



Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study B.E. 2566

To ensure that the management of the graduate study of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University will progress in an orderly and efficient manner and will achieve the University's objectives, as per the University's policies.

By virtue of Article 19 (2) of the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Act, B.E. 2540, the University Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, at its meeting No. 5/2566, held on May 24th, 2023, passed a resolution to issue the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations, as follows.

Article 1. These Regulations are known as the "Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2566"

Article 2. These Regulations shall become effective from the issuance date onward.

Article 3. The following will be revoked.

(1) Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2541.

(2) Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2541, the Amendment, B.E. 2548.

(3) Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2541 (the 3rd Edition), the Amendment, B.E. 2549.

(4) Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2541 (the 4th Edition), the Amendment, B.E. 2553.

(5) Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2541 (the 5th Edition), the Amendment, B.E. 2553.

(6) Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2541 (the 6th Edition), the Amendment, B.E. 2558.

Article 4. Any rules, regulations, imperatives, provisions, orders, or announcements that either contradict or conflict with these Regulations shall be replaced by these Regulations.

Article 5. In these Regulations

"Student" means the registered graduate student of the University.

"Graduate Programs" means Graduate Diploma Programs, Graduate Diploma (Advanced) Programs, Master's Degree Programs, and Doctoral Degree Programs.

Article 6. The University President is in charge of the enactment of these Regulations.

Chapter 1 Candidates' Qualifications

Article 7. The Candidates of the Graduate Programs must possess the following qualifications.

7.1 For the Graduate Diploma Programs

7.1.1 Candidates must graduate from the Undergraduate Programs or equivalent programs from universities or educational institutes that are accredited by the University Council; and

7.1.2 Candidates must never have been punished by the termination of student status.

7.2 For the Graduate Diploma (Advanced) Programs

7.2.1 Candidates must graduate from the Graduate Diploma Program, Master's Degree Program, or equivalent programs from universities or educational institutes that are accredited by the University Council; and.

7.2.2 Candidates must never have been punished by the termination of student status.

7.3 For the Master's Degree Programs

7.3.1 Candidates must graduate from the Undergraduate Programs or equivalent programs from universities or educational institutes that are accredited by the University Council.

7.3.2 Candidates must graduate from the Undergraduate Programs with a GPA of not less than 2.50, from the 4 grade-point system; except for candidates who have work experience for not less than 2 consecutive years after graduate or candidates who are also Pali Scholar, Level 9; and.

7.3.2 Candidates must never have been punished by the termination of student status.

7.4 For the Doctoral Degree Programs.

7.4.1 For the Doctoral Degree Programs, Plan 1.1 and Plan 2.1.

1) Candidates must graduate from the Master's Degree Program or equivalent programs from universities or educational institutes that are accredited by the University Council;

2) Candidates must graduate from the Graduate Programs with a GPA of not less than 3.50, from the 4 grade-point system; except for candidates who have work experience for not less than 2 consecutive years after graduation or candidates who publish academic works that are approved by the Graduate School Board.

3) Candidates must pass the English Language Examination with the score required by the University; and

4) Candidates must never have been punished by termination of the student status.

7.4.2 For the Doctoral Degree Programs, Plan 1.2 and Plan 2.2.

1) Candidates must graduate from the Undergraduate Programs or equivalent programs from universities or educational institutes that are accredited by the University Council; or candidates must be Pali Scholar, Level 9, that the Graduate School grants special approval for attending.

2) Candidates must graduate from the Undergraduate Programs with a GPA of not less than 3.25, from the 4 grade-point system; except for candidates who have work experience for not less than 2 consecutive years after graduation or candidates who are also Pali Scholar, Level 9; and.

3) Candidates must pass the English Language Examination with the score required by the University; and

4) Candidates must never have been punished by termination of the student status.

Article 8. The Graduate School will hold the admission examination by appointing the Graduate Admission Examination Committee for an individual academic year.

Chapter 2

Education System and Method

Article 9. The University uses the Semester System, as per the detail specified in the curriculums of different programs.

