King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Regulations on Graduate Studies B.E. 2568 (2025)

Whereas it is appropriate to amend King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Regulations on Graduate Studies, B.E. 2562 (2019) to ensure compliance with the announcement of the Commission on Higher Education Standards on the Graduate Program Standard Criteria, B.E. 2565 (2022),

By virtue of the power under Section 18 (2) of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Act, B.E. 2541 (1998) in conjunction with King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Council's resolution at the 312th meeting on August 6, 2025, the following regulations have been established:

Section 1 General Provisions

Clause 1 These regulations are called "King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Regulations on Graduate Studies, B.E. 2568 (2025)".

Clause 2 These regulations shall take effect from the first semester of the academic year 2025 onward.

Clause 3 The followings shall be repealed:

3.1 King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Regulations on Graduate Studies, B.E. 2562 (2019)

3.2 King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Regulations on Graduate Studies (2nd issue), B.E. 2562 (2019)

The regulations, orders, announcements or any other resolutions of the University that contradict or conflicts with these regulations, these regulations shall be prevailed.

Clause 4 In these regulations

"University"	means	King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"University Council"	means	the University Council of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"Academic Council"	means	the Academic Council of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

"Chairman of the University Council"	means	the Chairman of the University Council of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"President"	means	the President of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"Graduate Studies"	means	an education at graduate diploma, Master's degree, higher graduate diploma and Doctoral degree levels of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"Faculty"	means	faculty, institution, office or work unit called by another name, having equivalent status to a faculty and offering graduate-level courses under King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"Commission"	means	the Commission on Higher Education Standards
"Faculty Committee"	means	the Committee of the faculty or institute, or other work unit called by another name, that has equivalent status as the faculty
"Program"	means	the programs at graduate level offered with an approval of the University Council of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"Dean"	means	the Dean of the faculty or of other work unit called by another name, that has equivalent status as the faculty and offering graduate level programs under King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"Director"	means	the Director of the institute or of other work unit called by another name, that has equivalent status as the faculty and offering graduate level programs under King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi
"Credit"	means	the measurement unit used to quantify the amount of study
"Full-time Lecturer"	means	a person with following qualifications: 1. an academic staff (A) holding a position of academic, lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, or 2. a researcher from level A4 and above, or 3. a researcher who is certified with teaching competencies according to the Professional Standards Framework that the University Council has certified and has expected level of competence (as per the document attached to this regulations), or

4. an Individual from external organization with joint production agreement who has been assigned to perform duties in accordance with the mission of higher education and understands the higher education qualification standards criteria.
For the newly hired full-time lecturer since this regulation comes into effect, must have an English proficiency test scores according to the criteria established by the University Council, except for the individual from external organization with a joint production agreement.

"Program Lecturer"	means	a full-time lecturer with direct or related qualifications to the course field of offered programs who is responsible for teaching and conduct the research in such course. However, he/she can be program lecturer for multiple programs at the same time but such lecturer must have direct or related qualifications to the course field of such programs.
"Lecturer in charge of the Program"	means	a program lecturer who has duties to manage and develop the program and teaching from planning, quality control, monitoring, evaluation and program development. The lecturer in charge of the program must be permanently with program throughout the duration of the managing the study. The lecturer in charge of the program cannot be responsible for more than one program at the same time, except for multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary, the lecturer in charge of the program can be responsible for one more program. In this case, the lecturer in charge of the program can be repeated for no more than two people. For Master's degree and Doctoral degree programs in the same field of study, the same set of lecturers in charge of the program can be used.
"Associate Staff"	means	personnel who is not in the service of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi but perform duties under the collaboration between original work unit and the University according to an MOU to carry out academic missions, research, academic

		services, creating cooperation with both domestic and international personnel and organizations, including other missions as assigned by the University.
"Special Lecturer"	means	a lecturer who is not a full-time lecturer and assigned by the lecturer in charge of the program to teach as per assigned duties.
"External Expert"	means	a person outside of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi who has been appointed by the Faculty to perform duty of co-thesis advisor, co-independent research advisor, thesis committee, or various types of examination committee.
"Lecturer in charge of the Course"	means	a full-time lecturer or a person who is assigned perform duty of managing teaching/studying and evaluate learning outcomes according to the competency level of learning outcomes (Rubrics) in such module.
"Transfer Equivalency Committee"	means	the committee responsible for the transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences as well as assigning credits from non-formal education and informal education
"Full-time Researcher"	means	personnel, in the position of researcher of the University, having duty of academic research and perform duty full-time.
"Joint Production Agreement"	means	an entering into official collaboration agreement between King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and external organization for the purpose to develop and manage the programs with an approval from the University Council and such external organization.
"External Organization"	means	In-country or overseas higher education institute accredited by the responsible educational agency of such country or a government agency at the department level or equivalent, or a state enterprise, or a public organization, or a professional association or private company listed in the Stock Exchange of Thailand only. If it is a private company that is not listed in the Stock Exchange of Thailand, it shall be at the discretion

		of the University Council provided that such company must demonstrate the potential and readiness for collaboration in producing the graduates for the company with quality achieved according to Higher Education Standards.
"Courses"	means	any courses offered by King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

Clause 5 The President shall be responsible for the implementation of these regulations. In case of any problems with the practice, the President shall make final decision. The decision or order of the President shall be deemed final.

Section 2 Education Management System

Clause 6 Education Management

The University has established the education management system as follows:

6.1 A semester system that divides an academic year into two regular semesters, each semester shall encompass a study duration of not less than 15 weeks. Special semester may be offered as deemed necessary for each course, of which the duration and course credits shall be set in proportion to those of regular semester.

6.2 An education management with trimester system, module system, distance learning system, or any other system without setting the duration of study in an academic semester which is up to individual student's competencies and learning outcomes. However, the duration and number of credits must also be comparable to those of the semester system and must be approved by the University Council.

