

**NATIONAL CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION**  
**Guidelines for Doctoral Candidacy Evaluation**

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- Article 1 The guidelines are adopted in accordance with the "NCHU Guidelines for Doctoral Candidacy Evaluation".
- Article 2 All doctoral students in this department must apply for the doctoral candidacy evaluation. Only after passing the evaluation and obtaining candidacy status may students apply for the doctoral dissertation defense.
- Article 3 Doctoral students in this department must complete at least 24 elective credits before applying for the doctoral candidacy evaluation. Students who transit directly from the master's program to the doctoral program in this department must complete at least 36 elective credits before applying for the doctoral candidacy evaluation.
- Article 4 The doctoral candidacy evaluation shall be conducted by an "Assessment Committee" organized by the dissertation advisor, and the evaluation may take the form of an oral or written examination. The advisor is an ex-officio member of the committee, which must comprise at least five members, one-third of whom must be external members. The composition of the Assessment Committee shall be reviewed and approved by the "Graduation Qualification Review Committee." Committee members must be full-time or adjunct faculty from within or outside the university. Full-time professors, associate professors, and assistant professors in this department are eligible to serve in the qualification assessment committee for departmental graduate students.
- Article 5 Doctoral students who fail the doctoral candidacy evaluation may apply to retake it once. Students who fail the second time of the evaluation will be dismissed from the program.
- Article 6 Doctoral students who pass the doctoral candidacy evaluation will be registered as doctoral candidates by the department with the Office of Academic Affairs. Doctoral candidates who fulfill all graduation requirements as stipulated by the department (in accordance with the "Guidelines for the Doctoral Dissertation Oral Defense") must have their qualifications reviewed

and approved by the "Graduation Qualification Review Committee" before applying for the dissertation oral defense.

Article 7 These guidelines take effect upon approval by the Department Affairs Meeting. Revisions follow the same procedure.