In the Semester System, each academic year is divided into 2 regular semesters. Each semester covers a period of not less than 15 weeks. The University may also arrange the summer semester for 1 additional semester, with a period of not less than 6 weeks, whereas the summer semester schedule must not contradict these Regulations, with the approval of the Graduate School Board.

Article 10. Programs

10.1 Graduate Diploma Programs and Graduate Diploma (Advanced) Programs

10.2 Master's Degree Programs.

10.3 Doctoral Degree Programs.

The curriculum structures of these programs will be subject to the University's Announcement, regarding the Curriculum Structure of the Graduate Programs as per the Graduate Program Standard.

Article 11. The Duration of Study for the Graduate Programs

11.1 Graduate Diploma Programs and Graduate Diploma (Advanced) Programs: students of these programs must earn a total credit of not less than 24 credits. These programs will be arranged using the Semester System and each academic year will be divided into 2 regular semesters, with a period of not less than 15 weeks per semester or an equivalent period of not less than 15 weeks per semester.

11.2 Master's Degree Programs: the Duration of Study of Plan 1 and Plan 2 of these programs must be more than 4 regular semesters but cannot be longer than 10 regular semesters.

11.3 Doctoral Degree Programs:

Plan 1.1 and Plan 2.1: for students who graduate from the Master's Degree programs before attending the Doctoral Degree Programs at the University, the Duration of Study must be more than 4 regular semesters but cannot be longer than 12 regular semesters.

Plan 1.2 and Plan 2.2: for students who graduate from the Bachelor's Degree programs before attending the Doctoral Degree Programs, the Duration of Study at the University, Duration of Study must be more than 4 regular semesters but cannot be longer than 16 regular semesters.

11.4 The calculation of the Duration of Study under Article 11 herein will include the semester that students take an academic leave, except for the case of students whose request for an academic leave is approved under Article 13.1.1.

Article 12. To be eligible for transfer to another program, students must attend the original program for not less than 1 semester. The request for program transfer must be approved by the Program Management Board of the original program and the new program, as well as by the Graduate School Board.

Once such a request is approved, students must submit the request for credit transfer for the reviewing and approval of the Program Management Board and the Graduate School Board, as per the criterion specified by the University. In any case, only subjects with a grade of B (3.00) or higher, or the S Symbol, will be eligible for the credit transfer.

Other detail regarding the program transfer and credit transfer will be subject to regulations specified by the University.

Once the request is approved the Graduate School must notify the Registration and Educational Evaluation Office.

Article 13. The request for leaves and return to education

13.1 If necessary, students may request to take a leave during any given semester, for a period not less than 1 regular semester, as per the approval of the Program Director or the Program President.

Students must submit the request for leaves to the Graduate School within 30 days after the semester starting date. Otherwise, the request for leaves will only be accepted as a special case for one of the following situations.

13.1.1 Students are called to serve in the military as active duty soldiers.

13.1.2 Students have to travel abroad.

13.1.3 Students require prolonged treatment, under the doctor's order, in which students are able to present the medical certificate to the University.

13.1.4 Students have to take leaves due to any necessity or force majeure.

After students' request for leaves is approved by the Dean of the Graduate School, the calculation of the Duration of Study will still include the semester that students take an academic leave, except for the case of students whose request for an academic leave is approved under Article 13.1.1.

After students' request for leaves is approved, students must pay the student status maintenance fee for every semester. This is not included students whose request for leaves is approved after the enrollment is made. In this case, such students will be awarded the W Symbol in every subject enrolled in the semester that students take leaves.

Once the request is approved the Graduate School must notify the Registration and Educational Evaluation Office.

Article 14. Termination of the Student Status

The student status will be terminated in the following cases.

14.1 After students' request for graduation is approved by the University Council.

14.2 Students earn a GPA of lower than 2.50 at the end of the first semester.

14.3 Students earn a GPAX of lower than 3.00.

14.4 Students fail to complete the programs within the Duration of Study specified under Article 11.1, Article 11.2, or Article 11.3, as the case may be.