Clause 7 Credit Calculation

The assignment of credits for each course is subject to the following criteria:

7.1 A theory-based course that requires not less than 15 hours per regular semester for lecture, problems discussion, or other activities that promote course comprehension, is assigned 1 equivalent credit.

7.2 A practice-based course that requires not less than 30 hours per regular semester for training or experiment, is assigned 1 equivalent credit.

7.3 An internship or field training course that requires not less than 45 hours per regular semester for training, is assigned 1 equivalent credit.

7.4 A project or other assigned educational activities that requires not less than 45 hours per regular semester for doing the project or activities, is assigned 1 equivalent credit.

7.5 A thesis or independent research course that requires not less than 45 hours per regular semester for study and research, is assigned 1 equivalent credit.

7.6 Any other educational activities that create learning beyond the formats specified above, counting of time spent for doing such activities per regular semester for assigned 1 equivalent credit shall be determined by the University Council.

7.7 For education management in other system other than the semester system, the study period and credit calculation shall be calculated comparable to the semester system. Assigning credit for any course, be it theory-based course, practice-based course, internship or field training course, thesis or independent research course, including any other educational activities beyond the formats specified above, shall be in accordance with the amount of study and the design of learning outcomes, as determined by the University Council.

Clause 8 Program Structure

8.1 Graduate diploma and higher graduate diploma levels, the total credits throughout the course shall not be less than 24 credits.

8.2 Master's degree level, the total credits throughout the course shall not be less than 36 credits, divided into 2 study plans;

8.2.1 Plan 1, an academic type, emphasizes in learning how to do research by conducting a thesis to create new knowledge in that field of study. The proportion of thesis credits and course study credits shall be as specified by each course as follows:

(1) Plan 1.1, an academic type focusing on doing thesis only with not less than 36 , equivalent credits and may require to take additional non-credit courses or conduct additional academic activities, but must obtain achievements as required by the course.

(2) Plan 1.2, an academic type with course study and doing thesis which requires doing thesis for at least 12 credits and cannot take study courses only.

8.2.2 Plan 2, professional type, emphasizes in course study and independent research applying professional knowledge without having to conduct the thesis. However, it is required not less than 3 credits and not more than 6 credits of independent research or equivalent.

Choosing to study in plan 1 or plan 2 will be depending on the student's decision and within the discretion of the lecturer in charge of the program and notify the Faculty for acknowledgement. Besides, number of credits in Clause 8.2.1 and 8.2.2 shall not include those of English foundation course and other foundation courses.

8.3 Doctoral degree level, dividing into 2 plans focusing on research to develop advanced academics and professionals as follows:

8.3.1 Plan 1, is a research-focused study plan by conducting a thesis that create new knowledge. The program may require student to take additional non-credit courses or conduct other academic activities but must obtain achievements as required by the program as follows:

(1) Plan 1.1, is for those who have completed a Master's degree and must conduct a thesis of not less than 48 credits.

(2) Plan 1.2, is for those who have completed a Bachelor's degree and must conduct a thesis of not less than 72 credits.

However, applicants entering the program under Clause 8.3.1 (1) and Clause 8.3.1 (2) must graduate with the same quality and standards.

8.3.2 Plan 2, is a research-focused study plan by conducting a high-quality thesis leading to academic and professional advancement and taking additional courses as follows:

(1) Plan 2.1, is for those who have completed a Master's degree and must conduct a thesis of not less than 36 credits and taking additional courses of not less than 12 credits.

(2) Plan 2.2, is for those who have completed a Bachelor's degree and must conduct a thesis of not less than 48 credits and taking additional courses of not less than 24 credits.

However, applicants entering the program under Clause 8.3.2 (1) and Clause 8.3.2 (2) must graduate with the same quality and standards.

Clause 9 For graduate studies program, the number and qualifications of the lecturer in charge of the program and program lecturer must be in accordance with the Graduate Program Standard Criteria, B.E. 2565 (2022).

Section 3 Lecturer

Clause 10 Number, Qualifications and Attributes of the Lecturer

10.1 Graduate Diploma Program

10.1.1 Program lecturers must hold at least Master's degree or equivalent and have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

10.1.2 At least 3 lecturers in charge of the program holding Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent and have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

In case of joint production agreement with an external organization, there must be at least 2 program lecturers from the University in charge of the program.

In case there is an extreme necessity for the course that is unable to recruit full number of lecturers in charge of the program, the Faculty proposes number and qualifications of the lecturer in charge of the program to the University Council as appropriate and submit to the Commission on Higher Education Standards for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

10.1.3 The lecturers must be full-time or special lecturers holding at least Master's degree or equivalent in such field or in related field or in the field of teaching. Besides, they must have lecture experience and academic publications that are not a part of their degree and have been published, according to the set criteria for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

In case the special lecturer does not have qualifications as specified above, he/she must be an expert with recognized knowledge and experience which is direct or related to the field of teaching and approved by the University Council. However, if there is a need of special lecturer for any courses, there must be a full-time lecturer to be co-responsible for the processes of teaching and students development all through the teaching period of such course.

10.1.4 New lecturer holding Doctoral degree but have no academic publication yet after graduated, will be allowed to be lecturer at the graduate diploma level. However, if he/she will perform the duty of program lecturer and lecturer in charge of the program, he/she must have at least 1 academic publication after 2 years of graduation or 2 academic publications after 4 years of graduation or 3 academic publications after 5 years of graduation.

10.2 Higher Graduate Diploma Program

10.2.1 Program lecturer must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent and with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent. Besides, he/she must have academic publications that are not a part of their degree and have been published, according to the set criteria for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

10.2.2 At least 3 lecturers in charge of the program holding Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent and have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

In case of joint production agreement with an external organization, there must be at least 2 program lecturers from the University in charge of the program.

