

**Ph.D. Degree Requirements for International Student  
National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (NTUST)  
Department of Information Management**

**Ph.D. Degree Requirements**

(1) The time limit of study for Ph.D. Degree is between two and seven years. Ph.D. students are eligible to apply for Ph.D. Degree Examination if the following requirements have been fulfilled:

1. The applicant should have been qualified as a Ph.D. candidate. (Please refer to ‘Qualifying Examination Requirements for Ph.D. Candidacy’.
2. The applicant should have enrolled and studied for at least two academic years.
3. The applicant should have received at least 24 credits from graduate-level courses. In addition, the applicant should have at least received 15 credits from the courses offered by the teachers in the department of information management. And these aforementioned credit requirements do not include the thesis and two semesters of Information Management seminar courses.
4. Students should complete the Academic Research Ethics course before the end of the first year. Graduate students can apply for the examination of degree only after they pass the course.
5. The 15 credits mentioned above (in part 3) can include at most 6 credits from the special-topic courses.
6. The applicant has published certain amount of research papers (including accepted but not published yet) according to the department’s requirement (refer the requirement 4 below).
7. The applicant should have finished the draft of her/his dissertation.

(2) The Ph.D. student must pass the qualifying examination within three years of study. If the student fails to do so, she/he will be disqualified from the Ph.D. program.

(3) The Ph.D. student should file the application of the Ph.D. degree examination with the approval of her/his advisor and the department chair.

(4) The student should have at least one paper accepted by an SCI (SCI expanded), SSCI, or AHCI journal. The journals cannot be contained in the list of the <https://beallslist.weebly.com> website. Papers should be published under NTUST and department of information management only. Papers accepted or published should meet one of the following conditions below:

1. All the student’s advisor(s) must be the co-author(s) of the papers.
2. Student publishes with his/her advisor(s) only.

The minimum requirements for publishing is as below:

Academic Years	Number of published and accepted papers	Remarks
2-3	3	If the the journals ranks in Q2 or above, one paper can be counted as 1.5 papers.
4-6	2	
7	2	<p>1. Student can wave at most one paper by an ‘International conference paper’ or a ‘ Taiwan invention patent’ under the advisor’s approval. The authors of conference paper or patent should follow the same rules as regular paper.</p> <p>2. The international conference paper mentioned above must meet all the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Published within two years before graduation.</li><li>b. Full article and through peer review process.</li><li>c. Presented in English by student personally.</li></ul>