submits it to the Dean of the Graduate School.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> The Thesis Review Committee is composed of the professors of the department to which the doctoral student belongs, as well as the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners. The Thesis Review Committee discusses the results of the thesis screening and the final examination based on the screening report submitted by the Thesis Screening Committee and votes on the suitability of the application to be approved. The Thesis Review Committee submits a review report to the Graduate School Faculty Council.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council deliberates and takes a decision on whether to grant the doctoral degree based on the review report of the Thesis Review Committee.</p>	<p>In this department, in collaboration with the Department of Urban Design, Planning and Disaster Management, the following applies to "outstanding research records" in Article 16(1), 16(3) and 19(2) of the Rules of the Graduate School of Human-Environment Studies (shortened enrollment period) with regard to the qualifications to apply for a doctoral thesis at the graduate school.</p> <p>"Outstanding records" refers to any of the following achievements recognized at a joint meeting of the Department of Urban Design, Planning and Disaster Management and the Department of Architecture at a level sufficiently high in fields related to this department.</p> <p>1. Two or more published papers (including one as the first author) in a peer-reviewed journal or internationally acclaimed conference proceedings</p> <p>2. One published paper in a peer-reviewed journal in addition to one of the following outstanding results:</p> <p>(1) Architectural work(s) related to the research</p> <p>(2) Books in the relevant field of study</p> <p>(3) Patent(s) related to the research</p> <p>(4) Research award(s) from an academic society in a related field</p> <p>Academic papers are acceptable if suitable for publication (even if unpublished)</p>

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However, if it is deemed necessary by the graduate school's Faculty Council, a thesis screening committee member (Examiner) may be selected from persons other than these.</p> <p>The graduate school's Faculty Council may, when it deems necessary, select a number of assistant members for the thesis screening committee mentioned in the preceding paragraph.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>Faculty members from outside the University will be selected in cases where in light of the research topic of the thesis, the faculty members at the University alone are not equipped for the review process, and it is appropriate to have a faculty member from outside the University as a screening committee member.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p> <p>Review criteria of the Graduate School of Law (Excerpt)</p> <p>1. Significance of the research topic Is the topic clearly articulated and recognized as having academic or social significance?</p> <p>2. Validity of the research method Is the method adopted to explore the research topic appropriate?</p> <p>3. Criticism of previous research Are the findings of extant research appropriately compiled and presented, with precise understanding and accurate evaluation?</p> <p>4. Novelty and originality Does the thesis present and prove new findings that are not demonstrated in previous studies?</p> <p>5. Thesis style and format Are the chapter structure, terminology, phrasing, and citation style of the thesis accurate and appropriate?</p> <p>6. Basic capacity Is there evidence of the knowledge, understanding, specialist abilities, general abilities, attitudes, and intentions indicated in the Diploma Policy?</p> <p>* The Graduate School of Law ensures that applicants have "independently planned and carried out their research and made a sufficient contribution to research results" by requiring the applicant to be the sole author of the thesis.</p>	<p><b>Progress Report Meeting:</b> Students report on the progress of their research at a public progress report meeting at least once a year until the year before submitting the thesis. ↓ (Approximately 10 to 11 months)</p> <p><b>Doctoral Thesis Interim Report Meeting</b> Degree applicants report on draft doctoral theses at public interim report meetings that are attended by the main and assistant supervisors. ↓ (Approximately one month)</p> <p><b>Establishment of the Preliminary Screening Committee</b> The Faculty Council of the Graduate School of Law selects the members of the Preliminary Screening Committee (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two or three Examiners). ↓ (Approximately one month)</p> <p><b>Submission of Doctoral Thesis Draft</b> The applicant submits a draft doctoral thesis. ↓ (Approximately one month)</p> <p><b>Convening of Preliminary Screening Committee</b> Following a review of the thesis, the Preliminary Screening Committee will convene. The members of the Preliminary Screening Committee will provide the applicant advice regarding thesis submission and specific advice on any necessary revisions. ↓ (Approximately six weeks)</p> <p><b>Submission of Doctoral Thesis</b> The degree applicant submits a doctoral thesis abstract and their completed manuscript. ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Screening Committee Member Selection</b> The Faculty Council of the Graduate School of Law selects the Screening Committee Members and decides whether to send the thesis to the President. ↓ (Approximately two to three weeks)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)</p> <p><b>Report of Thesis Review Results</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	

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G r a d u a t e  S c h o o l  o f  E c o n o m i c s	Department of Economic Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The qualifications to apply for a doctoral degree are two or more published papers and one or more presentations at a conference.</li> <li>Before submitting their doctoral thesis requests, applicants must submit a research report at a research presentation based on their thesis (in Japanese or English) for the doctoral degree in question.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The thesis screening committee will have three or more members (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two or more Examiners) selected from faculty members of this graduate school (including faculty members from other departments).</li> <li>If deemed necessary, the graduate school's Faculty Council may add faculty members of other graduate schools, departments, or research institutes at this university to the screening committee. This must be approved by the graduate school's Faculty Council based on a request from the Thesis Guidance Committee (see below).</li> </ul>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In cases where there is an outside scholar with specialized knowledge of the research topic or analysis method of a thesis submitted for a doctoral degree and when the Thesis Guidance Committee determines that the knowledge of this scholar and their participation in dissertation guidance will greatly contribute to the improvement of the thesis in question.</li> <li>In cases where a faculty member of the University transfers to another university but continues to serve as an external assistant examiner to the student they were supervising at Kyushu University</li> </ul>	<p>The following five evaluation items are provided: these will be accepted when recognized as having reached the level of a doctoral thesis for all five evaluation items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significance of the research topic: Is the rationale for selecting the topic of the dissertation clearly articulated based on previous academic achievement in the field and recognized as having academic or social significance?</li> <li>Understanding and presentation of previous research: When exploring the research topic, has the applicant appropriately presented, read and evaluated, and referred to prior research on the topic in developing the argument of the thesis?</li> <li>Validity of the research method: Are the research methods used appropriately and effectively for investigating the research topic? Methods may include theory, evidence, experiments, simulations, surveys, or the gathering of reference materials.</li> <li>Validity and significance of the arguments and conclusions: Is the argument of the thesis developed clearly, empirically, and logically from the statement of the issue to the conclusion? Further, do the arguments and conclusions derived constitute novel and original academic contributions or highly useful social contribution in this field?</li> <li>Thesis style and format: Are the terminology and phrasing of the thesis appropriate? Is it organized in a form that is appropriate for an academic paper? Are the references and other materials quoted and cited correctly and are the sources for historical materials used in the preparation of figures and tables clear?</li> </ol>	<p><b>Establishment of the Thesis Guidance Committee:</b> A Thesis Guidance Committee consisting of one supervisor and two assistant supervisors is established in the first year of the doctoral program. The Thesis Guidance Committee may include, in addition to the above three members, those who are given specifically permitted by the Graduate School Faculty Council.</p> <p>↓ (Depending on the progress of the thesis, the Thesis Guidance Committee will hold meetings as appropriate.)</p> <p><b>Submission of Documents relating to Research Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation requirements include two or more published papers and one or more conference presentations.</li> <li>The application for research presentation, thesis abstract, and list of academic achievements must be submitted by the Thesis Guidance Committee via the office to the Dean of the Graduate School at least nine days prior to the relevant Faculty Council.</li> <li>(Approximately one to two weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Notification of Research Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Dean of the Graduate School shall announce the date and time of the research presentation at the Graduate School Faculty Council.</li> <li>(Approximately two to three weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Doctoral Degree Departmental Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Thesis Guidance Council submits an Application to the Doctoral Degree Departmental Council, the main thesis (two copies), the Thesis Guidance Committee report, the thesis abstract, a list of academic achievements, and a resume to the head of the department via the office, at least nine days before the Degree Departmental Council meeting is held.</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>The Degree Departmental Council holds a discussion regarding the suitability of a thesis submitted for a doctoral degree to be submitted to the Graduate School Faculty Council.</li> <li>Note that the Thesis Guidance Committee report, the thesis abstract, a list of academic achievements, and a resume will be distributed to participants in the departmental meeting seven days in advance.</li> <li>-</li> <li>(Approximately three to four weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Doctoral Thesis Submission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Thesis Guidance Council must submit the Thesis Guidance Committee report, an application for establishment of the Thesis Screening Committee, the main thesis (four copies), the thesis abstract, a resume, a list of academic achievements, an application for thesis review, the confirmation of online publication of doctoral thesis, the characters used on the degree certificate, and the full text data of the main thesis to the Dean of the Graduate School via the office at least nine days before the holding of the Faculty Council meeting.</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>Note that the Thesis Guidance Committee report, the thesis abstract, a list of academic achievements, and a copy of the applicant's resume will be distributed to members of the Faculty Council seven days in advance.</li> <li>(Approximately one to two weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council: Acceptance of Doctoral Thesis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</li> <li>If the thesis is accepted, the Dean of the Graduate School proposes the establishment of the Thesis Screening Committee.</li> <li>(Approximately two to three weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Report of Thesis Review Results</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The summary of thesis review results and the main thesis (4 copies) are submitted by the Thesis Screening Committee to the Dean of the Graduate School via the office at least nine days prior to the relevant Faculty Council meeting.</li> <li>-</li> <li>Note that the summary of thesis review results will be distributed to members of the Graduate School Faculty Council seven days in advance.</li> <li>(Approximately one to two weeks)</li> </ul> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council: Review of Doctoral Thesis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Faculty Council circulates and examines the four copies of the main thesis and takes the decision on the awarding of the doctoral degree.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate students, external specialist researchers, and all faculty members in the division may attend the "Research Presentation" in column four above.</li> <li>All students in the doctoral program and those who have completed coursework without a degree within three years are required to submit a "Degree Acquisition Research Plan" every year. The research progress management for the degree is handled by the Dean of the Graduate School, the Head of the Department of Economic Engineering, and the Head of the Department of Economic Systems.</li> <li>The thesis abstract and the report on thesis screening results will be published in the <i>Journal of Political Economy</i>, published by the Kyushu University Economics Association.</li> </ul>
	Department of Economic Systems	<p>Applicants must have knowledge of the fundamentals of their specialist field, and their thesis and its research must be meaningful as original research in that specialist field. In addition, the thesis must be the result of independent and autonomous research activity on the part of the applicant.</p>	<p>The preliminary review is conducted by one Examination Committee Chair and two or three Examiners; a different faculty member, not the applicant's supervisor, will be the Examination Committee Chair. The final review is conducted by one Examination Committee Chair and two or three Examiners; the Examination Committee Chair will be a faculty member within the department who may or may not be the supervisor. Faculty members from other departments, graduate schools, and universities may be engaged as Examiners.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>When the faculty member who has been the student's supervisor is transferred to another university (the relevant faculty member will be a screening committee member)</p> <p>When there is an insufficient number of faculty members who are able to review the thesis in the department.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</li> <li>Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant contribution in the research results</li> <li>Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</li> <li>Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</li> <li>The researcher's compliance with research ethics</li> </ol>	<p>After completing the doctoral thesis research, finalizing the thesis concept, and beginning the thesis draft, the applicant consults with his/her supervisor and submits a request for a preliminary review of the doctoral thesis to a departmental operation meeting.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p>After receiving the request for a preliminary review, the departmental operation meeting finalizes the members of the Preliminary Review Committee after a formal review.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p>The Preliminary Review Committee (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two or three Examiners), which conducts the preliminary review, shall have a chief examiner who is a faculty member other than the candidate's supervisor. In the preliminary review, an explanation of the research background is used to evaluate the candidate's grounding in physics; thereafter, an explanation of the research results is used to evaluate the originality of the thesis. Those who pass this preliminary review may proceed to the final review.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately four weeks)</p> <p>Applicants who have passed the preliminary review submit a request for a review of the doctoral thesis to the head of the department after completing the preliminary review.</p> <p>*Within three months after the preliminary review</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p>The head of the department promptly convenes a departmental operation meeting to decide whether to accept the request for a doctoral thesis review after conducting a formal review referring to the preliminary review results and selects (provisional) members of the Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p>The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision regarding the initiation of the review.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately three weeks)</p> <p>The Final Review Committee, consisting of one Examination Committee Chair and two or three Examiners, conducts the final review. The chief examiner is often the applicant's supervisor, but there are no particular restrictions. In the final review, the submitted thesis is peer-reviewed by the Committee members; the applicant must be able to respond appropriately to questions from the committee members at a public thesis defense.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p>A report on the results of the review is submitted to the Graduate School Faculty Council.</p> <p>*If the applicant has failed, the progress of the review and the reason for the judgment will be reported to the head of the department and at the departmental operation meeting before the results are reported to the Graduate School Faculty Council.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p>The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	
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Graduate School of Science	Department of Chemistry	Applicants must have sufficient fundamental and advanced knowledge in their specialist field and must contribute to the creation of new knowledge through original research. In addition, they must plan and carry out their research independently and make a sufficient contribution to research results.	The thesis screening committee is composed of one Examination Committee Chair and two or more Examiners. If necessary, faculty members from other departments or off-campus may be appointed as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When there are faculty members from outside the University who would be suitable to be members of the screening committee	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	At the Chemistry Departmental Council, which consists of faculty members in the rank of lecturer or above, all members circulate and examine the applicant's main thesis and discuss whether or not to admit the doctoral degree application. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) The applicant submits the necessary documents including the main thesis to the Graduate School. ↓ (Approximately four weeks) The Graduate School Faculty Council determines the members of the Screening Committee (Examination Committee Chair and Examiners). ↓ (Approximately two weeks) Members of the Screening Committee convene a public thesis defense within the prescribed period and report the results of the review. ↓ (Approximately one week) At the Graduate School Faculty Council, the Dean of the Graduate School will report the results of the review and circulate the thesis, and the Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of the doctoral degree.	
	Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences	Applicants must adhere to international academic journals' publication standards for research on earth and planetary sciences and must have passed the preliminary examination of the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences.	Preliminary review: The Doctoral Thesis Application Presentation Review Committee is composed of all the faculty members in the department (i.e., professors, associate professors, lecturers, and assistant professors). This review includes supervisors and is not limited to Examination Committee Chair and Examiners. Final review: The applicant's supervisor will be the Examination Committee Chair, and there will be two to four Examiners. Examiners may be from inside or outside the department and university.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When the department lacks those with expertise in the research content of the thesis	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	As a rule, this process takes place twice a year. Provided below is a sample case in which the applicant wishes to obtain their doctoral degree by the end of March. For details, see: <a href="https://www.geo.kyushu-u.ac.jp/geo.kyushu-u/gakui2008.html">https://www.geo.kyushu-u.ac.jp/geo.kyushu-u/gakui2008.html</a> ↓ Doctoral thesis applicants make a presentation at the doctoral thesis presentation conference. (mid- to late-November) ↓ Applicants submit their main thesis (or a provisional version of it) to their supervisor before the Departmental Council meeting is held, by a date designated by the head of the department. (by around December 22 (January 28*)) ↓ The Departmental Council will discuss the thesis topic, appoint the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners, and schedule the public thesis defense, etc. (early January (early February*)). ↓ Members of the Thesis Screening Committee are selected by the Graduate School Faculty Council (mid-January (mid-February*)). ↓ The public thesis defense is held, and it is attended by all Thesis Screening Committee members (mid-January (mid-February*)). ↓ Following the public thesis defense, the Thesis Screening Committee reviews the thesis and prepares a review report, whereupon the thesis is reviewed and approved at the Graduate School of Science Faculty Council (mid-February (March*)). ↓ Doctoral degree awarded (late March) *The dates marked with an asterisk (*) indicate the cases in which the review by the Faculty Council takes place in March.	
Master's Graduate School of Mathematics	Department of Mathematics	Applicants must summarize notable findings in mathematics in the form of a paper and must pass the preliminary examination for a doctoral thesis examination application.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) is composed of three or more members. The screening committee members must be faculty members of the Graduate School of Mathematics. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) If the review of the submitted doctoral thesis requires greater specialized knowledge, a faculty member from outside the University may be assigned to the screening committee.	Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research	The Preliminary Review Committee selects the chief examiner. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) The Graduate School Faculty Council decided whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) The Examination Committee Chair forms a Thesis Screening Committee and starts screening the thesis content. ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks) Following a public lecture (final examination) by the degree applicant, the Thesis Screening Committee reports the review results to the Graduate School of Mathematics Faculty Council. ↓ (Approximately one week) Lastly, the Graduate School of Mathematics Faculty Council votes on the awarding of the doctoral degree.	
Graduate School of Systems Life Sciences	Department of Systems Life Sciences	Must have one or more papers in a peer-reviewed journal. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e., unpublished) at the time of applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of publication date. . Note that publications for internal readerships at universities or companies are not considered peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) will be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes (including those of other universities) may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) If it is appropriate for evaluation of the contents of the thesis, faculty members from outside the University also may be included as members of the screening committee. . An assistant examiner from outside the University will often serve on the screening committee in cases such as the faculty member supervising a student on transfer to another university or a student conducting research in a laboratory at another university, for instance, as part of a joint research.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	The Graduate School of Systems Life Sciences comprises several major courses in completely different fields, with slightly differing degree review processes. However, the process is essentially carried out as follows: <b>Preparatory Committee (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Explanatory Thesis Presentation:</b> After the applicant has explained the content of the thesis to be submitted for the doctoral degree to the members listed in column two, the evaluation takes place following a Q&A session from the perspectives of the chief and Examiners. The applicant revises the content of the thesis as necessary. ↓ (Approximately two to three weeks) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council decides whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense, publicizing it both within and outside the University. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> The Examination Committee Chair presents the content of the thesis to a committee consisting of professors and supervisors of the major course to which the student belongs. Thereafter, members of the Guidance Council will take the decision of whether the student passes or fails. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	Faculty members from different fields participate in the Interdisciplinary Development Seminar to question each student on their degree research, aiming to foster a broader perspective, research performance, and presentation skills.