In case there is an extreme necessity for the course that is unable to recruit full number of lecturers in charge of the program, the Faculty proposes number and qualifications of the lecturer in charge of the program to the University Council as appropriate and submit to the Commission on Higher Education Standards for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

10.2.3 The lecturers must be full-time or special lecturers holding Doctoral degree or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent in such field or in related field or in the field of teaching. Besides, they must have lecture experience and academic publications that are not a part of their degree and have been published, according to the set criteria for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

In case the special lecturer does not have qualifications as specified above, he/she must be an expert with recognized knowledge and experience which is direct or related to the field of teaching and approved by the University Council. However, if there is a need of special lecturer for any courses, there must be a full-time lecturer to be co-responsible for the processes of teaching and students development all through the teaching period of such course.

10.2.4 New lecturer holding Doctoral degree but have no academic publication yet after graduated, will be allowed to be lecturer at the graduate diploma level. However, if he/she will perform the duty of program lecturer and lecturer in charge of the program, he/she must have at least 1 academic publication after 2 years of graduation or 2 academic publications after 4 years of graduation or 3 academic publications after 5 years of graduation.

10.3 Master's Degree Program

10.3.1 Program lecturers must hold at least Master's degree or equivalent and have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

10.3.2 At least 3 lecturers in charge of the program holding Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent and have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

In case of joint production agreement with an external organization, there must be at least 2 program lecturers from the University in charge of the program.

In case there is an extreme necessity for the course that is unable to recruit full number of lecturers in charge of the program, the Faculty proposes number and qualifications of the lecturer in charge of the program to the University Council as appropriate and submit to the Commission on Higher Education Standards for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

10.3.3 For Thesis and Independent Research Advisors, there will be 2 types as follows:

1) Principal advisor must be program lecturer holding Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent. Besides, principal advisor must have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

2) Co-advisor (if any) must have following qualifications and attributes:

Co-advisor who is program lecturer or full-time lecturer or full-time researcher must have the same qualifications and academic publications as those of the principal advisor.

For co-advisor who is an external expert must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent and have at least 5 topics of academic publications published in the journal listed in the recognized databases which are direct or related to the thesis topic.

In case an external expert whose qualifications and academic publications do not meet the requirements as specified above, such external expert must have highly recognized knowledge, expertise and experience which are direct or related to the thesis or independent research topic and approved by the University Council.

The thesis advisor, principal independent research advisor and co-independent research advisor must perform duties with integrity according to the Students Supervision Practice Guidelines.

10.3.4 The Thesis Committee and the Independent Research Committee have duties to provide advices and assess the thesis and independent research progress. However, the Thesis Committee and the Independent Research Committee must be appointed by Faculty Committee which consist of:

1) Principal advisor
2) Co-advisor (if any)
3) Full-time lecturer or full-time researcher with expertise related to the student's research topic.
4) External Expert (if any)

However, the total combined number of the committee in Clause 3) and Clause 4) must not be less than the number of principal advisor and co-advisor. Besides, the committee in Clause 3), when performing duty of thesis examiner or independent research examiner, must have qualifications and academic publications as specified in Clause 10.3.5.

The Thesis Committee and the Independent Research Committee under Clause 1) – 2) must undergo the research ethics training as per the university announcement on "Research Integrity" .

10.3.5 The thesis examiners and the independent research examiners have duties to deliberate student's research competency, well-rounded knowledge in the contents of the research topic and ability to present the thesis both verbally and in writing, as well as quick wit in answering questions. The examiners shall consist of program lecturer and external expert and may include full-time lecturer or full-time researcher of which the total number shall not be less than 3 people. However, the Chairperson of the Examination Committee must not be the principal thesis advisor or the principal independent research advisor or co-thesis advisor or co-independent research advisor. The thesis examiners and the independent research examiners must be appointed by Faculty Committee with following qualifications, attributes and academic publications:

1) Program lecturer or full-time lecturer or full-time researcher must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with the position of associate professor or equivalent and have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years with one of which is the research.

2) External expert must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent and have at least 5 topics of academic publications published in the journal listed in the recognized databases which are direct or related to the thesis topic.

In case an expert whose qualifications and academic publications do not meet the requirements as specified above, such expert must have highly recognized knowledge, expertise and experience which are direct or related to the thesis or independent research topic and approved by the University Council.

For the independent research examiner of Master's degree plan 2 students, it shall be in accordance with Clause 10.3.5 where there may be an exception that there is no need for external expert.

10.3.6 The comprehensive examiners

10.3.6.1 Qualifications

(1) Must be full-time lecturer or full-time researcher or external expert or associate staff of the University

(2) Holding Doctoral degree or equivalent or being a person in the academic position not lower than Associate Professor in that field or related field.

(3) Being a person with experience in doing the research that is not part of his/her degree.

10.3.6.2 Composition

Comprehensive Examination Committee consists of chairperson and committee members appointed by the Faculty Committee and must be at least 3 people.

10.3.6.3 Duties

Control and evaluate written and oral exam results of Plan 2 Master's degree students to assess the comprehensive academic knowledge

10.3.7 The lecturer must be full-time lecturer or special lecturer holding at least Master's degree or equivalent in that field of study or related field or in the field of study courses and must have teaching experiences and academic publications that are not part of his/her degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 1 topic in the last 5 years.

In case the special lecturer does not have qualifications as specified above, he/she must be an expert with recognized knowledge and experience which is direct or related to the field of teaching and approved by the University Council. However, if there is a need of special lecturer for any courses, there must be a full-time lecturer to be co-responsible for the processes of teaching and students development all through the teaching period of such course.

