

Regulations on the Conferment of Graduate Degrees

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	Amended Mar. 1, 2014

Article 1 (Purpose) These regulations stipulate provisions concerning the conferment of graduate degrees pursuant to Article 3 of the Statutes of the Graduate School of Pohang University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “Statutes”).

Article 2 (Types of Degrees) The types of degrees awarded in the Graduate School vary by department as follows (Amended January 1, 2012):

1. Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy:
Department of Mathematics, Department of Physics, Department of Chemistry, and Department of Life Science
2. Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy:
Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Industrial and Management Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering, and Department of Creative IT Excellence Engineering
3. Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy:
Interdisciplinary Programs, Division of Advanced Materials Science, Division of Integrative Bioscience and Biotechnology, Division of Information Technology Convergence Engineering, and Division of Advanced Nuclear Engineering

Article 2-2 (Joint Degrees) A master’s or doctoral degree may be jointly conferred by POSTECH and a foreign university (Established October 18, 2010).

Article 3 (Degree Requirements) To be awarded a graduate degree, a student must complete his/her coursework pursuant to the Statutes, and additionally meet the following requirements:

1. Pass the comprehensive examination.
2. Publish a minimum of one first-authored paper in an international journal recognized by his/her department; department-specific circumstance or exceptions, if any, shall require a resolution of the Graduate Studies Committee. (Amended August 22, 2007)
3. A person who has passed the thesis defense shall be awarded a due degree in accordance with Article 2. However, the requirement in Clause 2 shall apply to doctoral and MS/PhD integrated programs only.

Article 4 (Second Foreign Language Test) A second foreign language test may be included in the requirements for a doctoral degree if deemed necessary by a department.

Article 5 (Comprehensive Examination) A comprehensive examination shall include the following:

1. Doctoral Qualifying Examination
2. Oral examination on a student’s field of study
3. Oral examination on a student’s thesis

Article 6 (Doctoral Qualifying Examination) ① The Doctoral Qualifying Examination (QE) shall be conducted according to the QE policy separately established by each department.

② If a master's program student passes the QE by the end of the fourth semester of the master's program, then he/she may apply for an MS/PhD integrated program. (Amended December 1, 2004)

③ If a student has obtained a master's degree from POSTECH or any other university and wishes to apply for a doctoral program, a QE may be conducted along with a PhD entrance examination, and the QE result shall be used in the admissions decision.

④ If a student took only a PhD entrance examination when admitted to a doctoral program, he/she shall be required to pass a QE by the end of the fourth semester of study; if he/she fails the QE twice, the student shall be dismissed from the University. However, if an MS/PhD integrated program student fails the QE twice, the student may choose to transfer to a master's program (Amended September 1, 2011).

Article 7 (Oral Examination on a Student's Field of Study) An oral examination on a student's field of study shall be conducted for each degree program and major to assess the student's overall research competency in his/her field of study; the oral exam may be conducted along with the review of the student's thesis, and the result shall be either Pass or Fail.

Article 8 (Oral Examination on a Student's Thesis) An oral examination on a student's thesis shall be conducted along with the review of the thesis, and the result shall be either Pass or Fail.

Article 9 (Thesis Advisor) ① The head of each department shall appoint a thesis advisor (hereinafter referred to as "Advisor") for each student within one year of the student's entrance and report the result to the Dean of the Graduate School. For a student in an MS/PhD integrated program, however, an Advisor may be appointed within two years of entrance. (Amended July 1, 2009)

② A Co-Advisor may be appointed following deliberations by each department; the appointment shall be reported to the Dean of the Graduate School. (Established November 18, 2006, Amended March 1, 2014)

③ Deleted (July 6, 2009)

Article 10 (Appointment of Thesis Committee) ① A master's thesis committee shall consist of three members including a student's Advisor. The appointment shall be made by the Advisor with approval from the head of the department.

② A doctoral thesis committee shall consist of five members including a student's Advisor. The appointment shall be made by the Advisor with approval from the Dean of the Graduate School.

③ At least one of the five members in a doctoral thesis committee must be from outside a student's department, and at least half of the committee members must be POSTECH faculty members.

Article 11 (Committee Membership) A student's Advisor shall serve as the chair of his/her thesis committee.

Article 12 (Submission and Review of Thesis Proposal) A student enrolled in a doctoral or MS/PhD integrated program must submit a thesis proposal for evaluation by his/her thesis committee to be able to graduate. (Amended November 18, 2006)

Article 13 (Review of Thesis) ① The chair of a thesis committee shall call thesis committee meetings to review a thesis proposal (for doctoral degrees only) and a thesis submitted by a student, and to hold an oral examination on a student's field of study and an oral examination on a student's thesis. The chair of the thesis committee must report the results of the reviews and exams to the Dean of the Graduate School.

② The result of the review of a thesis shall be either Pass or Fail.

③ A unanimous vote of the thesis committee is required for a thesis to be passed.