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Graduate School of Medical Sciences	Department of Medicine	<p>Doctoral degree application (main thesis): One. Note that the following conditions must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An original paper written in English and published or accepted by a peer-reviewed, authoritative journal</li> <li>- In the case of co-authored papers, the doctoral thesis applicant must have played a major role in the collaborative research, and their results must form the core of the co-authored dissertation. The doctoral thesis applicant must also be ranked first in the list of authors and must have obtained the consent of the other co-author(s) for the application.</li> </ul>	<p>1. The preliminary screening committee is composed of one Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners, selected from among the professors on the Medical / Medical Sciences Faculty Council by the Graduate School Committee and determined at the Medical / Medical Sciences Faculty Council.</p> <p>2. Supervisors and co-authors of submitted papers must not serve as preliminary screening committee members.</p>	/	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p><b>Application for Preliminary Screening</b> The doctoral degree applicant submits an application for preliminary screening to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Graduate School Committee</b> The Committee prepares a proposal for the selection of Preliminary Screening Committee members (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners).</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council</b> The Faculty Council accepts and approves the preliminary screening and selects Preliminary Screening Committee members (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners).</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee (Public Review)</b> A public Thesis Screening Committee session shall be held; it will be attended by all three members of the Preliminary Screening Committee, and the content of the thesis will be examined. Generally, a 20-minute presentation by the doctoral thesis applicant is followed by a 40-minute Q&amp;A session.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Report of Screening Results</b> The Examination Committee Chair reports the results of the preliminary screening to the Dean of the Graduate School.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Application for Doctoral Degree</b> The doctoral degree applicant submits an application for the final review to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Approval by the Dean of the Graduate School</b> <b>Report to the President</b> The Dean of the Graduate School reports the acceptance of the doctoral thesis to the President of the University.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Review Referral</b> Following a referral of the doctoral thesis application review from the President to the Dean of the Graduate School, the Screening Committee members (the same professors as the Preliminary Screening Committee: one Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners) are requested to carry out the final screening.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Thesis Review</b> The final screening, final examinations, etc. will be conducted for the printed and published thesis. The Examination Committee Chair reports the results of the thesis screening to the Dean of the Graduate School.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Graduate School Faculty Council</b> Based on the review of the thesis and the report of the final examination results, the Faculty Council determines the candidate's eligibility to be awarded the doctoral degree.</p> <p>*Degree applications are received every month; thus, it is difficult to specify the time period required for each part of the review process.</p>	

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Graduate School of Medical Sciences	Department of Health Sciences	<p>(1) The doctoral degree application thesis, as a rule, must be an original paper written in English and accepted by a peer-reviewed, authoritative journal.</p> <p>(2) Co-authored papers may be submitted for doctoral degree applications. However, all of the following conditions must be met:</p> <p>(1) The paper must already be in print in a European language and must have particularly high academic value;</p> <p>(2) The doctoral thesis applicants must have played a major role in the collaborative research, and their results must form the core of the co-authored paper.</p> <p>(3) The doctoral thesis applicants must be ranked first in the list of authors and must have obtained the consent of their co-author(s) for the application;</p> <p>(4) An agreement must be in place stating that the paper will not be used elsewhere for a doctoral degree application.</p>	<p>The members of the preliminary screening committee are comprised of one Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners, selected from among the professors of the Department of Health Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences by the Department of Health Sciences Committee.</p> <p>Upon application for a thesis review, the supervisor will recommend no more than six faculty members for reference in the review of the submitted dissertation from among the professors of the Department of Health Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences.</p> <p>In addition, supervisors and co-authors of submitted papers may not be selected to the preliminary screening committee.</p> <p>In the selection of screening committee members, the Examination Committee Chair, first Examiner, and second Examiners will be determined based on the number of votes cast by the Department of Health Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences.</p>	<p>If deemed necessary, a faculty member of a graduate school at the University (excluding the Department of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Medical Sciences) or a faculty member at the same level as a research supervisor on the doctoral course with research achievements in the field related to the dissertation of a graduate school or research institute of another university may be elected as one of the two assistant examiners.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p>[Doctoral Thesis Preliminary Screening]</p> <p><b>Graduate School Committee</b></p> <p>The Graduate School Committee of the Department of Health Sciences shall confirm and approve that the criteria for submitting a doctoral thesis have been fulfilled.</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>Department of Health Sciences Departmental Council</b></p> <p>The members of the Departmental Council decide whether the applicant qualifies for preliminary screening submission and accepts the doctoral thesis. Thereafter, the Council selects the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners by vote.</p> <p>↓ (Several days or weeks)</p> <p><b>Doctoral Thesis Preliminary Screening: Public Review</b></p> <p>The faculty members who act as the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners conduct a public review of the student submitting the doctoral thesis and report the results of this review.</p> <p>↓</p> <p>[Doctoral Thesis Final Screening]</p> <p><b>Submission of Request for Doctoral Thesis Review:</b> The doctoral thesis applicant submits a request for doctoral thesis review to the relevant office.</p> <p>The office forwards the request to the University President.</p> <p>↓ (Several days to one week)</p> <p>Referral of the doctoral degree review</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review</b></p> <p>The final review, final examinations, etc. will be conducted on the printed and published thesis.</p> <p>The Examination Committee Chair reports the results of the thesis screening to the Dean of the Graduate School.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week to ten days)</p> <p><b>Department of Health Sciences Departmental Council</b></p> <p>Based on the review of the thesis and the report of the final examination results, the Faculty Council determines the candidate's eligibility to be awarded the doctoral degree.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Report to the President</b></p> <p>The Dean of the Graduate School reports the review results and the candidate's eligibility to be awarded the doctoral degree to the President of the University.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Award of Doctoral Degree</b></p> <p>The President notifies the Dean of the Graduate School regarding the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	