10.3.8 New lecturer holding Doctoral degree but have no academic publication yet after graduated, will be allowed to be lecturer at Master's degree level. However, if he/she will perform the duty of program lecturer and lecturer in charge of the program, he/she must have at least 1 academic publication after 2 years of graduation or 2 academic publications after 4 years of graduation or 3 academic publications after 5 years of graduation

10.4 Doctoral degree

10.4.1 Program lecturers must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent. Besides, he/she must have academic publications that are not a part of their degree and have been published, according to the set criteria for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years.

10.4.2 At least 3 lecturers in charge of the program holding Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent and have academic publications that are not part of their degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years.

In case of joint production agreement with an external organization, there must be at least 2 program lecturers from the University in charge of the program.

In case there is an extreme necessity for the course that is unable to recruit full number of lecturers in charge of the program, the Faculty proposes number and qualifications of the lecturer in charge of the program to the University Council as appropriate and submit to the Commission on Higher Education Standards for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

10.4.3 The thesis advisors have the duties of recommending and advising students regarding the theoretical content, concepts, study/research methods, and research writing. There are 2 types of thesis advisors as follows:"

1) Principal thesis advisors, must be program lecturer holding Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent and have academic publications that are not a part of their degree and have been published, according to the set criteria for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years.

2) Co-thesis advisor, there must be at least one person of program lecturer or full-time lecturer or full-time researcher or external expert to act as co-thesis advisor. Such program lecturer or full-time lecturer or full-time researcher must have the same qualifications and academic publications as those of the principal thesis advisor.

The co-thesis advisor who is external expert must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent and have academic publications of not less than 10 topics published in the journal listed in the recognized databases which are direct or related to the thesis topic.

In case an expert whose qualifications and academic publications do not meet the requirements as specified above, such expert must have highly recognized knowledge, expertise and experience which are direct or related to the thesis topic and approved by the University Council.

The principal advisors and co-thesis advisors must perform duties responsibly according to the Students Supervision Practice Guidelines.

10.4.4 Thesis Committee, having duties to provide advice and assess the thesis progress, consists of:

1) Principal thesis advisor
2) Co-thesis advisor
3) Full-time lecturer or full-time researcher with expertise related to the student's research topic.
4) External expert (if any)

However, total number of the Thesis Committee in Clause 3) and 4) must not be less than number of principal thesis advisor and the co-thesis advisor. Besides, for the Committee in Clause 3), when performing duties of thesis examiner, he/she must have qualifications and academic publications as specified in Clause 10.4.5.

The Thesis Committee under Clause 1) – 2) must undergo the research ethics training as per the university announcement on "Research Integrity".

10.4.5 The thesis examiners have duties to deliberate student's research competency, well-rounded knowledge in the contents of the research topic and ability to present the thesis both verbally and in writing, as well as quick wit in answering questions. The examiners shall consist of program lecturer and may include full-time lecturer or full-time co-researcher and external expert, of which the total number shall not be less than 2 people and the number shall not be less than 5 people in total. However, the Chairperson of the examination committee must be an external expert. The thesis examiners must be appointed by the Faculty Committee with the following qualifications and academic publications:

1) Program lecturer or full-time lecturer or full-time researcher must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent or at least Master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent and have academic publications that are not a part of their degree and have been published, according to the set criteria for academic title appointments, at least 3 topics in the last 5 years.

2) External expert must hold Doctoral degree or equivalent and have at least 10 topics of academic publications published in the journal listed in the recognized databases which are direct or related to the thesis topic.

In case an expert whose qualifications and academic publications do not meet the requirements as specified above, such expert must have highly recognized knowledge, expertise and experience which are direct or related to the thesis topic and approved by the University Council.

10.4.6 The lecturer must be full-time lecturer or special lecturer holding Doctoral degree or at least master's degree or equivalent with a position of Associate Professor or equivalent in such field or in related field or in the field of teaching. Besides, such person must have teaching experience and academic publications that are not part of his/her degree and have been published, according to the criteria set for academic title appointments, at least 1 topic in the last 5 years.

In case the special lecturer who does not have qualifications as specified above must be a highly recognized knowledge, and experience which is direct or related to the course and must be approved by the University Council. However, if there is a need for special lecturer for any courses, there must also be a full-time lecturer to be co-responsible for the processes of teaching and students development all through the teaching period of such course.

10.4.7 New lecturers holding Doctoral degree but have no academic publication yet after graduation will be allowed to be lecturers at the Doctoral degree level. However, if he/she will perform the duty of program lecturer and lecturer in charge of the program, he/she must have at least 1 academic publication after 2 years of graduation or 2 academic publications after 4 years of graduation or 3 academic publications after 5 years of graduation.

Clause 11 Duties of Thesis Advisors and Independent Research Advisors

11.1 There will be 1 program lecturer performing the duty of principal thesis advisor of Master's degree and Doctoral degree students as following criteria:

1) In case the program lecturer holding Doctoral degree or equivalent and has academic publications as required criteria, he/she shall perform the duty of thesis advisor of Master's degree and Doctoral degree students of not more than 5 students in total per one semester.

2) In case the program lecturer holding Doctoral degree or equivalent with the position of Associate Professor or holding Master's degree or equivalent with the position of Associate Professor and above and has academic publications as required criteria, he/she shall perform the duty of thesis advisor of Master's degree and Doctoral degree students of not more than 10 students in total per one semester.

3) In case the program lecturer holding Doctoral degree or equivalent with the position of Professor that has a necessity to supervise more students than the specified numbers, the case must be propose to the University Council for consideration. However, the total number of students to be supervised must not be more than 15 students per semester. If there is a need to supervise more than 15 students, the case must be submitted to the Commission on Higher Education Standards for approval on a case-by-case basis.

