

G-32 Department of Forestry (Department, Graduate programs) Graduation Requirements for PhD
Students enrolled after Year **2017**

Item	Remarks
<p>A. Years of study</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minimum years of study: 2 years 2. Maximum years of study: 7 years (Not inclusive of 2 years of Leave of Absence/gap year) 	<p>Part-time students can extend their years of study by one year</p>
<p>B. Credits requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular: Total of <u>36</u> credits 2. Accelerated (from MSc): Total of <u>48</u> credits 3. Accelerated (from Bachelor): Total of <u>48</u> credits <p>Inclusive of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coursework (Core and Elective): Regular: <u>4</u> credits (core), <u>20</u> credits (elective) Accelerated (from MSc): <u>4</u> credits (core), <u>32</u> credits (elective) Accelerated (from Bachelor): <u>4</u> credits (core), <u>32</u> credits (elective) 2. Thesis (<u>12</u> credits) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A minimum passing grade of 70 is required for both academic and conduct performance. 2. Students who fail to meet the conduct requirements will be disqualified and may be dismissed from the program. 3. The academic average grade constitutes 50% of the final graduation score 4. MSc students advancing directly to the doctoral program may transfer a maximum of 12 credits from courses completed during MSc program 5. Bachelor students advancing directly to the doctoral program may transfer up to half of the required doctoral graduation credits (excluding the doctoral dissertation) <p>Note: The total minimum credits for graduation include required courses, elective courses, and the doctoral dissertation</p>
<p>C. Credits transfer: Maximum <u>9</u> credits</p>	<p>In accordance with the university's credit transfer policy, students must apply for credit transfer before the course addition/withdrawal deadline of the semester in which they are admitted.</p>
<p>D. Elective undergraduate courses counted towards graduate program graduation credits</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the university's course selection regulations, graduate students must have their semester coursework plan approved by their advisor, the department/institute/graduate program administrator. 2. Graduate students, based on academic needs, may, with the consent of the course instructor, choose relevant undergraduate courses in addition to the basic credits required by their department/institute/graduate program. If these courses are to be counted toward graduation credits, approval must be obtained from the department/institute/graduate program administrator. Only a maximum of six credits may be accepted through this method.
<p>E. Approval of credits from other departments or institutes: No upper limit in terms of maximum credit, subjected to review and approval by academic supervisor</p>	<p>This includes credits earned through inter-institutional course selection.</p>
<p>F. Required coursework and credits: Total of <u>16</u> credits</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students who fail the required coursework are required

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Dissertation	12	All specializations	
Seminar on Forest Biology & Conservation (III)	2	Core for Forest Biology Specialization	
Seminar on Forest Biology & Conservation (IV)	2	Core for Forest Biology Specialization	
Seminar on Forest Management & Administration (III)	2	Core for Forest Management Specialization	
Seminar on Forest Management & Administration (IV)	2	Core for Forest Management Specialization	
Seminar on Physical Aspects of Forest Products (III)	2	Core for Forest Products Specialization (Physical)	
Seminar on Physical Aspects of Forest Products (IV)	2	Core for Forest Products Specialization (Physical)	
Seminar on Chemical Aspects of Forest Products (III)	2	Core for Forest Products Specialization (Chemical)	
Seminar on Chemical Aspects of Forest Products (IV)	2	Core for Forest Products Specialization (Chemical)	
<p>G. Department (Institute) designated remedial courses: No credits for remedial courses are required, and these will not be counted toward graduation credits.</p>			
<p>H. Advisory of postgraduate students in doctoral program: PhD students must, by the end of their first academic year, obtain approval from the department (institute) chair to select an advisor.</p>			<p>Students who fail to request an advisor within the prescribed period will be suspended for one semester.</p>
<p>I. Doctoral candidate Qualification Examination (QE):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PhD students must complete the minimum required years of study, fulfill the required coursework and credits, and prepare a dissertation proposal, including an outline and basic content, before they are eligible to apply for the QE. 2. The examination must be approved by at least two-thirds of the examination committee members to be considered successful. 			<p>Students who fail the QE will not be permitted to proceed to the dissertation defense. If the student fails the re-examination, they will be dismissed from the program.</p>
<p>J. Doctoral degree examination (Dissertation examination):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Before applying for the dissertation examination, students must obtain proof of completion of academic ethics education. This requirement will be determined by the respective department (institute, or graduate program). 2. Students who have passed the QE and completed the first draft of their dissertation may submit their dissertation examination application after completing course registration for the current semester, but no later than 20 days before the scheduled dissertation examination date. 3. The passing grade for the dissertation examination is 70. 			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The dissertation examination score constitutes 50% of the final graduation grade. 2. Students can fulfill the academic ethics education requirement by self-studying through the Taiwan Academic Ethics Education Resources Center website and passing the final exam to obtain a completion certificate. If the respective department (institute, or degree program) has additional requirements for passing a specialized academic ethics course, the student must comply with those specific regulations. 3. If the student fails the dissertation examination but has not yet exceeded the maximum study period, they may apply to retake the examination in the following semester or academic year. If the student fails the re-examination, they will be dismissed from the program. If the student passes the re-examination, the score will be recorded as 70.
<p>K. Others: English proficiency requirements for graduation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students must meet <u>one of the</u> following criteria to fulfill the English proficiency graduation requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TOEFL: Minimum score of 173 (CBT), 61 (iBT), or 500 (PBT) b. TOEIC: Minimum score of 625 c. GEPT: Pass the high-intermediate-level examination initial test d. Completed one of the following English courses (which will not count toward graduation credits): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. English Composition I (undergraduate, full academic year, 4 credits) ii. Advanced English (undergraduate, 1 semester, 3 credits) iii. Technical English (undergraduate, full academic year, 4 credits) iv. Scientific English Writing (graduate, 1 semester, 3 credits) e. Alternatively, students may publish one SCI or SSCI journal article as the first author before their dissertation examination, which can serve as a substitute. 2. Students must have (1) at least one SCI journal article (as first author or corresponding author) related to their doctoral dissertation, or (2) at least two articles published in journals recognized by the department as grade A academic journals (including those with acceptance proof). 			<p>According to Article 2 of the National Chung Hsing University Student English Proficiency Graduation Standards, each department has the authority to set its own English proficiency graduation standards for graduate students. (Approved at the 57th Academic Affairs Meeting on March 26, 2009).</p>

※ The requirements for required courses and graduation credits will be determined by the department or institute based on the course planning schedule for each academic year. For more information, please refer to the following link: <http://www.oaa.nchu.edu.tw/rule01.htm>.

※ Any changes to graduation requirements should be handled according to the streamlined procedure for changes to graduation requirements. If there are no changes to courses or credits, submission is not required each academic year.

※ This form has been revised according to the minutes of the 62nd, 70th, and 71st Academic Affairs Meetings.

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