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Graduate School of Dental Science	Department of Dentistry	<p>[Thesis submission qualifications]  Article 2: Those in any of the following categories may submit a doctoral thesis (hereafter "thesis") pursuant to Article 8 of the Degree Rules and Article 16 of the Graduate School Rules. Note that those enrolled through the special entrance examination for working adults must have passed the foreign language (English) examination at the time of submission of the thesis.  (1) Those who have been enrolled in the Kyushu University Graduate School of Dental Science (hereafter the "Graduate School") for at least three years, have acquired at least 20 credits in the stipulated courses, and have received the necessary research guidance Note that those with outstanding research results may be permitted to submit a thesis even if they have been in the school for less than three years.  (2) Those working toward a doctoral (clinical dentistry) degree are required to take a total of 12 credits from among the courses stipulated in Article 7 of the Graduate School Rules, including Basic Clinical Practice (4 credits) in the lower-year comprehensive curriculum and Clinical Training (I) to (III) for each department in the core curriculum  (3) Those who have been enrolled in the graduate school for the stipulated period, have acquired the required course credits, and have received the necessary research guidance and who are within the period (*) stipulated in the proviso of Article 8, Paragraph 3 of the Degree Rules  (*) Doctoral degree reviews may be completed within three years of withdrawal with academic credits from the university.  (From the Kyushu University Graduate School of Dental Science Rules on Doctoral Thesis Applications)</p>	<p>In the doctoral degree review system at the Graduate School of Dental Science, the principal supervisor, research supervisor, and co-author of the doctoral thesis shall not participate in the preliminary review or the final review, and a total of three committee members including an Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners will be appointed through mutual agreement at the Faculty Council of the Graduate School of Dental Science.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  When a suitable person is not available at the University, a specialist with advanced knowledge and understanding of the relevant field may be asked to join the screening committee, as necessary. However, this person may not be the research supervisor of the doctoral thesis applicant or a co-author of relevant papers.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field  (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.  (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results  (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research  (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology  (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics  (7) The doctoral applicant has already been published or accepted for publication, not in Japanese, as a first or second author in an international journal (including online journals) that has a peer review system and has been assigned an IF value. Alternatively, based on a paper that has already been published or accepted for publication with the doctoral applicant as a first or second author in a peer-reviewed academic journal (in Japanese or other languages; including in online magazines), in which the doctoral applicant has provided new insights, supplementary explanations, figures and tables, etc., and has prepared a paper in the form of a thesis (case reports are not accepted).</p>	<p>The applicant confirms the application documents with the chair of the Academic Affairs Committee and the staff responsible for student affairs.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)  <b>Graduate School Academic Affairs Committee: First Session</b>  Applicants who have applied for a preliminary review and whose application documents are in order consult with the Academic Affairs Committee to determine their eligibility to apply for a preliminary review.  ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)  <b>Faculty Council: First Session</b>  Following discussion by the Graduate School Faculty Council, members of the Preliminary Screening Committee (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners) will be selected to conduct the preliminary screening of candidates deemed eligible to apply for preliminary screening.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks to two months)  <b>Public Preliminary Review</b>  After receiving instructions to carry out a preliminary review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the (public) thesis screening.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)  <b>Submission of Preliminary Review Results Report</b>  A report on the preliminary review results will be prepared by the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners and submitted to the relevant office 10 days before the Graduate School Faculty Council meeting, where the preliminary screening results shall be reported.  ↓ (Approximately two to four weeks)  <b>Faculty Council: Second Session</b>  Based on the report of the results of the preliminary review, a preliminary review (deciding whether the applicant passes or fails) will be conducted at the Graduate School Faculty Council.  ↓ (Approximately one to four weeks)  <b>Application for Final Review</b>  Applicants who have passed the preliminary review apply for a thesis review including a request for a doctoral thesis review at least 10 days before the Graduate School Faculty Council where the final review will be held.  ↓ (Approximately two to four weeks)  <b>Faculty Council: Third Session</b>  The Final Screening Committee members (thesis reviewers: one Examination Committee Chair and two Examiners) are selected.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)  <b>Final Review</b>  The final review is completed within one year after the acceptance of the application for a doctoral thesis review.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)  <b>Submission of Thesis Review Report</b>  A report on the results of the thesis review will be prepared by the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners and submitted to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)  <b>Faculty Council: Fourth Session</b>  Based on the report on the results of the thesis review, a final review will be carried out at the Graduate School Faculty Council take the decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.  ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)  The Dean of the Graduate School will report the final decision to the President of Kyushu University and notify the student submitting the thesis.</p>	<p>In the Graduate School of Dental Science, one of the following degrees can be obtained: "Doctor (Dentistry)," "Ph.D." and "Doctor (Clinical Dentistry)." For the first two, voting in the final screening is conducted based on the criteria described in column three. However, for Doctor (Clinical Dentistry), in addition to the voting in the final screening on the criteria described in column three, the applicant may apply for a degree examination if the he/she has already been published in an academic journal or by writing a thesis paper with additional considerations, supplementary explanations, figures, and tables based on two or more accepted case report papers.</p>
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	<p>Department of Medicinal Sciences</p> <p>Department of Clinical Pharmacy</p>	<p>Applicants must meet conditions (1) and (2):  (1) The level for awarding a doctoral degree must be equivalent to or exceeding all the doctoral thesis achievement objectives (equivalent to the diploma policy) specified separately.  (2) A paper in which the applicant's contribution is equivalent to that of the first author (peer-reviewed) must have been accepted at the time of submission of the doctoral thesis (at the end of the preliminary screening). However, if this condition is not met, the applicant must report to the graduate school's Faculty Council in a format specified separately and obtain approval in advance for achievements equivalent to a reviewed paper.</p>	<p>The Thesis examination committee will be composed by at least four faculty members (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and three or more Examiners) affiliated to this graduate school. The members of the Thesis examination committee are not limited to faculty members within the same field to which the department belongs to.  The doctoral dissertation will be evaluated by the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners, noting that the main supervisor of the doctoral candidate may participate in the preliminary but not in the final examination.  In those cases deemed necessary, the Faculty Council of this graduate school may invite as members of the examination committee faculty members affiliated to other graduate schools, departments, or research institutes at this university.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  The appointment of screening committee members from outside the University will be carried out at the discretion of the main supervisor. For example, this appointment may be carried out when the main supervisor has determined that there is no researcher at the University with a high degree of expertise suited to the content of the doctoral thesis.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field  (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.  (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results  (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research  (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology  (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p><b>Preliminary Screening:</b> Before the thesis is submitted, the prospective doctoral thesis applicant's supervisor (liaising faculty member) conducts a preliminary screening based on the prospective applicant's doctoral thesis (draft), resume, list of academic achievements, thesis abstract, reference papers, etc. At least two weeks before the Graduate School Faculty Council meeting, the supervisor submits a preliminary screening report; the applicant's resume, research achievements, and thesis abstract; and a list of prospective members of the Screening Committee to the Dean of the Graduate School.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)  <b>Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Science Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council conducts a review of the applicant's resume, list of academic achievements, and thesis abstract, as well as the approval of the Screening Committee members—all distributed in advance—and takes the decision regarding accepting the student's application.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)  <b>Public Lecture:</b> The applicant is questioned on the content of their doctoral thesis.  ↓ (One week)  <b>Report on Thesis Screening Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits a summary of the thesis screening results to the Dean of the Graduate School at least one week before the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Science Faculty Council meeting.  ↓ (One week)  <b>Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Science Faculty Council:</b> The Council requests the Examination Committee Chair to provide a summary of the thesis screening results and to confirm that there are no objections; then, it takes the decision on the awarding of the doctoral degree based on the final review.</p>	

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	Major in Material Engineering	The applicant must be the first author of at least one paper published in a peer-reviewed academic journal. However, we will accept papers that have been accepted for publication at the time of dissertation submission (regardless of publication date). Please note that internal university publications and in-house newsletters are not considered peer-reviewed papers for the purpose of this application.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. If necessary, faculty members from other graduate schools or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?)  When the chief examiner concludes that faculty members from outside the university will be most familiar with the field of specialization of the doctoral dissertation, these external faculty members will be appointed as members of the review committee.	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant can critically analyze, evaluate, and integrate conventional ideas, concepts, etc. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics.	[Preliminary Review Committee] The members of the Department Faculty Meeting will approve the dissertation application and the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (about two weeks) [Dissertation Information Session] The applicant will explain the content of their dissertation to the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (about four weeks) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about two weeks) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ (about one week) [Dissertation Committee] The Dissertation Committee members will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ (about one week) [Dissertation Committee (Advisor Meeting)] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the members of the Advisor Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	
	Major in Applied Chemistry	- Two first-author papers must have been accepted for publication in peer-reviewed academic journals. (However, papers where the doctoral candidate has made a major contribution as co-author but a faculty member is the first author will be approved after consultation within their department.) - The applicant must have submitted a research proposal which has been assessed as satisfactory.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?)  When the faculty member has deep insights into the relevant field and can be expected to appropriately evaluate the dissertation for degree eligibility.	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant can critically analyze, evaluate, and integrate conventional ideas, concepts, etc. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics. (7) The applicant possesses (English) language skills required for research.	[Preliminary Review Committee] A preliminary review will be conducted by professors and associate professors of the candidate's department, who will approve the dissertation application and the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (about one week) [Dissertation Information Session] After the applicant explains the content of their dissertation in front of the chief and deputy examiners, they will field a variety of questions from the chief and deputy examiners, who will then evaluate the dissertation. The applicant will revise their dissertation as necessary. ↓ (about two to three weeks) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the public defense will be held. ↓ (about two weeks) [Dissertation Committee] In a committee consisting of the professors from the candidate's major and deputy examiners, the chief examiner will explain the content of the dissertation, after which a decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the members of the Advisor Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	All doctoral candidates in the Department of Applied Chemistry are required to submit a research proposal, and all faculty members in the department at the rank of associate professor or above will be involved in the evaluation of the proposal. (Qualifying examination [QE] for degree application)
	Major in Chemical Engineering	The applicant must have published at least one paper in a peer-reviewed academic journal. However, we will accept papers that have been accepted for publication at the time of dissertation submission (regardless of publication date). Please note that internal university publications and in-house newsletters are not considered peer-reviewed papers for the purpose of this application.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school. If necessary, faculty members from other graduate schools or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?)  If the content of the doctoral dissertation is deemed to be of a specialized nature, faculty members from outside of Kyushu University will be appointed as committee members as necessary.	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant can critically analyze, evaluate, and integrate conventional ideas, concepts, etc. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics. (7) The applicant possesses (English) language skills required for research.	[Preliminary Review Committee (Advisor Meeting)] The dissertation application and the members of the Dissertation Committee will be approved upon consultation among all professors qualified to teach in the Department of Chemical Engineering (Department of Chemical Systems and Engineering, Department of Materials Process Engineering) and associate professors with teaching qualifications related to the candidate's dissertation. ↓ (about two to three weeks) [Dissertation Committee (Dissertation Information Session)] The members listed in 2 will review the dissertation. ↓ (about one week) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ (following public hearing) [Dissertation Committee] The members listed in 2 will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ (about one to two weeks) [Dissertation Committee (Department Dissertation Advisor Meeting)] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the members of the Department Dissertation Advisor Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	
	Major in Mechanical Engineering	The applicant must have published at least one paper in a peer-reviewed academic journal. However, we will accept papers that have been accepted for publication at the time of dissertation submission (regardless of publication date). Please note that internal university publications and in-house newsletters are not considered peer-reviewed papers for the purpose of this application.	In accordance with Graduate School of Engineering rules, the Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school. If necessary, faculty members from other graduate schools or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?)  - When the dissertation advisor retires or takes a position outside of the university - When there is no faculty at Kyushu University suitable to serve as a member of the review committee for the dissertation - When it is judged that there is a researcher who is familiar with the research in question and will be able to conduct a more in-depth examination of the dissertation	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (3) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (4) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (5) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics.	[Dissertation Advisor Meeting] If the candidate has demonstrated "exceptional research findings" and plans to complete their program early, all professors with advisory qualifications and associate professors with teaching qualifications related to the candidate's dissertation will meet to discuss and approve the start of a Preliminary Review Committee. ↓ (about one to two weeks) [Preliminary (Tentative) Dissertation Committee] The committee members listed in 2 will conduct a substantial preliminary review of the dissertation. ↓ (generally within two weeks) [Preliminary Review Committee (Dissertation Advisor Meeting)] The members of the Dissertation Advisor Meeting will approve the dissertation application and the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (about one week) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ (immediately following the dissertation hearing) [Dissertation Committee] The members listed in 2 will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ (generally within two weeks) [Dissertation Committee (Dissertation Advisor Meeting)] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the members of the Dissertation Advisor Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	

