

Course Requirements for M.A. and Ph.D. Graduate Students

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- Article 1 To regulate academic matters pertaining to students in the M.A. and Ph.D. programs in our department, the following course requirements have been established.
- Article 2 The courses to be taken under the M.A. and Ph.D. programs are divided into three categories according to their respective natures: Fundamental Theories in Education 、 Research Instruments and Methods 、 Specialized-Elective courses
- Article 3 The minimum number of credits required for graduation is as follows: 32 credits for the M.A. program and 36 credits for the Ph.D. program (students directly admitted into the Ph.D. program also must take 36 credits, out of which a maximum of 12 credits can be carried forward from the M.A. program). The credits fulfilled for completion of the thesis or dissertation will be accounted for separately.
- Article 4 The structure and stipulations of the courses for the M.A., Ph.D., program are as follows, and all students are to follow these requirements in the course of their study:
1. Fundamental Theories in Education courses: Students in both the M.A. and Ph.D. programs are to take a minimum of 3 credits from the electives in the Theoretical Foundation category.
 2. Research Instruments and Methods courses: Students are to take a minimum of 6 credits from the electives in the Research Instruments and Methods category. The Education and Social Science Research Methods module is compulsory module for students in the M.A. program.
 3. Specialized Subjects courses: Students in the M.A. program are required to take 15 credits; Students in the Ph.D. program are required to take 18 credits ("Special Topics on Curriculum Theories" and "Special Topics on Instruction Theories" are compulsory credits, and the remaining credits are elective).
 4. Free electives: Students may freely take courses from the M.A. and Ph.D. programs of the Department of Education, as well as specialized courses from the Graduate Institute of Education Policy and Administration, or choose electives from other departments or universities.
- Article 5 All students in the M.A. program, with the exception of those who have taken 3 or more credits of Foundation in Educational Theory modules at the university level or above, are required to take 3 supplementary credits in Foundation in Educational Theory upon admission to the program. These credits will not count towards the total number of credits required for graduation from the M.A. program.
- Article 6 The minimum and the maximum number of credits that students in the M.A. and Ph.D. programs can take per semester are as follows.
1. M.A. and Ph.D. students who are not part of the in-service program must take 3 to 18 credits per semester (excluding modules that count towards other requirements); students in the in-service program must take 3 to 9 credits per semester. However, in the case of an in-service student who faces considerations pertaining to the fulfillment of the credit requirements, they may, with the consent of the Chairperson of the department, take 1 extra credit. Students are not subject to this restriction if both the criteria for the minimum number of credits required for graduation and supplementary credits requirements have been fulfilled.
 2. The total number of credits taken in one semester shall not exceed 20 credits. This includes all additional modules that the student takes under the department, supplementary courses,

or other electives. Students in the Secondary Education Track are not to take more than 8 Secondary Education credits per semester; students in the Elementary Education Track are not to take more than 10 Elementary Education credits per semester.

3. Credits for elective foreign language courses are not restricted by the credit limit stating that "M.A. and Ph.D. students who are not part of the in-service program have to take 3 to 18 credits per semester (excluding modules that count towards other requirements); students in the in-service program have to take 3 to 9 credits per semester." However, credits for elective foreign language courses still count towards the 20 credits cap that each student is subjected to every semester.

- Article 7 Students in the M.A. program are required to attend at least one academic seminar or lecture organized by the department every semester. Students in the Ph.D. program are required to attend at least two such events every semester and to write one report after attending the events. The reports are to be submitted for review to the student's academic advisor or supervising professor. This requirement is also part of the prerequisites that a student must fulfill prior to applying for their final examination.
- Article 8 In accordance with the National Taiwan Normal University Implementation Rules for Research Ethics and Practice Teaching, all students under the department's M.A. and Ph.D. programs are required to take and clear the Online Academic Research Ethics Education Course conducted by the Center for Taiwan Academic Research Ethics Education before applying to go through their thesis or dissertation proposal oral defense.
- Article 9 Students in the department's M.A. program are to pass their thesis proposal oral defense before applying to take the final examination. Students in the Ph.D. program are to pass, in this order, the Ph.D. candidacy examination and the dissertation proposal oral defense before applying to take the final examination.
- The aforementioned provisions of the Ph.D. candidacy examination and the dissertation proposal oral defense are to be conducted in accordance with the "Regulations for the Implementation of the Ph.D. Candidacy Examination under the Department of Education and Graduate Institute of Curriculum and Instruction of National Taiwan Normal University" and the "Regulations for the Implementation of the Oral Defense of the Thesis/Dissertation Proposal under the Department of Education, Graduate Institute of Education Policy and Administration, and Graduate Institute of Curriculum and Instruction of National Taiwan Normal University".
- Article 10 Students in the department's M.A. program are required to have an academic paper published in a peer-reviewed academic conference or journal prior to applying to take the final examination. Students in the Ph.D. program are required to have an academic paper published in an externally-reviewed academic journal or book (excluding textbooks) and to have presented a paper at a local or international academic conference with a review mechanism (this excludes papers that have been counted towards the final examination) prior to applying to take the final examination. The published paper must fulfill the following criteria: the student must be an independent or the first author of the paper, the paper must be accepted or published after the student is admitted to the program, and the writer must indicate that they are affiliated with this department on the paper.
- Article 11 All matters not covered in this document shall be handled in accordance with the rules and regulations of the university and the department.
- Article 12 These course requirements have been reviewed in departmental meetings, college-level curriculum committee meetings, and academic affairs committee meetings prior to being implemented. The same review process has been observed when there are amendments made to the content.