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 term 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.

   (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.(See Center of General Education Website)

   (5) The 15 credits mentioned in (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 yet published) according to the department's requirement (see below, requirement 5).

   (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. Once applied, the application cannot be withdrawn except irresistible reasons, such as serious illness, family issues, or unexpected accidents.

4. If a Ph.D. student wishes to withdraw his/her application of the exam, he/she must notify his/her advisor for approval and then files the application form to the department office. The application will be effective until being approved by the committee of department affairs.

5. The Ph.D. student should publish at least 1 paper on journals of SCI (including SCI Expanded), SSCI or AHCI. The student must be the first author of the paper or the paper must be written by the student and his/her advisor alone. In addition, the paper must indicate that the student is from the Department of Information Management, NTUST.   The required minimum numbers of (SCI, SCI Expended, SSCI or AHCI) journal papers published for the terms of study are shown in the following table:

Years of study	Minimum number of papers
2	3
3	2
4	2
5	1
6	1
7	1