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G r a d u a t e  S c h o o l  o f  E n g i n e r i n g ( F r o m  A p r i l  2 0 2 1 )	Major in Hydrogen Energy Systems	The applicant must have published at least one paper in a peer-reviewed academic journal. However, we will accept papers that have been accepted for publication at the time of dissertation submission (regardless of publication date). Please note that internal university publications and in-house newsletters are not considered peer-reviewed papers for the purpose of this application.	In accordance with Graduate School of Engineering rules, the Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school. If necessary, faculty members from other graduate schools or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?) - When the dissertation advisor retires or takes a position outside of the university - When there is no faculty at Kyushu University suitable to serve as a member of the review committee for the dissertation - When it is judged that there is a researcher who is familiar with the research in question and will be able to conduct a more in-depth examination of the dissertation	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (3) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (4) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (5) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics.	[Dissertation Advisor Meeting] If the candidate has demonstrated "exceptional research findings" and plans to complete their program early, all professors with advisory qualifications and associate professors with teaching qualifications related to the candidate's dissertation will meet to discuss and approve the start of a Preliminary Review Committee. ↓ (about one to two weeks) [Preliminary (Tentative) Dissertation Committee] The committee members listed in 2 will conduct a substantial preliminary review of the dissertation. ↓ (generally within two weeks) [Preliminary Review Committee (Dissertation Advisor Meeting)] The members of the Dissertation Advisor Meeting will approve the dissertation application and the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ (immediately following the dissertation hearing) [Dissertation Committee] The members listed in 2 will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ (generally within two weeks) [Dissertation Committee (Dissertation Advisor Meeting)] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the members of the Dissertation Advisor Meeting. ↓ [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	
	Major in Aeronautics and Astronautics	All of the following requirements must be met. (1) The candidate must compile a dissertation that is recognized by the chief examiner to be novel, original, and of sufficient academic value in their area of expertise. (2) The applicant must have published at least two papers related to the dissertation in a peer-reviewed journal. However, one of the papers may be a published conference paper from an international conference proceeding. We will also accept papers related to the dissertation that have been accepted for publication.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school. If necessary, faculty members from other universities or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?) - When there is a faculty member outside of the university who is well suited to objectively evaluate the novelty, originality, and academic value of the dissertation.	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics.	[Preliminary Review Committee] A Preliminary Review Committee consisting of professors and associate professors of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics will approve the start of the dissertation review and the members of the Dissertation Committee listed in 2. ↓ (about four weeks) [Dissertation Information Session] The Dissertation Committee members listed in 2 will conduct a substantial preliminary review of the dissertation. ↓ (about four weeks) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ [Dissertation Committee] The members listed in 2 will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ [Dissertation Committee] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by all of the professors of the department together with the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	
	Major in Applied Quantum Physics and Nuclear Engineering	The applicant must have published, or be scheduled to publish, at least one first-author paper (including proceedings) in a peer-reviewed journal.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school. If necessary, faculty members from other graduate schools or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?) - When researchers with outstanding achievements in the relevant field are able to participate. - When there are no other members of the review committee within the university who are available to conduct an adequate review of the dissertation	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant can critically analyze, evaluate, and integrate conventional ideas, concepts, etc. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics.	[Preliminary Review Committee] The dissertation application and the members of the Dissertation Committee will be approved by the professors and associate professors of the Department of Applied Quantum Physics and Nuclear Engineering through discussions based on an explanation of the dissertation by the candidate's dissertation advisor. ↓ (about one week) [Information Session (Dissertation Committee)] The committee members listed in 2 will conduct a substantial preliminary review of the dissertation. ↓ (about two weeks) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about two weeks) [Application for Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense & Dissertation Committee] After the public defense is held, the members listed in 2 will conduct a review and final examination of the dissertation. ↓ (about one week) [Dissertation Committee (Dissertation Advisor Meeting)] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the members of the Dissertation Advisor Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	
	Major in Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering	The applicant must have at published least one paper in a peer-reviewed journal.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?)  If the content of the doctoral dissertation is deemed to be of a specialized nature, faculty members from outside of Kyushu University will be appointed as committee members as necessary.	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant can critically analyze, evaluate, and integrate conventional ideas, concepts, etc. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics.	[Preliminary Dissertation Review Committee] A Preliminary Dissertation Review Committee consisting of professor and associate professors of the Department of Marine Systems Engineering will meet to approve the start of the dissertation review and the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (about two weeks) [Dissertation Information Session] The Dissertation Committee members listed in 2 will conduct a substantial review of the dissertation. ↓ (about one week) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ (immediately following the dissertation hearing) [Dissertation Committee] The members listed in 2 will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ (as soon as possible following the Dissertation Committee) [Dissertation Committee] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by all of the professors of the Department of Maritime Engineering with advisory qualifications together with the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (Immediately following the Thesis Review Committee meeting) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	

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Graduate School of Engineering	Major in Earth Resources Engineering	The applicant must have published, or be scheduled to publish, at least one first-author paper in a peer-reviewed journal.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school. If necessary, faculty members from other graduate schools or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?)  If the content of the doctoral dissertation is deemed to be of a specialized nature, faculty members from outside of Kyushu University will be appointed as committee members as necessary.	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant can analyze, evaluate, and integrate conventional ideas, concepts, etc. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics.	[Preliminary Dissertation Review Committee] A Preliminary Dissertation Review Committee consisting of professor and associate professors of the Department of Earth Resources Engineering will meet to approve the start of the dissertation review and the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (about two weeks) [Dissertation Information Session] The Dissertation Committee members listed in 2 will conduct a substantial review of the dissertation. ↓ (about one week) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ (immediately following the dissertation hearing) [Dissertation Committee] The members listed in 2 will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ (as soon as possible following the Dissertation Committee) [Dissertation Committee] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by all of the professors of the Department of Earth Resources Engineering with advisory qualifications together with the members of the Dissertation Committee. ↓ (immediately following the Dissertation Committee) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	
	Major in Civil Engineering	The paper must have been published in a peer-reviewed journal. The dissertation must be approved by the faculty member serving as the chief examiner.	The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three members (including the chief examiner), with the dissertation advisor from the candidate's department serving as chief examiner. However, the Dissertation Committee should include at least one advisor from another department or school. If necessary, faculty members from other universities or research institutes may be appointed as committee members.	(In what cases should faculty from other universities be appointed as dissertation committee members?)  If the content of the doctoral dissertation is deemed to be of a specialized nature, faculty members from outside of Kyushu University will be appointed as committee members as necessary.	(1) The applicant has an understanding of the basic and advanced knowledge of the field of specialization. (2) The applicant can critically analyze, evaluate, and integrate conventional ideas, concepts, etc. (3) The applicant has planned and carried out research autonomously and their contributions are of sufficient quality. (4) The applicant is contributing to the creation of new knowledge through original research. (5) The applicant is able to explain their findings in a scientifically accurate manner. (6) The applicant is able to comply with research ethics. (7) The applicant possesses (English) language skills required for research.	[Preliminary Review Committee] The dissertation application and the members of the Dissertation Committee will be approved upon consultation among the professors and associate professors of the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering and the Department of Urban and Environmental Engineering. ↓ (about two to three weeks) [Dissertation Committee (Dissertation Information Session)] The members listed in 2 will review the dissertation. ↓ (about one week) [Application for Doctoral Dissertation Review] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Public Doctoral Dissertation Defense] After the application has been accepted, the chief examiner will submit a request to hold a defense, and the defense will be held. ↓ (following public hearing) [Dissertation Committee] The members listed in 2 will conduct the dissertation review and final examination. ↓ (about one to two weeks) [Dissertation Committee (Department Dissertation Advisor Meeting)] A decision on whether to accept or reject the dissertation will be made by the members of the Department Dissertation Advisor Meeting. ↓ (about one week) [Announcement of Result] The chief examiner will submit the specified documents to the administration. ↓ (about one week) [Graduate School Delegates Meeting] A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made by the Graduate School Delegates Meeting.	

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Graduate School of Engineering (UNTIL March 2021)	Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry	<p>- Two papers on which the applicant is the first author must have been accepted by peer-reviewed journals. (Note that if a faculty member is the first author and the principal contributing student is a co-author, approval will be granted after consultation within the department.)</p> <p>- The applicant must make a successful research proposal.</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be the student's supervisor.</p> <p>The screening committee must include at least one faculty member from another department (or from outside the Graduate School of Engineering) as an Examiner.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>To enable suitable evaluation of the doctoral thesis submitted in the case that the external faculty member has extensive knowledge of the field in question</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p> <p>(7) The student must possess language skills (English) required for research.</p>	<p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> Professors and assistant professors in the applicant's department engage in preparation for the application, approve the submission of the thesis, and approve the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Explanatory Thesis Presentation:</b> After the applicant explains the content of the thesis to be submitted for the doctoral degree to the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners, evaluation takes place following a Q&amp;A session from the perspective of the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners. The applicant revises the content of the thesis as necessary.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two to three weeks)</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense, publicizing it both within and outside the University.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> The Examination Committee Chair will present the content of the thesis at a committee consisting of all the professors in the department to which the student belongs and also the Examiners. Thereafter, members of the Guidance Council will take the decision regarding whether the student passes or fails.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	<p>Research proposals must be submitted by all doctoral students in the Department of Applied Chemistry; all faculty members in the department including associate professors are involved in the evaluation of research proposals. (Qualifying examination for doctoral degree application)</p>
	Department of Materials Process Engineering (Chemical Engineering)	<p>Must have one or more papers published in a peer-reviewed journal</p> <p>However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date.</p> <p>Note that publications for internal readerships at universities or companies are not considered peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>When deemed necessary in light of the specialist content of a doctoral thesis, a faculty member from outside Kyushu University may be included as a member of the screening committee.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p> <p>(7) The student must possess language skills (English) required for research.</p>	<p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Divisional Guidance Council):</b> All professors qualified to supervise in the Chemical Engineering Division (Department of Chemical Systems and Engineering and Department of Materials Process Engineering) and associate professors qualified to supervise the thesis based on its research area will discuss and approve the thesis submission and select the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two to three weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee (Explanatory Thesis Presentation):</b> The members listed in column two conduct the screening of the thesis.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.</p> <p>↓ (After public thesis defense)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee (Departmental Guidance Council):</b> A decision regarding whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Departmental Guidance Council.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	