14.5 The University terminates the student status as a disciplinary action under Article 32.5.

14.6 Students fail to observe the provisions on leaves, as per Article 13, or did not enroll during any regular semester, as per Article 17.5

14.7 After students' request for resignation is approved.

14.8 Dead.

Article 15 Students whose student status is terminated under Articles 14.6 and 14.7 may reapply to the University again within a period of 2 years after the termination date. In this case, if the Dean of the Graduate School deems it appropriate, under the recommendation from the Graduate School Board, the period where the student status was terminated can also be included in the calculation of the total Duration of Study. In this case, students must pay all the related fees in the same manner as paid by students who take leaves.

Chapter 3

Registration and Enrollment

Article 16. Student Registration

16.1 Selected candidates must submit the evidence and documents that are required by the University to the Registration and Educational Evaluation, at the specified date, time, place, and channel; and pay the tuition and fees as per the University's requirement, in order to register as students of the University. In addition, in the first semester after admission into the Graduate programs, students are required to enroll in all the subjects specified for the first semester of such programs.

16.2 Selected candidates that are unable to submit the student registration request on the student registration date must notify and provide the reasons to the Registration and

Education Evaluation Office in writing within 7 days after the student registration date. Otherwise, it will be considered as a waiver.

After notifying the Registration and Educational Evaluation Office as per the first paragraph, selected candidates must complete the student registration within the period specified and within 14 days after the semester starting date.

16.3 Students may register with the programs that they are approved to attend. Also, students may not apply for more than 1 program at once.

For the Multidisciplinary Programs, the Interdisciplinary Programs, the Dual Bachelor's and Master's Degree Program, the Double Master's Degree Program, or the Dual Master's and Ph.D. Degree Program, students may apply for more than 1 program at once, with the approval of the Graduate School Board.

Article 17. Enrollment

17.1 Students must enroll every semester, as per the schedule specified by the academic calendar, with the approval of the general advisors.

17.2 Students who fail to enroll within the first 14 days after the semester starting date of any regular semester will not be eligible for enrollment in that particular semester without approval from the Dean of the Graduate School or the Program Board.

17.3 In each semester, students must enroll for a total of not less than 6 credits and not more than 15 credits.

17.4 For the case of late enrollment, students must pay the additional special enrollment fee, as specified by the University.

17.5 Students that have not enrolled in any subject during any semester must submit the request for leaves, as per the provisions under Article 13. Otherwise, the student status will be terminated.

17.6 Students who have accumulated all the credits required under the program but have not yet graduated from the University must pay the student maintenance fee every semester.

Article 18. General advisors

Students must have one general advisor, whether a monk or a layman, to help advise the students and help with the student's education plan. In this regard, the Dean of the Graduate School or the Program Directors will appoint the general advisors for the programs.

Article 19. Withdrawal, adding, and changing the subjects

19.1 Withdrawal can be done under the following conditions and will have the following consequences.

19.1.1 If the withdrawal is made within the first 14 days after the semester starting date of any regular semester, with the approval of the general advisors, the withdrawn subjects will not be shown on the transcript.

19.1.2 If the withdrawal is made after the first 14 days but within the first 30 days after the semester starting date of any regular semester, with the approval of the general advisors, the students will be awarded the W Symbol for the withdrawn subjects.

19.1.3 If the withdrawal is made after the period specified under Article 19.1.2, students will be awarded an F grade for the withdrawn subjects. This is except for the special case in which the Graduate School Board deems it appropriate to approve the request for withdrawal then the students will be awarded with the W Symbol instead.

19.2 The adding or changing of subjects can only be made within the first 14 days after the semester starting date of any regular semester, with the approval of the general advisors. After the period specified herein, the request must be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School. In any case, students must accumulate a total of not less than 80 percent of the Duration of Study of that particular semester.

Chapter 4 Performance Measurement and Evaluation

Article 20. Performance Measurement

20.1 Students' performance will be measured for all the enrolled subjects in each semester. The measurement can be made using the tests, submission of reports, assignments, or other tasks that are appropriate to the subjects.

At the end of the semester, the University will arrange the final examination to measure the students' performance in that particular semester. Other methods that are appropriate to the subjects can also be used for measurement.