④ If an MS/PhD integrated program student withdraws from the program without satisfying the requirements for a doctoral degree, he/she may be awarded a master's degree after following the necessary procedures for obtaining a master's degree.

Article 14 (Degree Conferment Decision) A degree conferment decision about an approved thesis shall be made with the consent of two-thirds of the Graduate Studies Committee members and with the approval of the President of the University.

Article 14-2 (Diplomas) Form 1 and Form 1-2 (attached) shall be used as the diploma. (Amended July 1, 2009)

Article 15 (Thesis Writing Guidelines) All theses shall be written in accordance with the Graduate Thesis Format and Submission Guidelines as provided separately.

Article 16 (Honorary Doctorates) ① An honorary doctorate may be awarded to those who have made an outstanding contribution to academic/cultural development of Korea or advancement of human culture. Form 2 and Form 2-2 (attached) shall be used as the diploma. (Amended July 1, 2009)

② An honorary doctorate shall be conferred by the President of the University following a resolution of the Graduate Studies Committee. (Amended November 18, 2006)

Article 17 (Revocation of Degrees) A degree obtained by fraudulent or deceitful means shall be revoked by the President of the University following deliberations by the Graduate Studies Committee.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on October 1, 1989.

Addenda

1. These amended regulations shall take effect on May 15, 1995.
2. Matters executed before the effective date of the amendment of these Regulations shall be deemed to have been executed in accordance with these Regulations.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on March 1, 1998.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on June 16, 1999.

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These amended regulations shall take effect on August 2, 1999.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on June 1, 2001.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on January 1, 2002.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on May 1, 2003

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on December 22, 2003.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on September 1, 2004

Addendum

These regulations shall be amended on December 1, 2004, with Article 6, Clause 2 taking effect on January 1, 2005.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on November 18, 2006.

Addenda

1. These regulations shall be amended on August 22, 2007 and shall take effect on March 1, 2008.
2. These amended regulations shall apply to students who enter the Graduate School in 2008 or thereafter.

Addenda

1. These amended regulations shall take effect on July 1, 2009.
2. Article 14-2, which specifies the diploma for a graduate degree, and Article 16, which specifies the diploma for an honorary doctorate shall apply to students who graduate in August 2008 or thereafter.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on October 18, 2010.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on December 9, 2010.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on September 1, 2011.

Addenda

1. (Effective Date) These amended regulations shall take effect on January 1, 2012.
2. (Interim Measures) The amended Article 2 (Types of Degrees) shall take effect on September 1, 2011.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on March 1, 2012.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

Addendum

These amended regulations shall take effect on March 1, 2014.

[Form 1 (in Korean)]

석(박) 제 호

학 위 기

성명:

년 월 일생

위 사람은 본 대학 대학원 ○○부(과) 석(박)사 과정을 이수하고 소정의 시험과 논문심사에 합격하였으므로 ○○석(박)사의 자격을 인정함.

년 월 일

포항공과대학교 대학원장 ○○박사 ○○○ (인)

위의 인정에 의하여 ○○석(박)사의 학위를 수여함.

년 월 일

포항공과대학교 총 장 ○○박사 ○○○ (인)

학위등록번호 :

[Form 1- 2]

Pohang University of Science and Technology

upon the Recommendation of the Faculty

hereby confers on

○, ○○(Surname, Given Name)

who has successfully completed Studies

and passed the Examination and the Thesis Appraisal required

therefor

the Degree of

Master of Science (Doctor of Philosophy)

in

○ (Name of the Department)

with all the Rights and Privileges thereto pertaining.

Given at Pohang University of Science and Technology

in the City of Pohang, Republic of Korea

○ (Date of Degree Conferment)

(Signature) _____

(Signature) _____

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President
Pohang University of Science and Technology

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Dean
Graduate School of Pohang University of Science and Technology

[Form 2 (in Korean)]

명박 제 호

학 위 기

본 적(국 적)

성 명

년 월 일생

위 사람은 우리나라 학술과 문화에 지대한 공헌을 하였기에 본 대학 대학원위원회에 의결을 거쳐 이에 명예 ○○학 박사학위 수여를 추천함.

년 월 일

포항공과대학교 대학원장 (학위) ○ ○ ○

위의 추천에 의하여 명예 ○○학 박사학위를 수여함.

년 월 일

포항공과대학교 총 장 (학위) ○ ○ ○

학위등록번호 :

Pohang University of Science and Technology

*upon the Resolution of the Graduate School Committee
hereby confers on*

○, ○○ (Surname, Given Name)

*in Recognition of his outstanding Accomplishments
and Contribution to the Advancement of Science and Culture*

the Degree of

Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa

*with all the Rights and Privileges thereto pertaining.
Given at Pohang University of Science and Technology
in the City of Pohang, Republic of Korea*

○ (Date of Degree Conferment)

(Signature)

(Signature)

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*President
Pohang University of Science and Technology*

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Graduate School of Pohang University of Science and Technology*