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Graduate Schools of Engineering	Department of Materials Process Engineering (Materials Science)	The applicant must have a paper accepted by a peer-reviewed journal. Note that publications for internal readerships at universities or companies are not considered as peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  When the chief examiner determines that a faculty member from outside the University is the person most familiar with the specialized field of the doctoral thesis, a faculty member from outside the University may be included as a screening committee member.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Departmental Council):</b> Members of the Divisional Faculty Council approve the submission of the thesis and finalize the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Preparatory Committee (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members of the Thesis Screening Committee conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately four weeks) <b>Explanatory Presentation:</b> The student submitting the thesis explains the content of the thesis to the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately four weeks) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Members of the Thesis Screening Committee conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Thesis Review Committee (Guidance Council):</b> A decision as to whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Guidance Council. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	
	Department of Materials Physics and Chemistry (Applied Chemistry)	* Two papers on which the applicant is the first author must have been accepted by peer-reviewed journals. (Note that if a faculty member is the first author and the principal contributing student is a co-author, approval will be granted after consultation within the department.) * The applicant must make a successful research proposal.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be the student's supervisor. The screening committee must include at least one faculty member from another department (or from outside the Graduate School of Engineering) as an Examiner.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  To enable suitable evaluation of the doctoral thesis submitted in the case that the external faculty member has extensive knowledge of the field in question	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics (7) The student must possess language skills (English) required for research.	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> Professors and assistant professors in the applicant's department engage in preparation for the application, approve the submission of the thesis, and approve the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Explanatory Thesis Presentation:</b> After the applicant explains the content of the thesis to be submitted for the doctoral degree to the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners, evaluation takes place following a Q&A session from the perspective of the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners. The applicant revises the content of the thesis as necessary. ↓ (Approximately two to three weeks) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense, publicizing it both within and outside the University. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> The Examination Committee Chair will present the content of the thesis at a committee consisting of all the professors in the department to which the student belongs and also the Examiners. Thereafter, members of the Guidance Council will take the decision regarding whether the student passes or fails. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	Research proposals must be submitted by all doctoral students in the Department of Applied Chemistry; all faculty members in the department including associate professors are involved in the evaluation of research proposals. (Qualifying examination for doctoral degree application)



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Graduate School of Engineering (M.Arch 2021)	Department of Materials Physics and Chemistry (Materials Science)	The applicant must have a paper accepted by a peer-reviewed journal. Note that publications for internal readerships at universities or companies are not considered as peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  When the chief examiner determines that a faculty member from outside the University is the person most familiar with the specialized field of the doctoral thesis, a faculty member from outside the University may be included as a screening committee member.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Departmental Council):</b> Members of the Divisional Faculty Council approve the submission of the thesis and finalize the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Preparatory Committee (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members of the Thesis Screening Committee conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately four weeks) <b>Explanatory Presentation:</b> The student submitting the thesis explains the content of the thesis to the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately four weeks) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Members of the Thesis Screening Committee conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Thesis Review Committee (Guidance Council):</b> A decision as to whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Guidance Council. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	
	Department of Chemical Systems and Engineering (Chemical Engineering)	Must have one or more papers published in a peer-reviewed journal. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date. Note that publications for internal readerships at universities or companies are not considered peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  When deemed necessary in light of the specialist content of a doctoral thesis, a faculty member from outside Kyushu University may be included as a member of the screening committee.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics (7) The student must possess language skills (English) required for research.	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Divisional Guidance Council):</b> All professors qualified to supervise in the Chemical Engineering Division (Department of Chemical Systems and Engineering and Department of Materials Process Engineering) and associate professors qualified to supervise the thesis based on its research area will discuss and approve the thesis submission and select the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately two to three weeks) <b>Thesis Screening Committee (Explanatory Thesis Presentation):</b> The members listed in column two conduct the screening of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. ↓ (After public thesis defense) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks) <b>Thesis Review Committee (Departmental Guidance Council):</b> A decision regarding whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Departmental Guidance Council. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	

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Graduate School of Engineering (University of March 2021)	Department of Chemical Systems and Engineering (Applied Chemistry)	<p>Two papers on which the applicant is the first author must have been accepted by peer-reviewed journals. (Note that if a faculty member is the first author and the principal contributing student is a co-author, approval will be granted after consultation within the department.)</p> <p>The applicant must make a successful research proposal.</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be the student's supervisor.</p> <p>The screening committee must include at least one faculty member from another department (or from outside the Graduate School of Engineering) as an Examiner.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>To enable suitable evaluation of the doctoral thesis submitted in the case that the external faculty member has extensive knowledge of the field in question</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p> <p>(7) The student must possess language skills (English) required for research.</p>	<p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> Professors and assistant professors in the applicant's department engage in preparation for the application, approve the submission of the thesis, and approve the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Explanatory Thesis Presentation:</b> After the applicant explains the content of the thesis to be submitted for the doctoral degree to the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners, evaluation takes place following a Q&amp;A session from the perspective of the Examination Committee Chair and Examiners. The applicant revises the content of the thesis as necessary.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two to three weeks)</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense, publicizing it both within and outside the University.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> The Examination Committee Chair will present the content of the thesis at a committee consisting of all the professors in the department to which the student belongs and also the Examiners. Thereafter, members of the Guidance Council will take the decision regarding whether the student passes or fails.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	<p>Research proposals must be submitted by all doctoral students in the Department of Applied Chemistry; all faculty members in the department including associate professors are involved in the evaluation of research proposals. (Qualifying examination for doctoral degree application)</p>
	<p>Department of Civil and Structural Engineering</p> <p>Department of Urban and Environmental Engineering</p>	<p>The applicant requires to have a paper published in a peer-reviewed journal. The doctoral thesis must be accepted by the faculty member serving as chief examiner.</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) will be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other universities or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>When deemed necessary in light of the specialist content of the doctoral thesis, a faculty member from outside Kyushu University may be included as a member of the screening committee.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p> <p>(7) The student must possess language skills (English) required for research.</p>	<p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> The professors and associate professors of the Department of Civil and Structural Engineering and the Department of Urban and Environmental Engineering consult and approve the submission of the thesis and finalize the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately two to three weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee (Explanatory Thesis Presentation):</b> The members listed in column two conduct the screening of the thesis.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.</p> <p>↓ (After public thesis defense)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee (Departmental Guidance Council):</b> A decision regarding whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Departmental Guidance Council.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.</p> <p>↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	

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Graduate School of Engineering (Unitil March 2021)	Department of Maritime Engineering	The applicant requires to have presented one or more peer-reviewed papers.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  When deemed necessary in light of the specialist content of the doctoral thesis, a faculty member from outside Kyushu University may become a member of the screening committee.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field  (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology  (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> A committee consisting of professors and associate professors of the Department of Maritime Engineering discusses whether the doctoral thesis review may be initiated and approves the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Explanatory Thesis Presentation:</b> The Thesis Screening Committee members listed in column two conduct a substantial review of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. ↓ (Immediately after public thesis defense) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. ↓ (As soon as possible after the Thesis Screening Committee conducts the above) <b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> All professors qualified to supervise in the Department of Maritime Engineering and members of the Thesis Screening Committee take the decision regarding whether the applicant passes or fails. ↓ (As soon as possible after Thesis Review Committee meeting) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	
	Department of Earth Resources Engineering	The applicant must have at least one peer-reviewed paper for which he/she is the first author that has been published or has been confirmed for publication.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  When deemed necessary in light of the specialist content of a doctoral thesis, a faculty member from outside Kyushu University may be included as a member of the screening committee.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field  (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology  (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> A Committee consisting of professors and associate professors of the Department of Earth Resources Engineering discusses whether the doctoral thesis review may be initiated and approves the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Explanatory Thesis Presentation:</b> The Thesis Screening Committee members listed in column two conduct a substantial review of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. ↓ (Immediately after public thesis defense) <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. ↓ (As soon as possible after the Thesis Screening Committee conducts the above) <b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> All professors qualified to supervise in the Department of Earth Resources Engineering and members of the Thesis Screening Committee take a decision regarding whether the applicant passes or fails. ↓ (As soon as possible after Thesis Review Committee meeting) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	

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Graduate School of Engineering (Until March 2021)	Department of Applied Quantum Physics and Nuclear Engineering	The applicant must have at least one peer-reviewed paper (including conference proceedings) for which he/she is the first author that has been published or has been confirmed for publication.	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When a researcher with outstanding achievements in the relevant field is available to participate in the screening committee</li> <li>• When there is no screening committee member available outside the department within the University who can satisfactorily review the doctoral thesis</li> </ul>	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> Professors and associate professors in the Department of Applied Quantum Physics and Nuclear Engineering discuss the content of the thesis based on the supervisor's explanation, approve the submission of the thesis, and finalize the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Explanatory Presentation (Thesis Screening Committee):</b> The members listed in column two conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Application for Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies to convene the public thesis defense.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense and Thesis Screening Committee:</b> Following the public thesis defense, the members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee (Guidance Council):</b> A decision regarding whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Guidance Council.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	
	Department of Mechanical Engineering	Must have one or more papers published in a peer-reviewed journal. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date. Note that publications for internal readerships at universities or companies are not considered peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.	In accordance with the rules of the Graduate School of Engineering, the thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) will be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the supervisor has retired or transferred outside the University</li> <li>• When no faculty member at Kyushu University is found suitable to serve as a screening committee member for the thesis in question</li> <li>• When there is a researcher who has thorough knowledge of the research area in question and is deemed to be able to perform a more advanced review</li> </ul>	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant contribution in the research results (3) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (4) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (5) The author's compliance with research ethics	<p><b>Guidance Council:</b> If the applicant plans for early completion owing to his/her outstanding research record, the Guidance Council approves the initiation of preparatory measures for this in consultation with all professors and associate professors qualified to supervise the thesis.  ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)</p> <p><b>Preparatory Committee ((Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee):</b> The members listed in column two conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis.  ↓ (Generally within two weeks)</p> <p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Guidance Council):</b> Members of the Guidance Council approve the submission of the thesis and finalize the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.  ↓</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.  ↓ (Immediately after public thesis defense)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.  ↓ (Generally within two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee (Guidance Council):</b> A decision regarding whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Guidance Council.  ↓</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	

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Graduate School of Engineering (Unitil March 2021)	Department of Hydrogen Energy Systems	Must have one or more papers published in a peer-reviewed journal. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date. Note that publications for internal readerships at universities or companies are not considered peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.	In accordance with the rules of the Graduate School of Engineering, the thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) will be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the supervisor has retired or transferred outside the University</li> <li>• When no faculty member at Kyushu University is found suitable to serve as a screening committee member for the thesis in question</li> <li>• When there is a researcher who has thorough knowledge of the research area in question and is deemed to be able to perform a more advanced review</li> </ul>	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant contribution in the research results (3) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (4) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (5) The author's compliance with research ethics	<p><b>Guidance Council:</b> If the applicant plans for early completion owing to his/her outstanding research record, the Guidance Council approves the initiation of preparatory measures for this in consultation with all professors and associate professors qualified to supervise the thesis.  ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)</p> <p><b>Preparatory Committee (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis.  ↓ (Generally within two weeks)</p> <p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Guidance Council):</b> Members of the Guidance Council approve the submission of the thesis and finalize the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.  ↓</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.  ↓ (Immediately after public thesis defense)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.  ↓ (Generally within two weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee (Guidance Council):</b> A decision regarding whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Guidance Council.  ↓</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	
	Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics	All of the following requirements must be met: (1) Candidates must prepare a doctoral thesis considered by the faculty member expected to be the lead examiner to have novelty, originality, and sufficient academic value in a field related to the department. (2) Candidates must have two or more published papers in a peer-reviewed academic journal on the topic of the thesis. Note that one of these papers may be peer-reviewed international conference proceedings. Academic papers with relevant content are acceptable if suitable for publication (even if unpublished)	The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) will be composed of three or more members, and the Examination Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other universities or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When there is a faculty member outside the University who is well-suited for the objective evaluation of the novelty, originality, and academic value of the submitted doctoral thesis	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (3) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (4) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (5) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> A Preliminary Screening Committee consisting of professors and associate professors of the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics will initiate the thesis screening and approve the members of the Thesis Screening Committee as listed in column two.  ↓ (Approximately four weeks)</p> <p><b>Explanatory Presentation:</b> The Thesis Screening Committee members listed in column two conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis.  ↓ (Approximately four weeks)</p> <p><b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives decides whether to accept the thesis.  ↓</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.  ↓</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.  ↓</p> <p><b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> All professors in the department and members of the Thesis Screening Committee take the decision regarding whether the applicant passes or fails.  ↓</p> <p><b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	

