

# Implementation Regulations for the PhD Candidate Qualification Examination of the Department of Physics, National Taiwan Normal University

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1. These regulations are stipulated in accordance with the implementation directions for doctoral and master's degree examinations at National Taiwan Normal University.

2. The PhD candidate qualification examination for the Department of Physics includes a written examination and midterm research assessment with the following regulations:

- (1) The two subjects of the written examination are quantum mechanics and classical electrodynamics.

Those who have taken Quantum Mechanics (I and II) or Classical Electrodynamics (I and II) courses offered by the doctoral program of the Department as electives and obtained a score of at least 80 or within the top 40th percentile (inclusive) may apply for an exemption from the written examination.

- (2) The written examination for PhD candidate qualification is held once every semester. The examination must be held within 2 weeks after the semester begins.

3. The written examination procedures for PhD candidate qualification are as follows:

- (1) The examination committee for reviewing written examination performance (hereafter "the committee") is composed of the graduate committee and examiners; advisors also participate in the committee.

- (2) The committee reviews examinee performance and determines whether they pass the written examination. Those who fail the examination should retake examinations for the subjects they failed.

- (3) University graduates who directly enroll in the doctoral program or graduate students who studied in the postgraduate program for only half a year before enrolling in the doctoral program must pass the written examination for PhD candidate qualification within 3 academic years. Other doctoral students must pass the written examination for PhD candidate qualification within 2 academic years.

4. The procedures for the midterm research assessment are as follows:

- (1) The student's advisor establishes a midterm research assessment committee for the student. Each committee has five members; the advisor is an ex officio member but cannot be the convener.

- (2) The committee members determine whether the student passes the midterm research

assessment by vote.

(3) If the student fails the midterm research assessment, another assessment should be performed.

(4) University graduates who directly enroll in the doctoral program or graduate students who studied in the postgraduate program for only a half year before enrolling in the doctoral program must pass the midterm research assessment within 4 academic years. Other doctoral students must pass the midterm research assessment within 3 academic years.

5. Doctoral students who do not pass the written examination or midterm research assessment for PhD candidate qualification shall be required to withdraw from the university after the departmental chair requests the university's approval.

6. Those who pass the qualification examination and comply with other degree-awarding regulations of PhD candidacy, thus qualifying them to be PhD candidates, are awarded a PhD candidate certificate.

7. Regulations that have been approved or revised in a departmental meeting are submitted to the Academic Affairs Office and are afterward announced and implemented.