

**Graduation Requirements for Foreign Students Pursuing
a PH.D. Degree
in the Institute of Information Management,
at Chiao Tung University, HsinChu, Taiwan**

For 2014

1. Period of Study
 - a. Time required to complete the degree is ranging from 3 to 7 years, depending on the student progress.

2. Course Requirement

PH.D. students enrolled in Institute of Information Management (IIM) will require minimum of 30 credits. Students have to fulfill the following criteria in order to graduate:

 - a. PH.D. program students will have to take “Advanced MIS” course (3 credits) in the first semester of the first year Ph.D. study .
 - b. PH.D. program students will have to take “Seminar on IS & Technology” one semesters and “Seminar on IS & Management” one semesters. These courses are required and can’t be counted towards the 30 required credits.
 - c. PH.D. students will have to take “PH.D. Dissertation and Research Method” course (3 credits) in the second semester of the first year Ph.D. study. The course credits cannot be counted to the minimum credits required for graduation.
 - d. PH.D. students will have to take “Doctoral Seminar (I)” course (1 credit) and “Doctoral Seminar (II)” course (1 credit) in each semesters of the second and third year Ph.D. studies. The course credits cannot be counted to the minimum credits required for graduation.
 - e. PH.D. students will have to take “Independent Study” course (two semesters, 6 credits).
 - f. Besides the courses offered by the Institute of Information Management , PH.D. student can be taken from the IMBA program or other graduate level courses offered by ChiaoTung University, TsingHua University, and Central University.

3. Qualification Examination

PH.D. students in IIM must pass the Qualification Examination within 3 years after enrollment. The purpose of the exam is to demonstrate a command of the subject matter in that specific area. If the qualification test is not undertaken to complete, an action of exclusion will be taken. The four subjects of the qualification test are chose from the courses of IIM’s professors or the IMBA courses. All of the subjects must be agreed by the student’s adviser.

4. Dissertation Advisor and Research Area
 - a. Student can ask a full-time professor from IIM to be his/her thesis advisor.
 - b. PH.D. student will be required to submit the declaration form of thesis advisor soon after passing the Qualification Examination.

5. Admission to PH.D. Candidacy
Upon completion of the qualification examinations and the following conditions, PH.D. student can apply for the PH.D. Candidacy. The application will be reviewed by the Institute Committee.
 - a. Finished all required course work.
 - b. Pass the Dissertation Proposal Oral Defense.
 - c. One of the following publishing requirements has to be met during the course of study:
 - (1) Publish at least 1 paper on SCI, SSCI journal.

6. Procedures for PH.D. Dissertation Oral Exam
Students can schedule for PH.D. Dissertation Oral Exam only after he/her has obtained PH.D. Candidacy. A PH.D. degree will be awarded once the candidate pass the oral defense of his/her dissertation held by PH.D. Dissertation Examination Committee.

7. This Graduation Requirement has been approved by the Office of IIM, College of Management, and Office of Academic Affairs. Future changes will need to be reviewed and approved by the above three offices.