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Graduate School of Design	Department of Design	One or more peer-reviewed papers	The thesis screening committee consists of three or more faculty members (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two or more Examiners) who are in charge of research guidance on the doctoral course. If necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools, departments, research institutes, etc. (at the same level as faculty members in charge of research guidance on the doctoral course) may constitute up to half of the members of the preliminary review committee.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When no one at the University has a thorough knowledge of the field under review	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (3) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (4) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology	<b>Specialist Academic Affairs Committee:</b> The Specialist Academic Affairs Committee discusses the decision of the members of the Preliminary Review Committee. ↓ (Approximately three weeks) <b>Preliminary Review Committee:</b> Following the decision of the Preliminary Review Committee members, the Examination Committee Chair holds a preliminary review. <b>Report of Preliminary Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Specialist Academic Affairs Committee:</b> The Specialist Academic Affairs Committee discusses the acceptance of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one month) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> Members of the Council of Representatives discuss the decision of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately one month) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> Following the decision of the Thesis Screening Committee, the Examination Committee Chair convenes the public thesis defense. At that time, the thesis screening and the final examination are held. <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Graduate School Council of Representatives:</b> The Graduate School Council of Representatives takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	
	Department of Design Strategy						
Graduate School of Information Science and Engineering	Department of Informatics	The criteria are broadly as follows: · Must have published or be scheduled to publish a total of three papers in peer-reviewed journals or proceedings of international conferences · One of the above three papers is required to be published in a peer-reviewed journal. Note that the details will depend on the field and the journal in question.	The thesis screening committee shall comprise three or more members (of which at least two members including the Examination Committee Chair must be supervisors at this graduate school). In this case, the Examination Committee Chair shall be selected from among the supervisors of the department to which the student belongs, other than the supervisor of the student, and two or more thesis screening committee members shall be selected from the supervisors of this graduate school or other graduate schools at this university. If deemed necessary, the associate professors responsible for classes and faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may be included in the thesis screening committee.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When the graduate university's Faculty Council deems it particularly necessary to ensure the objectivity and accuracy of the review	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics [Reference] Excerpt from the publicly available "Doctoral Degree Review Criteria for the Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering" (Evaluation items) 1. Significance of the research topic Is the rationale for selecting the topic of the dissertation clearly articulated based on previous academic achievements in the field and recognized as having academic or social significance? 2. Understanding and presentation of previous research When exploring the research topic, has the applicant included a comprehensive range of materials and documents that he/she has read and accurately evaluated? Further, are these sources referenced appropriately in developing the argument of the thesis? 3. Validity of the research method Are the research methods used appropriately and effectively for investigating the research topic? Methods may include theory, experiments, simulations, prototypes/trials, surveys, or gathering of reference materials. 4. Validity and significance of the arguments and conclusions Is the argument of the thesis developed clearly, empirically, and logically—from establishing the topic till the conclusion? Further, do the arguments and conclusions derived constitute novel and original academic contributions or highly relevant social contributions in this field? 5. Thesis style and format Are the terminology and phrasing of the thesis appropriate? Is it organized in a form that is appropriate for a doctoral thesis? Are the references and other materials correctly quoted, and are the sources of figures and tables, etc. made clear? (Evaluation criteria) Theses will be accepted when recognized as having reached the level of a doctoral thesis for all five evaluation items cited above.	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> Composed of the professors in each department and the associate professors qualified to supervise the thesis (no quorum) The recommended faculty member explains the contents of the thesis and selects candidates for the role of Examination Committee Chair and Assistant Examiners. After completion, the head of the department submits a preliminary screening report to the Dean of the Graduate School. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Explanatory Thesis Presentation:</b> The candidates for the roles of Examination Committee Chair and Assistant Examiners consider the thesis and its content with regard to the doctoral thesis review criteria and, if necessary, provide advice on further enhancing the thesis quality. ↓ (Approximately two weeks to two months) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The doctoral student submits the requisite documents to the Dean of the Graduate School. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Senior Staff Committee:</b> A committee of senior staff, composed of the Dean of the Graduate School, the Deputy Director, and the head of the department takes the decision of whether to accept the thesis. ↓ (One day) <b>Forwarding the Thesis:</b> The Dean of the Graduate School forwards the submitted documents to the President of the University. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Faculty Council establishes a Thesis Screening Committee and a Review Committee. The members of the Review Committee comprise the supervisor in the department to which the student belongs and supervisors from this Graduate School who are on the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ <b>Notification of Review Instructions:</b> The Dean of the Graduate School notifies the chief examiner of the Thesis Screening Committee with a copy of the instructions to conduct a review from the President. ↓ <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> The Dean of the Graduate School shall convene a public defense of the thesis. ↓ <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The Thesis Screening Committee conducts the thesis screening and the final examination, prepares a report on the results of the thesis screening, and submits it to the chair of the Thesis Review Committee (head of the department). ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Thesis Review Committee:</b> The Review Committee examines the results of the thesis screening and the results of the final examination and votes on whether the thesis passes or fails. (Quorum 2/3, resolutions 3/4 or more) ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Faculty Council:</b> The Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of the doctoral degree based on the report of the Review Committee (quorum 2/3 or more). ↓ (One day) <b>Report on Review Results:</b> The Dean of the Graduate School submits a report on the results of the thesis review and one copy of the main thesis to the President.	<b>Advisory Committee</b> · An advisory committee is set up for each student, comprising members from inside and outside the University. The committee discusses the process—starting from research proposals to the progress of research. The records of the advice given to the students through these discussions are submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School. (Ensuring multiple systems for supervision and fostering broad perspectives) · The advisory committee must have one or more members from outside the department, including external experts. (Ensuring objectivity) <b>Special Cases for Thesis Review Committee</b> · If the student is employed by Kyushu University through funding of a research project represented by their supervisor, an agreement has been established whereby the supervisor may be excluded from the Thesis Review Committee. (Ensuring objectivity of review)
	Department of Advanced Information Technology						
	Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering						

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I n t e r d i s c i p l i n a r y G r a d u a t e S c h o o l o f E n g i n e e r i n g S c i e n c e s	Department of Applied Science for Electronics and Materials	<p>Must have two (2) or more papers published in peer-reviewed academic journals. However, it is acceptable for the paper(s) accepted for publication (i.e. in press) when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date. Those who have been enrolled in the doctoral program for at least two years, have obtained the required credits, and have received the required research guidance, may submit a doctoral thesis. Those with an outstanding record may submit their thesis after a shorter enrollment period. The "outstanding record" is considered to include at least four (4) papers accepted by world-class journals. Note that three (3) or more important patents related to an academic paper may be substituted for one published academic paper. In addition, those who have withdrawn from the doctoral program with the completion of course requirements may apply for their doctoral degree if they submit their doctoral thesis and pass the review and examination within three years of the withdrawal.</p>	<p>The Thesis Screening Committee (including the Screening Committee Chair) shall be composed of three (3) or more members, and the Screening Committee Chair will be a supervisor in the department to which the student belongs. The Thesis Screening Committee shall include one (1) or more supervisors from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as Screening Committee members.</p>	<p>When deemed necessary by the Graduate School Faculty Council, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes (limited to doctoral degree awardees with research results in the field related to the thesis) may be included in the Screening Committee.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field.  (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.  (3) Independent planning and performing of research and relevant research results.  (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research.  (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology.  (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics.</p>	<p><b>Supervisory Council:</b> All professors who are qualified to supervise in the Department of Applied Science for Electronics and Materials and also the associate professors qualified to supervise the thesis in question meet to approve the initiation of preparatory measures for the application process.  ↓ (approximately two weeks)  <b>Preparatory Committee (Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two (2) conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis.  ↓ (approximately one week)  <b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Supervisory Council):</b> The members of the Supervisory Council approve the submission of the thesis and finalize the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.  ↓ (approximately one week)  <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Screening Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓ (In principle, the deadline for submission is 10 days before the Graduate School Faculty Council meeting.)  <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision regarding whether to accept the thesis.  ↓  <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions from the President to carry out the Thesis Review, the Screening Committee Chair applies for and convenes the Public Thesis Defense.  ↓ (in principle, 10 days or more after the decision to accept the thesis)  <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two (2) conduct the Thesis Screening and the Final Examination.  ↓ (conducted after Public Thesis Defense and before the Thesis Review Committee meeting)  <b>Report of Screening Results:</b> The Screening Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the Head of Department.  ↓  <b>Departmental Council (Thesis Review Committee):</b> The members of the Departmental Council take the decision regarding whether the application passes or fails. Thereafter, the Council submits the result of its decision to the relevant office.  ↓ (The deadline for submitting a report on the doctoral thesis review (pass/fail results) is approximately three weeks after the thesis is accepted. In principle, the deadline for submission is 10 days before the Graduate School Faculty Council takes its decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.)  <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.</p>	
	Department of Molecular and Material Sciences	<p>As a general rule, at least two papers must be published or accepted in a peer reviewed scientific journal.</p>	<p>One Examination Committee Chair (a supervisor) and two or more Examiners (one of whom does not belong to the Department of Molecular and Material Sciences)</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)  If the person in question is an expert in the field related to the thesis and is deemed necessary for the thesis review, he/she may be included in the screening committee.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field  (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.  (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results  (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research  (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology  (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p><b>Departmental Council:</b> The supervisor shall establish a Thesis Screening Committee. A Departmental Council consisting of professors and associate professors qualified to supervise in the Department of Molecular and Material Sciences circulates a list of the doctoral thesis applicant's academic achievements and reaches an agreement regarding initiating the doctoral thesis application. (The applicant may also be scheduled to be published in at least two journals or conference proceedings as an author when applying for a doctoral thesis.)  ↓ (Approximately one week to one year)  <b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> The Thesis Screening Committee reviews the thesis and conducts a hearing wherein the applicant gives an oral presentation on the content of their thesis. The Committee then discusses whether the thesis can be submitted.  ↓ (Approximately one week to two months)  <b>Departmental Council:</b> The Departmental Council circulates and peruses the preliminary review reports and the doctoral thesis (temporary binding permissible).  ↓ (Approximately one to two weeks)  <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Screening Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office.  ↓  <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council determines takes the decision regarding whether to accept the thesis.  ↓  <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Screening Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense.  ↓  <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination.  ↓  <b>Report of Screening Results:</b> The Screening Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the head of department.  ↓  <b>Departmental Council (Thesis Review Committee):</b> The members of the Departmental Council take the decision regarding whether the application passes or fails. Thereafter, the Council submits the result of its decision to the relevant office.  ↓  <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;">I n t e r d i s c i p l i n a r y  G r a d u a t e  S c h o o l  o f  E n g i n e e r i n g  S c i e n c e s</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Department of Advanced Energy Engineering Science</p>	<p>Applicants are required to have one peer-reviewed publications as the first author at least. Applicants being mature doctoral students are required to have published at least, one peer-reviewed papers containing the contents of their thesis as the first author during their enrollment period. Three patents related to their thesis are approved to count as one peer-reviewed paper for which the applicant is the first author for applicants submitting to "doctor of engineering" (The applicant does not have to be the first author of the patents).</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee is organized by three or more members including a chief reviewer who must be a supervisor in the applicant's department and one or more supervisors in other departments or graduate schools. As the occasion demands, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes in other universities can serve as the screening committee members.</p>	<p>(What is the occasion to assign the external faculty members as the screening committee?) In compliance with the graduate school's regulations.</p>	<p>(1) To understand fundamental knowledge and expertise in the special field of study.  (3) To be proactive in researching and to contribute significantly to the research. (4) To create imaginative knowledge through the original research (5) To provide a scientifically accurate description of the achievement  (6) To comply fully with the research ethics</p>	<p>To start the review process, the applicant's supervisor submits the applicant's resume, a list of published papers, and a summary of the thesis content and the thesis abstract in supervisory council in the applicant's department. The Supervisory Council approves to set up a thesis screening committee described in column two based on the submitted documents. ↓ (.) The doctoral thesis (draft) must be distributed to the members of the thesis screening committee until approximately one week before the preliminary screening organized by the of the thesis screening committee ↓ The preliminary screening of the thesis is executed by the thesis screening committee. ↓ The thesis screening committee provides a review report for the thesis in The Supervisory Council. The Supervisory Council approves to submit the thesis to the Graduate School Faculty Council meeting. ↓ The Supervisory Council must submit the requisite documents to the relevant office until 10 days before the Graduate School Faculty Council meeting. The Graduate School Faculty Council makes a judge whether to receive the thesis to review formally, based on the submitted documents. ↓ The thesis screening committee must organize the Public Thesis Defense after 10 days or more from the Graduate School Faculty Council meeting to review the thesis and take the final examination. ↓ The Supervisory Council makes a decision regarding whether the application passes or fails within approximately three weeks after the thesis is formally received to review. Thereafter, the Supervisory Council submits the result of its decision to the relevant office before 10 days from the Graduate School Faculty Council. The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Department of Energy and Environmental Engineering</p>	<p>The candidate must have at least two or more papers published in peer-reviewed journals prior to thesis submission. However, relevant paper(s) scheduled for publication (i.e. unpublished but accepted) are acceptable when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date. (Required credits are missing for instance ASEM described credit requirements)</p>	<p>The thesis screening committee (including the Examination Committee Chair) shall consist of three or more members. The supervisor of the student will be the Chair of the Examination Committee. The thesis screening committee shall include one or more examiners from other departments or graduate schools. Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools (Universities) or research institutes may serve as the members of the screening committee.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) If the person in question is an expert in the relevant field, with credentials comparable to those required for membership on the graduate faculty and is deemed necessary for the thesis review.</p>	<p>(1) Whether the candidate successfully demonstrates the detailed knowledge of original sources, has a thorough knowledge of the field, and understand the main theoretical and methodological issues. (2) Whether the candidate demonstrates that the methods used have been chosen through a conscious process of deliberation; and that the criteria for, and advantages and disadvantages of, particular choices of the method are well specified. (3) Whether the candidate planned and actually carried out a focal research subject as an independent researcher. (4) Whether the candidate has contributed to building new knowledge through the original research. (5) Whether the candidate can make appropriate provisions for sufficient explanation with scientifically accurate terminology. (6) Whether the candidate has substantial compliance with fair research ethics.</p>	<p>Preparatory Committee ((Provisional) Thesis Screening Committee): Members listed in column two conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) Preliminary Screening Committee (Supervisory Council): Members of the Supervisory Council approve the submission of the thesis and the members of the Thesis Screening Committee. ↓ (Approximately one week) Application for Thesis Review: The Screening Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ Graduate School Faculty Council: The Graduate School Faculty Council decides on the acceptance of the thesis. ↓ Public Thesis Defense: After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Screening Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. ↓ Thesis Screening Committee: The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. ↓ Report of Screening Results: The Screening Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the head of the department. ↓ Departmental Council (Thesis Review Committee): Members of the Departmental Council decide whether the candidate passes or fails. After that, the Council submits the result of its decision to the relevant office. ↓ Graduate School Faculty Council: The Graduate School Faculty Council decides on the awarding of the doctoral degree.</p>	<p>Guideline for a doctoral student that explains the requirements of a doctoral thesis and the process of screening have been prepared in Japanese and English as well and has been published on the Department website. More detail information is available at: <a href="http://www.eee.kyushu-u.ac.jp/eee/e_lecture/pdf/180621_PhD%20roadmap%20and%20requirements-EEE.pdf">http://www.eee.kyushu-u.ac.jp/eee/e_lecture/pdf/180621_PhD%20roadmap%20and%20requirements-EEE.pdf</a></p>