11.2 One program lecturer shall perform duty of independent research advisor of not more than 15 Master's degree students:

If being an advisor of both thesis and independent research, number of students to be supervised shall be calculated in proportion of 1 thesis student is equivalent to 3 independents research students. However, the total number of students to be supervised must not be more than 15 per semester.

11.3 The workload of thesis or independent research advisors shall be counted from the semester appointed to be an advisor by the Faculty Committee until the students graduate or their student status is terminated. However, counting the workload of thesis or independent research advisors shall consider only the semesters in which students register.

Section 4 Admission

Clause 12 Applicant Qualifications

12.1 For Graduate Diploma Program, the applicants must be Bachelor's degree graduate or are studying in the last semester of Bachelor's degree program in a higher education institute accredited by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and have other additional qualifications as per the program requirements.

12.2 For Higher Graduate Diploma Program, the applicants must be Graduate Diploma or Master's degree graduate or are studying in the last semester of Master's degree program in a higher education institute accredited by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and have other additional qualifications as per the program requirements.

12.3 For Master's Degree Program, the applicants must be Bachelor's degree graduate or are studying in the last semester of Bachelor's degree program in a higher education institute accredited by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) and have other additional qualifications as per the program requirements.

12.4 For Doctoral degree Program, the applicants must be Bachelor's degree graduate or equivalent with at least second-class honors or have accomplished excellent academic results with at least 3.25 cumulative grade point average or equivalent or Master's degree graduate or equivalent from a higher education institute accredited by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). Besides, the applicants must have English proficiency test results in accordance with the University's criteria and have other additional qualifications as per the program requirements.

Clause 13 Admission

13.1 The Faculty shall consider the suitability of applicants through written examination or interview or any other methods approved by lecturer in charge of the program and notify to the Faculty and University for acknowledgement.

13.2 In case the applicant is waiting for the academic results of Master's or Bachelor's degree, admission shall be deemed complete when the applicant has submitted the evidence of graduation, as specified in the Applicant's Qualifications, to the University within the designated time frame.

13.3 For full-time students, in case an applicant is a civil servant, government employee, public organization employee or state enterprise employee, the admission will be deemed complete when the applicant has received an approval from the employer to take leave to continue studying.

13.4 Applicants to graduate programs shall study in no more than two programs at the same time and must notify the lecturer in charge of both programs;

13.4.1 must be two separated programs offered by the University;

13.4.2 the specific courses and core courses that will be shared between the two programs must be clearly defined, including the number of courses and the number of credits;

13.4.3 students must register for courses according to the study plan specified in each program;

13.4.4 students must register for all courses as specified in both programs. In case there are shared courses, student can register such courses in either program;

13.4.5 in case students register in both programs at the same time, the lecturer in charge of the program and the advisor must clearly specify that the thesis or independent research shall be the same one or two separated. If the thesis or independent research is specified as the same one, such thesis or independent research must cover or integrate contents of both programs. Besides, there must be principal thesis advisors from both programs.

Clause 14 Student Status

14.1 Regular student means student with fully required qualifications and passed selection process for admission, which may be

14.1.1 full-time regular student means student who enrolls in a graduate program in the University and studying full-time during office hours;

14.1.2 part-time regular student means student who enrolls in a graduate program in the University and studying during some office hours or outside of office hours.

14.2 Provisional graduate student means student who has been admitted to the program by the University with the condition that such student must take some additional foundation courses as specified by the program or as the lecturer in charge of the program deems appropriate or as per other condition as prescribed by the program.

14.3 External student means a person who does not have student status in the normal program of the University and enrolls for courses, course cluster or attends the training course with aim to increase knowledge or to request for competency certificate from the University.

Clause 15 Duration of Study

15.1 For graduate diploma and higher graduate diploma programs, duration of study shall not exceed 3 academic years.

15.2 For Master's degree program, duration of study shall not exceed 5 academic years.

15.3 For Doctoral degree program, duration of study shall not exceed 8 academic years for those graduated with Bachelor's degree and continue studying for Doctoral degree. For those graduated with Master's degree and continue studying for Doctoral degree, duration of study shall not exceed 6 academic years.

15.4 In case a student spends time studying exceeding the specified period, he/she must submit a request for extension at least one month prior to the start of the semester for the Faculty consideration on a case-by-case basis. The extension to be considered is another 1 semester per time. Thereafter, the Faculty shall submit the list of students requesting for study period extension further to obtain a consent from the Academic Council and receive an approval for extension of the study period from the University Council.

Section 5 Student Registration and Registration for Admission

Clause 16 Student Registration

Those who are eligible for admission according to the University announcement must report themselves for student registration with completed document as per the date and time specified by the University, otherwise, they shall be deemed waiver of their eligibility.

Clause 17 Registration for Admission

17.1 All students must register for admission, pay the educational and tuition fees for each semester within the time period specified by the University in order to be considered such registration is completed.

In case the student registered for admission but has not yet paid for the educational and tuition fees within the University's specified period, such registration shall be considered void, unless such payment extension is granted under Section 17.2.5.

Students who fail to register for admission or have not yet paid the educational and tuition fees within the specified period, shall be charged the penalty fee per the rate set by the University.

The educational and tuition fees shall be in accordance with the University Announcement.

17.2 Registration for Courses

17.2.1 Students with academic probation status may register for courses upon receiving a consent from their advisor. If the thesis advisor is appointed, registration for courses can be done upon approval of their thesis advisor.

17.2.2 The Doctoral degree students can register for thesis when they successfully passed the Qualifying Examination (QE). In case plan 1 Doctoral degree student who has not yet passed the Qualifying Examination, they must pay for the tuition fees without having to register for the thesis course.