The Graduate School may also determine other methods that are not contradicted by these Regulations and are appropriate to the specific programs or subjects to measure the students' performance.

20.2 At the end of each semester, students will only be eligible to sit in the final examination or the performance measurement of any subject if students accumulate a total of not less than 80 percent of the Duration of Study of such subjects for that particular semester; and/or if students pass the mid-term tests or deliver the result of an assignment that is satisfactory to the instructors.

Article 21. Academic Performance Evaluation

21.1 The performance evaluation system will categorize the students' academic performance into 7 grades and grade-points, as follows.

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|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---|
| Grade | A | A+ | B+ | B | C+ | C | F |
| Grade-point | 4.00 | 3.67 | 3.33 | 3.00 | 2.50 | 2.00 | 0 |

21.2 For the non-credit subjects, the performance evaluation system will categorize the students' academic performance with the following symbols.

| Symbols | Academic Result |
|----------------|------------------------|
| S | Satisfactory |
| U | Unsatisfactory |

21.3 For subjects where the performance measurement has not been assessed yet or for the non-graded subjects, the performance evaluation system will categorize the students' academic performance with one of the following symbols.

| Symbols | Academic Status |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| I | Incomplete |
| SP | Satisfactory Progress |
| UP | Unsatisfactory Progress |
| W | Withdrawn |
| AU | Audit |

21.4 For thesis evaluation

21.4.1 Symbol IP (In Progress) will be used for designating the thesis that is being composed.

21.4.2 The evaluation result of the dissertation, thesis, and independent study will be categorized, as follows.

| Academic Result | Grade | Grade-point |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Excellent | A | 4.00 |
| Very Good | B+ | 3.50 |
| Passed | B | 3.00 |
| Failed | F | 0 |

21.5 The F grade will be given to students in one of the following cases.

21.5.1 Students submit the request for withdrawal after the period specified under Article 19.1.3

21.5.2 Students attend and fail the examination, as per Article 20.1

20.2. 21.5.3 Students are not allowed to sit for the examination, as per Article 21.5.4 Students fail to rectify the I Symbol, as per Article 21.6.2, the last paragraph.

21.5.5 Students commit serious academic misconduct (cheating) during examinations and the resulting disciplinary action is to fail the students.

21.6 The I Symbol will be given to students in one of the following cases.

21.6.1 If Students accumulate not less than 80 percent of the Duration of Study but did not attend the examination, due to illness or force majeure, then the I Symbol can be given with the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School.

21.6.2 Faculties and the Dean of Graduate School deem it appropriate to postpone the announcement of the students' academic performance report since students have not completed the required tasks or assignments for that particular subject. In order to rectify the I Symbol given under this circumstance, students must attend the required tests and/or complete the required assignments, so the faculties may properly measure and evaluate students' academic performance and submit the academic performance report to the Graduate School within the next semester.

21.7 The S Symbol will be awarded to students in one of the following cases.

21.7.1 Students complete particular subjects with satisfactory results, whereas the subjects are classified as non-grade subjects by the curriculums.

21.7.2 Students already completed particular subjects at the Undergraduate Schools and are approved to transfer the credits of such subjects to their current programs, as per Article 12.

21.8 The U Symbol will be given to subjects that are classified as non-grade subjects by the curriculums, whereas students complete such subjects with unsatisfactory results.

21.9 The IP Symbol will be given to identify the status of a thesis that is being composed, at the end of every regular semester after the semester in which students enroll in the thesis course.

21.10 The W Symbol will only be given to students as per the provisions described under Articles 13, 19.1.2, and 19.1.3.

21.11 The AU Symbol will only be given to students who have been approved to enroll in the non-credit subjects.

21.12 The SP Symbol will only be given to prerequisite subjects where, at the end of the current semester, the academic performance of such subjects is satisfactory but is not yet thoroughly measured and evaluated.

The academic performance will be measured and evaluated once the students enroll in the related subjects, as required by the curriculums. However, if the students did not enroll in the related subjects, for whatever reason, the SP Symbol that has been given to the prerequisite subjects will be converted to the actual grade of such subjects instead.