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International Graduate School of Engineering	Department of Earth System Science and Technology	The applicant is required to have one or more peer-reviewed papers as the first author. However, it is acceptable for the relevant paper(s) to be scheduled for publication when applying for a doctoral thesis, regardless of the publication date. Note that publications for internal bulletins at universities are not considered peer-reviewed papers in the context of application qualifications.	The thesis screening committee is composed of three or more members including the committee chair who must be a supervisor in the applicant's department and one or more faculty members with supervisor qualification in other departments or graduate schools. If necessary, faculty members of graduate schools or research institutes at other universities can serve as the screening committee members.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When there is no expert in other departments or other graduate schools who can review the thesis and the Graduate School Faculty Council deems it particularly necessary.	1. Research results derive from work made independently by applicant. 2. The thesis includes content that clearly demonstrates novelty and that can make an academic contribution to the development in the field. 3. Evaluation of previous research and factual investigation are appropriate, and the academic or social positioning of the thesis is indicated clearly. 4. Research method is clearly and specifically described. 5. Development of analysis and discussion is logically explained, and results are presented clearly. 6. Quotations are used suitably, and the thesis format is suitable for a published paper. 7. The applicant has presented the thesis content and responded to questions in the public defense in a logical and clear manner.	(Approximately four weeks) 1. Thesis Screening Committee: The members listed in column two conduct a substantial preliminary screening of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) 2. Preliminary Screening (Supervisory Council): The members of the Supervisory Council in the department approve the submission of the thesis and the members of the thesis screening committee. ↓ (Approximately two weeks) 3. Application for Thesis Review: The thesis screening committee chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (In principle, the deadline for submission is 10 days before the Graduate School Faculty Council meeting.) 4. Graduate School Faculty Council: The Graduate School Faculty Council determines the decision regarding whether to accept the thesis. ↓ 5. Public Thesis Defense: After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the screening committee chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. ↓ (In principle, 10 days or more after the decision to accept the thesis) 6. Thesis Screening Committee: The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. ↓ (Conducted after public thesis defense and before the Supervisory Council meeting) 7. Report of Screening Results: The screening committee chair submits the requisite documents to the head of department. ↓ 8. Departmental Council [Supervisory Council] (Thesis Review Committee): The members of the Supervisory Council in the department take the decision regarding whether the application passes or fails. Thereafter, the Council submits the result of its decision to the relevant office. ↓ (The deadline for submitting a report on the doctoral thesis review (pass/fail results) is approximately three weeks after the thesis is accepted. In principle, the deadline for submission is 10 days before the Graduate School Faculty Council takes its decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.) 9. Graduate School Faculty Council: The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.	
Graduate School of Bioresource Sciences	Department of Bioresource Sciences (Agricultural Sciences Education Course)	While applying for a doctoral thesis, a doctoral student must have one or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, for a doctoral degree by thesis only, the applicant is required to have five or more publications in peer-reviewed academic journals (three or more as the first author) or achievements equivalent to this.	(Screening system) The screening committee shall be composed of three or more members (i.e., one Examination Committee Chair and two or more Examiners). The members shall be elected by the Council of Department Heads and shall be approved by the Faculty Council of the graduate school. (Note that, if necessary, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may serve as screening committee members.)	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) If a scholar who best understands the dissertation content and who can rigorously examine it belongs to another university, he/she may be requested to become a screening committee member.	(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field  (2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis. (3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results (4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research (5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology  (6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics	<b>Preliminary Screening Committee (Guidance Council):</b> Members of the Guidance Council approve the submission of the thesis and the members of the Thesis Screening Committee.  ↓ (Approximately two weeks) <b>Application for Thesis Review:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Council of Department Heads:</b> The Council of Department Heads makes a decision regarding the acceptance of the thesis. ↓ (Approximately one week) <b>Public Thesis Defense:</b> After receiving instructions to carry out a thesis review, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. <b>Thesis Screening Committee:</b> The members listed in column two conduct the thesis screening and the final examination. <b>Thesis Review Committee (Guidance Council):</b> A decision regarding whether the application passes or fails is made by members of the Departmental Council. ↓ (Approximately three days) <b>Report of Review Results:</b> The Examination Committee Chair submits the requisite documents to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately 10 days) <b>Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.	Information on the previous majors, educational courses, and review system for students enrolled in 2018 or before can be found at the link to the previous policy on the website of the Graduate School of Bioresource and Environmental Sciences. <a href="https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/for_graduate/regulation/">https://www.agr.kyushu-u.ac.jp/for_graduate/regulation/</a>
Graduate School of Bioresource Sciences	Department of Bioresource Sciences (Animal and Marine Biosciences Education Course)	While applying for a doctoral thesis, a doctoral student must have one or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, for a doctoral degree by thesis only, the applicant is required to have five or more publications in peer-reviewed academic journals including international journals (three or more publications as the first author) or achievements equivalent to this.					
Graduate School of Bioresource Sciences	Department of Agro-environmental Sciences (Forest Environmental Science Education Course)	While applying for a doctoral thesis, a doctoral student must have two or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, for a doctoral degree by thesis only, the applicant must have five or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal.					
Graduate School of Bioresource Sciences	Department of Agro-environmental Sciences (Bioproduction and Environmental Science Education)	While applying for a doctoral thesis, a doctoral student must have one or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, for a doctoral degree by thesis only, the applicant must have three or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal.					