17.2.3 Students can register for courses or thesis course as prescribed by the program or as their interest with no limit of number of credits they can register in each semester. Besides, they may register for courses with overlapping study hours where students must check the teaching schedule, examination schedule and allocate their own study time. However, registering the overlapping study hours, they must get a consent of their advisor. If the student cannot allocate the overlapping study hours, they must choose to register only either of such courses. However, students registering for the thesis course must refer to the condition under Clause 31.1 of these regulations.

17.2.4 Regular students who are re-admitted to the program can transfer their previous academic achievements under Clause 28.2.4.1 – Clause 28.2.4.2 or must register for graduate or thesis courses with a consent of the thesis advisor and approved by the Faculty Committee. The new Thesis Committee is to be appointed or it can be original Committee. Students do not have to take another qualifying examination or thesis proposal examination. However, if there is a change to the thesis topic, the provision of Clause 18.2.4.3 shall be observed.

17.2.5 In case of necessity, students who are unable to pay for all or part of tuition fees must submit the request for deferment of tuition fees payment via Student Financial Aid Unit for an approval from the President before end of period specified by the University.

For students who are awaiting for receiving the scholarship fund from both within and external of the University can submit the request for deferment of tuition fees payment until the scholarship fund is paid. The students must submit relevant document of scholarship awarding as evidence for requesting the deferment.

In case the students have not received the scholarship fund or received insufficient funds to cover all types of educational and tuition fees, they must submit the request for deferment, however, all fees must be paid before announcement date of examination results and learning outcomes of each course. In case there is a necessity that students cannot make all payments within such specified time frame, they must submit the request to make an agreement for deferment with the University. However, as per such agreement, the student must pay all relevant fees before graduation.

17.2.6 The Registrar's Office shall monitor list of students who have not paid the educational and tuition fees, except for those who have submitted the request for deferment, and notify students to complete their educational and tuition fees payment before end of the first period examination and learning outcomes assessment. If exceeding such deadline and the students have not yet fully paid the educational and tuition fees, the University shall not allow such students to take an examination.

17.3 Cross-Institutional Registration

Cross-institutional registration must be approved by the lecturer in charge of the program. The criteria for cross-institutional registration are as follows:

17.3.1 The institution in which students wish to enroll in the course must be an institution that the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (OPS MHESI) or an authorized government agency has certified its course. Besides, an approval must be granted by the Faculty.

17.3.2 In case of compulsory courses, the contents or learning outcomes, when comparable to, must not be less than three-quarters of the courses specified in the program. The criteria are as follows:

17.3.2.1 The courses specified in the program that are not offered in the University in such semester and academic year and, with all reasons, that are given consent of the advisor and lecturer in charge of the program.

17.3.2.2 The courses that other institute offers must have contents or learning outcomes, when comparable to, must not be less than three-quarters of the courses specified in the program with the consent of the advisor and lecturer in charge of the program.

17.3.3 The language of instruction for the courses must be in accordance with the following criteria:

17.3.3.1 Students of Thai language program are able to register for courses of English program or international program or bi-lingual program.

17.3.3.2 Students of English program or international program must register for courses taught in foreign language only that are offered in English program or international program or bi-lingual program. In case students have the necessity to register for courses offered in Thai language program, they can make a request for approval, as special case, with a consent of their advisor and lecturer in charge of the program.

17.3.3.3 Students of bi-lingual program can register for courses offered in English program or Thai language program.

17.3.4 The number of credits and study achievements for courses the students have registered as cross-institutional must be brought as part of study outcomes processing according to the study program of such students with an approval for transfer equivalency from the Faculty Committee.

Clause 18 Late Registration and Request for Courses Adding, Dropping and Withdrawal

18.1 Late registration can be done during the period specified in the academic calendar for which the students have to pay the fee charged according the rate specified by the University.

18.2 Request for adding courses and changing study section can be done during the period specified in the academic calendar with a consent of the advisor and permission from the lecturer in charge of the course.

18.3 Course Drop: A course that a student drop shall not be recorded on the student's academic transcript.

18.3.1 If a student drops a course within the period specified in the Academic Calendar, the student shall be entitled to a refund of 80 percent of the tuition fee charged per credit for that course.

18.3.2 If the University announces the cancellation of a course, the student shall be entitled to a full refund of the tuition fee charged per credit for that course.

18.3.3 The refunds prescribed under Clauses 18.3.1 and 18.3.2 shall not apply to students enrolled in programs for which tuition and fees are charged on a flat-rate basis.

18.4 Courses Withdrawal

18.4.1 Courses withdrawal can be done during the period specified in the academic calendar. Such withdrew courses shall be recorded as W in the transcript.

18.4.2 Courses withdrawal can be done when granted an approval from the lecturer in charge of the program with a consent of the advisor.

Clause 19 Study Period

Students registered for courses shall be eligible for taking an examination according to the courses registered. Students should attend the classes or doing self-study as specified by the lecturer in charge of the course and must completely submit all assigned work.

Clause 20 Intermission leave

20.1 Students are allowed to take intermission leave in the following cases:

20.1.1 being conscripted into the military service or mobilized, received military training, or received a readiness test.

20.1.2 there is a force majeure.

20.1.3 having a necessity considered being permitted to take leave, as the case maybe.

20.2 Students can take intermission leave once per semester and not more than 2 consecutive regular semesters. Except for special case with an approval granted by the Faculty Committee.

20.3 In case the student is permitted to take intermission leave, leave days shall also be included in the study period. Except for students approved to take intermission leave under Clause 20.1.1 – 20.1.2.

20.4 Student's intermission leave must be approved by the advisor, lecturer in charge of the program and granted an approval from the Faculty Committee.

20.5 Payment of Educational and Tuition Fees

20.5.1 Students taking intermission leave before registering for courses do not have to pay for the educational and tuition fees but must pay the fees to maintain student status.