21.13 The UP Symbol will only be given to prerequisite subjects where, at the end of the current semester, the academic performance of such subjects is unsatisfactory but is not yet thoroughly measured and evaluated.

The academic performance will be measured and evaluated once the students enroll in the related subjects, as required by the curriculums. However, if the students did not enroll in the related subjects, for whatever reason, the UP Symbol that has been given to the prerequisite subjects will be converted to the actual grade of such subjects instead.

Article 22. Credit Calculation and Regrade

22.1 The credit calculation for the program completion will only consider subjects in that students earn an A, B, or C grade, or S symbol. This is except for subjects that are required by the curriculums as compulsory or major subjects, in which students are required to earn a B grade or higher, or an S symbol.

22.2 Students that earn lower than a B grade or earn the U symbol in the compulsory or major subjects must re-enroll in such subjects and earn a grade that is better than a B grade or an S symbol, as the case may be.

22.3 Students that earn lower than a B grade or earn the U symbol in the elective subjects will have the right to either re-enroll and regrade in the same subjects or enroll in other equivalent subjects.

22.4 If students regrade or re-enroll in equivalent subjects, the credit calculation as per Article 22.1 will only consider the credit earned from a single enrollment.

Article 23. The academic performance will be evaluated at the end of every semester. The academic performance evaluation will calculate the 'Semester Grade Point Average' or GPA of subjects that the students have enrolled in for that particular semester; and calculate the 'Cumulative Grade Point Average' or GPAX of all semesters, from the semester of admission to the current semester.

Article 24. The Semester Grade Point Average (GPA) will be calculated by multiplying the number of credits assigned to each subject with the grade-point for the letter grade earned in that subject. Then the grade points of all subjects for the semester are then totaled and divided by the number of credits enrolled for the semester. The GPA will be calculated to two decimal places without rounding.

Article 25. For the subjects where the academic result is reported using the I, S, U, W, and AU Symbol, the grades of such subjects will not be included in the calculation described under Article 44.

Chapter 5

Independent Study, Thesis, and Dissertation

Article 26. The Graduate School must issue an announcement regarding the processes for the development and evaluation of independent study, thesis, and dissertation.

Article 27. The guidelines for the presentation of the draft version and the registration of independent study, thesis, and dissertation are, as follows.

27.1 For students of the Master's Degree Programs: students must attend the University for not less than 1 semester and accumulate a total credit of not less than 9 credits.

27.2 For students of the Doctoral Degree Programs, Plan 1: students will be entitled to submit the draft version of the dissertation, in order to request approval for the dissertation registration, after students pass the non-credit subjects and the qualification examination.

27.3 For students of the Doctoral Degree Programs, Plan 2: students will be entitled to submit the draft version of the dissertation, in order to request approval for the dissertation registration, after students enroll in all the required subjects of the program and pass the qualification examination.

27.4 Students will be able to register their independent study, thesis, and dissertation after the title and draft version of the independent study, thesis, and dissertation have been approved.

Article 28. The format of independent study, thesis, and dissertation will be subject to the Graduate School's specifications.

Article 29. Independent study, thesis, and dissertation that has passed the evaluation will be included as part of the programs' requirement for earning the Master's Degree or the Doctoral Degree.

The publication of an independent study, thesis, and dissertation, as per the first paragraph, must be approved by the Graduate School first.

Chapter 8 Graduation

Article 30. Students must possess the following qualification to be eligible for graduation.

30.1 Students must accumulate the Duration of Study as per the minimum requirement and not exceeding the maximum limit, as described under Article 11.

30.2 Students must completely enroll in all the required subjects, as per the criterion of the programs.

30.3 Students must accumulate the minimum credit required by the programs.

30.4 Students must earn a GPA of not less than 3.00 from the 4 grade-point system.

30.5 Students must not earn less than a B grade in all compulsory subjects and major subjects; and only earn the S symbol for subjects that academic performance is evaluated with the S or U symbol.

