



Announcement of
The Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University
The Qualifying Examination
Doctor of Philosophy Program in Environment and Resource Studies
(International Program)

The Qualifying Examination of the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Environment and Resource Studies (International Program) is aimed to adjust the Qualifying Examination (2015) which has been announced on 28th June 2016 to agree with the Regulation on Graduate Studies of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University (2013) and Doctor of Philosophy Program in Environment and Resource Studies Program Committees' consideration which has been made on 13th December 2016. Thus the Qualifying Examination 2015 is terminated and will use the following content.

Eligibility

Students will be eligible to take the Qualifying Examination according to the Regulation on Graduate Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University (2013)

Students must seek approval to take the Qualifying Examination by submitting their application to the Doctoral Program Committee. The Committee will nominate a Qualifying Examination Committee and submit the names to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students are supposed to take Qualifying Examination within semester 1.

Qualifying Examination Committee

The Qualifying Examination Committee will be composed of at least four members as follows:

1. The student's major supervisor;
2. At least one representative of the Doctoral Program Committee;

3. At least one external person within FERS appointed by the Doctoral Program Committee eligible to sit on the Qualifying Examination Committee; and
4. A chair or a secretary of Doctoral Program committee

Objectives

The objectives of the Qualifying Exam are as follows:

1. To evaluate the student's understanding of environmental interrelationships and to determine his/her analytical ability to solve environmental problems.
2. To evaluate the student's understanding of the processes involved in completing a thesis and to test the conceptual approach which he/she has on their thesis.
3. To evaluate the student's academic presentation skills.

Guidelines

To determine whether the PhD students are qualified to carry out research at the doctoral level and to understand the processes leading to successful completion of a thesis, the questions concerned with the following environmental notions will be asked:

1. The major environmental problems facing humanity.
2. A research gap or/and research trend on a topic which related to thesis from literatures selected by a student's major advisor (A student has to submit the Qualify Examination and Committee (Gr. 35) form together with the most 5 relevant papers to qualifying examination committee).
3. How to make use of the research gap (above) to develop student's own research.
4. Academic presentation

Assessment

Each question will be scored as follows:

Question 1 will be scored out of 20;

Question 2 will be scored out of 50;

Question 3 will be scored out of 20;

In addition, the student's academic presentation will be scored out of 10.

The student must attain a score of at least 60 averaged over all examiners to pass the exam. Grading will be a satisfactory or unsatisfactory basis.

Repeat examinations

A student who does not achieve a satisfactory score in the qualifying exam can retake the exam twice with a minimum of one month between each attempt.

This announcement takes effect since the date of this announcement.

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