20.5.2 In case a students have already paid the educational and tuition fees and there is an force majeure later on causing them to take intermission leave, the leave request must be submitted within 2 weeks from the start of the semester and get an approval from the Faculty Committee. Once the Faculty Committee has approved the leave request, the University shall refund such payment to the student in full, provided that such students have to pay the fees for maintaining their student status.

Clause 21 Termination of Student Status

Student shall be terminated their student status due to the following cases:

21.1 Graduation: Students have completely fulfilled all courses required by the program and are approved for graduation.

21.2 Resignation: Students wishing to resign from the University, must submit the resignation request through the advisor, lecturer responsible for the program and get approval from the Dean. If the resignation has not been approved, it is deemed that such students shall still hold their student status.

21.3 Students may be terminated their student status due to other cases in accordance with the University regulations on such matter.

21.4 Death

Clause 22 Student Status Reinstatement

The President may approve student status reinstatement for students who have been dismissed under Clause 21.2 – 21.3 when there is a proper reason with a consent from the Faculty Committee.

In case in the first paragraph, once the President has approved student status reinstatement for the student, such student shall use the original student ID numbers and it shall be deemed that the period during student status dismissal up until the date of student status reinstatement approval shall be considered as intermission leave period. Besides, the intermission leave period shall be counted as study period, unless being approved otherwise by the University Council. However, the total study period must not exceed those specified in Clause 15.

The criteria and procedures for student status reinstatement shall be in accordance with those specified by the University.

Section 6 Measurement and Evaluation of Academic Achievement

Clause 23 Academic achievement evaluation shall be executed at the conclusion of each semester as follows:

23.1 Academic achievement shall be designated in letters for each course. However, academic achievement, scores and meaning will be as follows:

Rating	Grade	Meaning
A	4.00	Excellent
B+	3.50	Very Good
B	3.00	Good
C+	2.50	Fairly Good
C	2.00	Fair
D+	1.50	Fairly Poor
D	1.00	Poor
F	0	Failure - Fail to achieve learning outcomes
S	-	(Satisfactory) Achieve learning outcomes at satisfactory level exceeding or as expected learning outcomes
U	-	(Unsatisfactory) Achieve learning outcomes at unsatisfactory level, that is lower than expected learning outcomes
Aud.	-	(Audit) Study without designated grade
W	-	(Withdrawal) Request for course withdrawal

23.2 Study achievement of each course shall not be less than B or S rating. If study achievement less than those specified, student must re-register for all compulsory courses and may register any selective courses.

23.3 Student who does not achieve learning outcomes as specified in the program or in the course or student who fails to take an examination without permission or violates the examination requirements of each course, shall be considered and assigned F rating.

23.4 Assigning S or U rating can be done in the following cases:

For foundation courses or courses designated by the program or deems necessary by the lecturer responsible for the program, S or U rating shall be designated for measurement. For thesis or independent research course, S rating shall be designated when learning or research outcomes is satisfactory.

23.5 Assigning Aud. Rating can be done in the following cases:

23.5.1 Courses that students register for non-credit course.

23.5.2 Students receiving Audit (Aud.) rating in any course shall not be able to request to change to grading and shall not be able to take such course to be prerequisite for any continuing courses.

23.6 Assigning W rating can be done in the following cases:

23.6.1 Courses that students are permitted to withdraw under Clause 18.4.

23.6.2 Students are permitted to take intermission leave.

23.6.3 Students ordered to suspend their studies.

23.7 Students must evaluate all of their lecturers' teaching within the timeframe specified by the University for all courses. If students fail to evaluate the teaching or incompletely evaluate the teaching, the University shall announce the study results only for the semester grade point average (GPA), cumulative grade point average (GPAX), and courses that received an F rating.

Clause 24 Counting Number of Credits

Counting cumulative credits students earned to fulfill program requirements shall be done only for number of credits specified in the program that achieve S or B rating and above. In case students register for any course more than once, number of credits to be counted shall be the best passing grade only and shall be included in the calculation of cumulative credits once only. However, the original scores must also be recorded in the transcript of the registered academic semester.

Clause 25 Calculation of Grade Point Average (GPA) and Approval of Academic Achievement

25.1 There are 2 types of grade point average calculation which are grade point average of the semester and cumulative grade point average.

25.1.1 A Semester Grade Point Average shall be calculated based on a student's grades for such semester by summing the assigned multiplied credits and the grade points of each designation the student receives for each course and subsequently dividing the sum by the total number of Credit of the course with academic results as grade points in that semester, with two digits after the decimal point, rounded up from the third decimal place.

25.1.2 A grade point average shall be calculated based on the students' study achievement from admitted in the University until the last evaluation by summing the assigned multiplied of credits and the grade points of each designation the student receives for each course and subsequently dividing the sum by the total number of Credit of all courses studied with academic results as grade points according to Clause 23.1, with two digits after the decimal point, rounded up from the third decimal place.

25.2 Lecturer responsible for the program and the Faculty Committee shall consider the academic results measurement and evaluation. In case there is a problem, the Faculty Committee has the authority to make final decision, and the Dean or Director shall approve the academic results of every semester.

Clause 26 Program Transfer

26.1 A request for program transfer can be done in case there is a proper reason and such student has studied in the original program for at least 1 semester.

26.2 Regular students may request for program transfer within the same faculty, subject to the consent of the advisor, the lecturer responsible for the program of both programs and approval from the Faculty Committee.

26.3 Regular students may request for program transfer to a different faculty or different department with a consent of lecturer responsible for the program of both programs and get an approval from the Faculty Committee. However, it is necessary for students to notify the original and the new faculty/department of such program transfer.