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Graduate School of Bioscience	Department of Agro-environmental Sciences (Sustainable Bioresources Science Education)	While applying for a doctoral thesis, a doctoral student must have two or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal. In addition, for a doctoral degree by thesis only, the applicant must have five or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal.					
	Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics	While applying for a doctoral thesis, a doctoral student must have two or more published papers as the first author in an academic journal or one or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed academic journal. In addition, for a doctoral degree by thesis only, the applicant must have five or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal.					
	Department of Bioscience and Biotechnology	In applying for a doctoral thesis, a doctoral student must have one or more published papers as the first author in a peer-reviewed journal in a European language, or an acceptance for publication of the same. In addition, for a doctoral degree by thesis only, the applicant is required to have five or more publications in peer-reviewed academic journals (three or more as the first author), or an acceptance for publication of the same.					
Graduate School of Frontier Sciences	Department of Kansei Science	Applicants must have published one or more peer-reviewed papers (including those scheduled for publication) related to the content of the doctoral thesis, and the supervisor must have confirmed that the thesis has reached the standard of a doctoral thesis.	The thesis screening committee shall be composed of three or more members (one Examination Committee Chair and two or more Examiners). The Examination Committee Chair of the screening committee will be the chief supervisor of the individual submitting the thesis, and in addition to full-time faculty members of the Graduate School of Integrated Frontier Sciences, faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutes may be added to the committee as Examiners.	(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee) When it is deemed appropriate to request an external expert to become an examiner in light of the specialist field of the thesis	Specifically, the department stipulates the following five evaluation items. The thesis must generally meet criteria (1), (2), (4), and (5) above. Criteria (3) and (6) are not specified but are reviewed as prerequisite criteria. 1. Significance of the research topic Is the rationale for selecting the topic of the dissertation clearly articulated based on previous academic achievements in the field and recognized as having academic or social significance? 2. Understanding and presentation of previous research When exploring the research topic, has the applicant included a comprehensive range of materials and documents that he/she has read and accurately evaluated? Further, are these sources referenced appropriately in developing the argument of the thesis? 3. Validity of the research method Are the research methods used appropriately and effectively for investigating the research topic? Methods may include theory, experiments, simulations, prototypes/trials, surveys, or gathering of reference materials. 4. Validity and significance of the arguments and conclusions Is the argument of the thesis developed clearly, empirically, and logically—from establishing the topic till the conclusion? Further, do the arguments and conclusions derived constitute novel and original academic contributions or highly relevant social contributions in this field? 5. Thesis style and format Are the terminology and phrasing of the thesis appropriate? Is it organized in a form that is appropriate for a doctoral thesis? Are the references and other materials correctly quoted, and are the sources of figures and tables, etc. made clear?	<p><b>Application for Preliminary Screening:</b> With the approval of the supervisor, the degree applicant submits the application to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Departmental Operation Meeting:</b> The Examination Committee Chair of the Preparatory Screening Committee explains the content of the thesis and the composition of the Preliminary Screening Committee (Examiners) at a departmental operation meeting. The head of the department establishes a Preliminary Screening Committee following the discussion at the departmental operation meeting. ↓ (Approximately two to six weeks)</p> <p><b>Preliminary Screening Committee:</b> The Preliminary Screening Committee conducts a preliminary screening of the thesis and provides necessary supervision for the thesis. If the thesis is deemed acceptable, the Examination Committee Chair submits a report to the relevant office. ↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Departmental Operation Meeting/Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The Examination Committee Chair of the Preparatory Screening Committee explains the reasons for accepting the thesis at a departmental operation meeting. In the departmental operation meeting, the decision regarding whether to accept the thesis is taken. The head of the department provides an explanation regarding the acceptance of the thesis at a Faculty Council meeting, in which the decision regarding whether or not the thesis should be accepted is made. ↓ (Approximately two weeks)</p> <p><b>Public Thesis Defense/Thesis Screening Committee:</b> After receiving a review referral from the President of the University, the Examination Committee Chair applies for and convenes the public thesis defense. The Thesis Screening Committee conducts a screening and final examination of the thesis at the public thesis defense, and the Examination Committee Chair submits to the relevant office the necessary documents pertaining to the pass/fail judgment. ↓ (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Departmental Operation Meeting/Graduate School Faculty Council:</b> The departmental operation meeting and the Graduate School Faculty Council take the decision regarding the awarding of the doctoral degree.</p>	

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G r a d u a t e  S c h o o l  o f  I n t e g r a t e d  F r o n t i e r  S c i e n c e s	Department of Automotive Science	Applicants must have published one or more peer-reviewed papers (including those scheduled for publication) in an academic journal related to the content of the doctoral thesis, and the supervisor must have confirmed that the thesis has reached the standard of a doctoral thesis.	Doctoral theses will be reviewed by a panel of one Examination Committee Chair and two or more Examiners.		<p>1. Significance of the research topic Is the rationale for selecting the topic of the dissertation clearly articulated based on previous academic achievements in the field and recognized as having academic or social significance?</p> <p>2. Understanding and presentation of previous research When exploring the research topic, has the applicant included a comprehensive range of materials and documents that he/she has read and accurately evaluated? Further, are these sources referenced appropriately in developing the argument of the thesis?</p> <p>3. Validity of the research method Are the research methods used appropriately and effectively for investigating the research topic? Methods may include theory, experiments, simulations, prototypes/trials, surveys, or gathering of reference materials.</p> <p>4. Validity and significance of the arguments and conclusions Is the argument of the thesis developed clearly, empirically, and logically—from establishing the topic till the conclusion? Further, do the arguments and conclusions derived constitute novel and original academic contributions or highly relevant social contributions in this field?</p> <p>5. Thesis style and format Are the terminology and phrasing of the thesis appropriate? Is it organized in a form that is appropriate for a doctoral thesis? Are the references and other materials correctly quoted, and are the sources of figures and tables, etc. made clear?</p> <p>Theses will be accepted when recognized as having reached the level of a doctoral thesis for all five evaluation items cited above.</p>	<p><b>Application for Preliminary Screening</b> In response to a student's application for preliminary screening, the departmental operation meeting confirms the thesis title, etc., and appoints a Preliminary Screening Committee. (Approximately one week)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening</b> The Preliminary Screening Committee examines the thesis, and the Examination Committee Chair submits a preliminary screening committee report. (Approximately four weeks)</p> <p><b>Thesis Screening Committee/Public Thesis Defense</b> A Thesis Screening Committee meeting and public thesis defense are held, and the Examination Committee Chair submits a summary of the thesis review results. (Approximately three weeks)</p> <p><b>Decision on the Awarding of the Doctoral Degree</b> Following the departmental operation meeting, the Graduate School Faculty Council takes the decision on the awarding of doctoral degrees.</p>	
	Department of Library Science	<p>In principle, the doctoral dissertation review may be initiated if any of the following requirements are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant has published a total of three or more papers in peer-reviewed academic journals, at peer-reviewed international conferences, or peer-reviewed domestic conferences that are considered to have made major contributions to topics related to the doctoral thesis. Of the above, one or more must be a paper in a peer-reviewed journal.</li> <li>• The applicant has published two or more papers in peer-reviewed academic journals on themes related to the doctoral dissertation (these two papers must be single authorship).</li> </ul> <p>Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A peer-reviewed academic journal is one for which an overview of the peer review process is made publicly available by some means. However, the scope of what is considered a paper in an academic journal will be discussed in each instance.</li> <li>• Papers accepted for publication such as those with proof of publication or a notice of acceptance may be counted as valid for applications.</li> <li>• The writing and publishing of books in the relevant field of study can be regarded as equivalent to peer-reviewed journal articles. However, these should be published by a publishing company, not self-published, and should be recognized as having high academic value, for example, having been reviewed in academic journals.</li> <li>• For applications for doctoral thesis reviews, with the early completion of a doctoral course, a departmental operation meeting will be convened to examine the establishment of a Preliminary Screening Committee for doctoral dissertation reviews based on the "Internal Regulations for the Treatment of Doctoral Thesis Reviews for the Graduate School of Integrated Frontier Sciences (With Distinction)." The departmental management meeting will consider whether or not the candidate satisfies the "outstanding research record" condition for early completion qualifications and decide whether early completion is acceptable based on this. Only in cases deemed acceptable will the establishment of a Preliminary Screening Committee be considered and the qualifications for submission of a thesis be granted to the applicant.</li> </ul>	<p>The Examination Committee Chair will participate in the preliminary and final examinations. The applicant's supervisor will be the Examination Committee Chair. The preliminary screening committee is composed of one Examination Committee Chair and two or more Examiners from this department. Depending on the research topic or field, faculty members of other departments, graduate schools, or research institutes, etc. may be included, as necessary. However, faculty members from outside the department may not exceed two, and the total number may not exceed five.</p>	<p>(Conditions of appointment of external faculty members to the screening committee)</p> <p>Discussion will take place at a departmental operation meeting, as necessary, because this is an interdisciplinary field.</p>	<p>(1) Demonstration of an understanding of foundational and advanced knowledge in the specialized field</p> <p>(2) Critical analysis, evaluation, and integration of existing ideas and concepts has been achieved in the thesis.</p> <p>(3) Independent planning and carrying out of research and relevant research results</p> <p>(4) Contribution to the creation of new knowledge through original research</p> <p>(5) Provision of explanations that use scientifically accurate terminology</p> <p>(6) The researcher's compliance with research ethics</p>	<p>Interim presentations of the doctoral thesis (Advanced presentation practice on library science will be conducted in each semester in the first and second years of the doctoral course, and all faculty members on the doctoral course will provide supervision. The presentation seminars are group-based supervision efforts for doctoral theses that is provided by faculty members of the doctoral course and are positioned as interim presentations. Those who wish to make presentations in the third year may do so and receive supervision.)</p> <p>Submission of application documents for thesis submission qualifications (If the requirements for starting the review process of a doctoral thesis are satisfied, the applicant submits the application documents with the consent of the chief examiner.) (Two to four weeks)</p> <p>Establishment of the Preliminary Screening Committee (Once the application documents for thesis submission qualifications have been accepted, the Preliminary Screening Committee Chair explains the applicant's research achievements and thesis topic. The Preliminary Screening Committee's Chair shall provide an explanation regarding the Preliminary Screening Committee's Examiners from outside of the department, based on their resume(s) and list(s) of academic achievements. The Preliminary Screening Committee (one Chair and two or more Examiners) Depending on the research topic or field, faculty members of other departments and other graduate schools or research institutes may be added, as necessary. However, no more than two may be from outside the department, and the total number may not exceed five. This will be established in the departmental operation meeting. With the establishment of the Preliminary Screening Committee, applicants gain the qualification to submit their theses. (To grant eligibility, a majority of the participants in the departmental operation meeting must agree.) The applicant must submit a Preliminary Screening Application Form (Integrated Form No. 1). Note that when applying for the early completion of a doctoral program, the abovementioned departmental operation meeting will consider whether the applicant satisfies the condition of outstanding research record, and only when it is determined that the conditions are satisfied will a Preliminary Screening Committee be established to qualify the applicant for thesis submission. (Two to four weeks)</p> <p>Preliminary Screening Committee (The Preliminary Screening Committee reviews the preliminary review thesis. The time period is within six months from the date of the departmental operation meeting. (If the preliminary screening is not completed within six months, the Preliminary Screening Committee will be established again.)) (Two months to six months) This must be reported to the head of the department using the Preliminary Screening Committee Report Form (Unified Form 2).</p> <p>Submission of a request for doctoral thesis screening and acceptance of the doctoral thesis (Kou). (Based on the opinion of the Preliminary Screening Committee, the head of the department establishes a Thesis Screening Committee during the departmental operation meeting. In principle, the Preliminary Screening Committee shall constitute the Thesis Screening Committee. As a matter of procedure, the members of the Thesis Screening Committee are appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School after discussions at the Faculty Council meeting. After submission of the doctoral thesis, no changes to its content shall be accepted.) (Two to four weeks)</p> <p>Referral for review to the President (• Information regarding acceptance of the thesis is forwarded from the Dean of the Graduate School to the President. Referral for review of a submitted thesis is sent from the President to the Dean of the Graduate School.) (One to two months)</p> <p>Implementation of public review (The chief examiner files a Notification of Public Thesis Defense (Unified Form 4) to the Dean of the Graduate School. The public thesis screening and final examination are conducted.) The Dean of the Graduate School shall publicize the public thesis defense based on the Notification of Public Thesis Defense. After the public thesis defense, the Examination Committee Chair reports to the head of the department using the Form on Thesis Review Results and Supervisor (Form 6-1) and the Summary of Thesis Review Results (Form 6-2). (Two to four weeks)</p> <p>Determining doctoral degree award qualifications (with distinction) (The Faculty Council discusses and decides whether to award the doctoral degree. (At least two-thirds of the members of the Faculty Council must be in attendance, and the agreement of a minimum of two-thirds of the attendees is required to take the decision of awarding the degree.))</p>	<p>Advanced presentation practice on library science will be conducted in each semester in the first and second years of a doctoral course, and all faculty members of the doctoral course will provide supervision. When a graduate student participates in a presentation seminar, their submissions will be recorded. The Advanced presentation practice on library science is group-based supervision effort for doctoral theses provided by faculty members of the doctoral course and is positioned as interim presentations.</p>