30.6 Students of the Master's Degree Programs, Plan 1, must pass the thesis examination (defense) and submit the complete thesis, as per the University's specification.

30.7 Students of the Master's Degree Programs, Plan 2, must pass the comprehensive examination and the independent study evaluation, as well as submit the complete independent study report, as per the University's specification

30.8. Independent study and thesis that is a part of the Master's Degree Programs must be published on, or submitted to, or at least a part of the thesis must be accepted for publication in academic journals or publications or presented to the academic conference or workshop that publishes conference proceedings.

30.9 For the dissertation that is a part of the Doctoral Degree Program, the process is, as follows.

Plan 1.1 and Plan 1.2: at least 2 titles of the dissertation or a part of the dissertation must be published or at least accepted for publication in international academic journals that are of the required qualification, as specified by the Commission on High Education Standard; or.

At least 1 title of the dissertation or a part of the dissertation must be published or at least accepted for publication in international academic journals that are of the required qualification, as specified by the Commission on High Education Standard; whereas the dissertation herein must create 1 innovative or creative work that can be for commercial, social, and economic purposes; or the dissertation herein must be eligible for acquiring at least 1 patent.

For the case of innovative or creative work, the dissertation must be evaluated by at least 3 external, qualified persons that are in the same or related fields. The external, qualified persons must be widely recognized for their expertise and experience and must be approved by the University Council.

Students of the Doctoral Degree Programs with a major in Social Science and Humanities, their dissertation can be published in national academic journals that are of the required qualification, as specified by the Commission on High Education Standards.

Plan 2.1 and Plan 2.2: the dissertation or a part of the dissertation must be published or at least accepted for publication in international academic journals that are of the required qualification, as specified by the Commission on High Education Standard. Otherwise, the dissertation herein must be eligible for acquiring a patent or must be an innovative or creative work that can be for commercial, social, and economic purposes.

For the case of innovative or creative work, the dissertation must be evaluated by at least 3 external, qualified persons that are in the same or related fields. The external, qualified persons must be widely recognized for their expertise and experience and must be approved by the University Council.

Students of the Doctoral Degree Programs with a major in Social Science and Humanities, their dissertation can be published in national academic journals that are of the required qualification, as specified by the Commission on High Education Standards.

Article 31. Required qualification for students to be eligible for graduation.

31.1 Students must possess the qualification described under Article 30.

31.2 Students must not have any outstanding fees with the University.

31.3 Students must not currently face any disciplinary action.

Chapter 7

Student Conduct and Discipline

Article 32. If students violate rules and regulations regarding examination and other issues, students will face one or more of the following disciplinary actions.

32.1 Probation.

32.2 Immediate failing of one subject or more.

32.3 Immediate failing of all the subjects enrolled in that semester.

32.4 Suspension, from 1 to 3 semesters, as the case may be.

32.5 Termination of student status.

Article 33. Students are required to maintain decent behavior and manner. If students violate any imperatives, regulations, orders, or announcements of the Graduate School or the University, after receiving the disciplinary action described under Article 32 above, students may be subject to one of the following punishment, as appropriate for the violation thereof.

33.1 Indemnification.

33.2 Suspension of the issuing of the degree or the certificate, for a period of not more than 3 academic years.

33.3 Suspension of the issuing of the transcript, for a period of not more than 3 academic years.

Article 34. The Graduate School Board will consider and approve disciplinary actions for students who commit misconduct or violations, as per the provisions described under Articles 32 and 33, as appropriate.

This is except for the case of students who violate the examination regulation, the Graduate School Board will work with the proctors to consider and approve the disciplinary actions, as appropriate and as per the provisions described under Article 32.

Provisional Chapter

Article 35. All activities that already occur and are not yet finished before the effective date of these Regulations may continue under the supervision and guidance of the previous regulations that were effective before the effective date of these Regulations until such activities are finished.

For students of programs that are subject to the Announcement of the Ministry of Education, regarding the Graduate Study Standard, B.E. 2558, such programs will continue to operate according to Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2541, and the amendments thereof.

Announced this on May 24th, 2023

- *Signature* -

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President of the University Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University