



**Guidelines for Evaluation and Notification of the Finalized Results of Thesis or Thematic Paper Defense Examination of Students in Integrated Master's and Bachelor's Degree Programs with Memorandum of Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding**

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Students enrolling in integrated Master's and Bachelor's degree programs with Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are allowed to register for thesis or thematic paper courses. The Faculty of Graduate Studies grants them permission to take the thesis or thematic paper defense examination in the Master's degree program while studying the Bachelor's degree program. At the meeting of Mahidol University Council, Meeting No. 587, on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, it was resolved to acknowledge the extension of time after the thesis or thematic paper defense examination at the Master's degree level, in order to allow students to fully complete their Bachelor's degree studies. The Faculty of Graduate Studies hereby stipulates the following guidelines for clear understanding:

**No. 1 Evaluation of thesis or thematic paper defense examination for students who take the thesis or thematic paper defense examination before completing their Bachelor's degree/Undergraduate studies:**

1.1 “Passed with Conditions Case I” means students are able to present their thesis or thematic paper and to satisfactorily answer questions from the examining committee without major revisions or additions. However, there is one condition that prevents students from completing the Master's degree: the completion of Bachelor's degree.

Students who pass their thesis or thematic paper with conditions Case I must register for their thesis or thematic paper in each subsequent semester until the program notifies the result “Pass” through the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In this case, students will be exempted from tuition fees according to the announcement of the University for the academic semester following the semester in which students passed the examination until the semester in which the thesis or thematic paper defense examination results are announced as “Pass” to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

1.2 “Passing with Conditions Case II” means students have not been able to present their thesis or thematic paper, or to satisfactorily answer questions from the examining committee. They must make amendments within a period not exceeding: 90 days for thesis revision or 30 days for thematic paper revision; starting from the day when the students are informed of the results of

the thesis or thematic paper defense examination. Once the students have made the necessary amendments according to the recommendations of the examining committee, but have not successfully completed their Bachelor's degree; they must inform their thesis or thematic paper examination results again to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In such case, such students will be then specified as "Pass with Conditions Case I", which means that students must successfully complete their Bachelor's degree first.

Students who have "passed the thesis or thematic paper examination with conditions Case II" must register for thesis or thematic paper courses and pay the tuition fees until they have completed the necessary amendments according to the recommendations of the examining committee. The program then shall notify the amendment of the thesis or thematic paper defense examination results as "Pass with Conditions Case I" to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

1.3 "Fail" means that students are unable to present a satisfactory thesis or thematic paper to the examining committee, or are unable to respond to the questions from the examining committee.

Students who have not passed the thesis or thematic paper defense examination must register for new courses of thesis or thematic paper and proceed to work on a new topic, starting the entire process from the beginning again.

1.4 "Pass" means that students have completed all the conditions specified in Sections 1.1 and 1.2, where they are able to present a satisfactory thesis or thematic paper and answer questions from the examining committee without requiring any amendments to their research. Additionally, they have obtained approval from the University Council for the completion of their undergraduate studies.

**No. 2 Notification of finalized thesis or thematic paper examination results to the Faculty of Graduate Studies:**

2.1 The program director shall notify the finalized examination results according to Sections 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, via the Faculty Dean of the Bachelor's degree program and the Faculty Dean of the Master's degree program respectively. The notification shall be made within 15 working days after the date of thesis or thematic paper defense examination, using GR. 6 form.

2.2 Notification of finalized thesis or thematic paper defense examination result "Pass" according to Section 1.4 shall be given by the program director to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies via the Faculty Dean of the Master's degree program within 15 working days after the date of the thesis or thematic paper defense examination, which is also the date of the student's completion of the Master's degree, using GR. 7 form.

**No. 3 Submission of complete thesis or thematic paper in digital format**

3.1 Students must submit the complete thesis or thematic paper in digital format within a period not exceeding 21 days from the date of the announcement of the thesis or thematic paper defense examination result as "Pass with Conditions Case I".

3.2 In case of exceeding the 21-day period, it will be considered as a delay, and students must pay a fine according to the rate specified by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. However, the delay period must not exceed 90 days from the date of the announcement of the thesis or thematic paper defense examination results as “Pass with Conditions Case I”. If students are unable to meet the specified deadline, they must provide reasons and request for an extension to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, through the thesis or thematic paper advisor and the program director.

3.3 In the case where students are unable to submit the complete digital format of their thesis or thematic paper in accordance with the regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies within the specified 90-day period, the students must provide reasons and request an extension to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, through the thesis or thematic paper advisor and the program director. Otherwise, the Faculty of Graduate Studies will cancel the thesis or thematic paper defense examination results, and the students must register and start the entire process of a new thesis or thematic paper again.

4. Any actions or procedures not mentioned in this announcement shall be carried out in accordance with the regulations specified in the Mahidol University Graduate Studies Regulations B.E. 2563, Section 11 on thesis or thematic paper procedures.

5. In the event that there is a need for any actions or procedures related to this announcement that are not specifically stated, or should there be any discrepancies concerning the implementation of this announcement, final decision and judgement falls under the prerogative and discretion of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

This announcement is effective immediately.

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