26.4 Course transfer equivalency within the program shall be in accordance with Clause 27.2.

Clause 27 Changing Educational Level

27.1 Changing educational level may be to the higher level or otherwise in the same subject field, subject to the consent of the advisor, the lecturer responsible for the program, and approval from the Faculty Committee.

27.2 Course transfer equivalency in the program of new educational level shall be in accordance with Clause 28.2

Clause 28 Course Transfer Equivalency

28.1 For students who formerly studied in the courses or course cluster in other domestic and overseas institutes:

28.1.1 Being the courses or course cluster in the graduate diploma program or equivalent accredited by the Office of the Permanent Secretary of Thailand's Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (OPS MHESI) or a government agency or the overseas institutes authorized by the Faculty Committee with a consent of the lecturer responsible for the program.

28.1.2 Being the courses or course cluster that the contents of which cover no less than three-quarter of the courses or course cluster requested for transfer equivalency.

28.1.3 Being the courses or course cluster of which the academic results achievement is not less than B rating or 3.00 grade points or equivalent or S level rating.

28.1.4 Students cannot have a credit transfer equivalency for thesis or independent research courses and must re-register for these courses as required by the program.

28.1.5 Course transfer equivalency can be done not more than half of the total credits of the receiving program.

28.1.6 The credits of the transferred courses or course cluster shall not be included for grade points average calculation but can be counted for graduation.

28.1.7 Students must spend at least one academic year studying in the University and register for courses or do the thesis or independent research according to the study program for not less than 12 credits.

28.1.8 For the new program, transfer equivalency for students can be done no more than the authorized offered classes and semesters according to the program with a consent from the lecturer responsible for the program.

28.2 For students formerly studied in the courses or course cluster in the University:

28.2.1 Students who transfer program under Clause 26 or change educational level under Clause 27 can request for course transfer equivalency and take the transferred credits for GPA calculation.

28.2.2 The diploma graduates applying for continuing their study for Master's degree can request for course transfer equivalency provided that the course achievement to be transferred must not be lower than B rating and must take the transferred credits for GPA calculation.

28.2.3 Students, formerly studied at Bachelor's degree level, graduate diploma level and in the non-degree format of the University, can request for transfer equivalency of all courses that achieved rating is not lower than B or S level rating or request for equivalency of competencies which is equivalent to the learning outcomes of the courses in such Graduate Program. However, the transferred credits shall not be included in GPA calculation but can be counted for graduation.

28.2.4 Students whose status was terminated and re-admitted through the selection and recruitment process in the original or new program, can transfer various courses with a consent of the lecturer responsible for the program and get an approval from the Faculty Committee. The criteria are as follows:

28.2.4.1 Courses can be taken for transfer equivalency with unlimited credits to be transferred or requested for transfer. However, the achieved results, course code and course name as per the program used with the enrolled class must be recorded. The achieved results shall not be lower than B rating or grade point average of 3.00 grade or equivalent or S level rating or the evaluated results of learning outcomes and competencies achieved are sufficient for courses transfer equivalency. However, the credits of transferred courses shall not be included in GPA calculation but can be counted for graduation. In case there are new compulsory courses, students must additionally register.

28.2.4.2 For credits transfer equivalency of thesis and independent research courses, if there is no change to the thesis topic, students can transfer such thesis credits which assessed as passed to be courses and credits in the program without having to retake qualifying examination and thesis proposal examination. However, students can request for transfer equivalency of not exceeding 90% of credits assessed as passed with an approval from the Faculty Committee according to a consent of the lecturer responsible for the program.

Students can transfer academic publications published or presented in an academic forum with a consent of the advisor and the lecturer responsible for the program and get approval from the Faculty Committee.

28.2.4.3 If there is a change of thesis topic, students shall not be able to request for transfer equivalency of the thesis credits, must re-take thesis proposal examination but do not have to take qualifying examination with a consent of the lecturer responsible for the program and get approval from the Faculty Committee.

28.3 For students formerly studied as external person of the University:

28.3.1 Transfer equivalency of study results can be done for every course studied in the program of the University with unlimited number of courses and credits requested for transfer equivalency of study results.

28.3.2 Being the courses or course cluster of which study results is not lower than B rating or 3.00 grade points or equivalent or S level rating. However, if it is a rapid academic changing course, students must re-register for such course of which the lecturer responsible for the program shall consider on a case-by-case basis.

28.3.3 Evaluation for transfer equivalency of study results of the courses, course cluster or learning outcomes gained from the training shall be in accordance with the requirements of the lecturer responsible for the program and get an approval from the Faculty Committee.

28.3.4 Recording the study results shall be in accordance with the evaluation methodology without having to take credits transferred for GPA calculation but can count such credits for graduation.

28.4 Course transfer equivalency under Clause 28.1 – 28.3, if it is the rapid academic changing course or rapid movement, students must re-register for such course for which the lecturer responsible for the program and the Faculty Committee shall consider on a case-by-case basis.

28.5 Students wish to request for course transfer equivalency must submit the request, together with the transcript and course description for the course requested for transfer, within 1 month from the date of semester opening as per the University announcement. However, this must receive a consent from the lecturer responsible for the program and get approval from the Faculty Committee.

Clause 29 Transfer Equivalency of Knowledge, Skills, Experience and Assigning Credits from the Non-Formal Education and Informal Education

29.1 The Transfer Equivalency Committee for knowledge, skills and experiences and assigning credits from the non-formal education and informal education:

There shall be the Transfer Equivalency Committee for knowledge, skills and experiences at least 3 people but not more than 5 people which consists of lecturer in charge of the course requested for transfer equivalency and other committee who are expert in the relevant field appointed by the Faculty Committee of the course or course cluster receiving the transfer of knowledge, skills and experiences.

The Transfer Equivalency Committee has the authority and duties as follows:

(1) Establish the criteria for knowledge, skills and experiences evaluation and assign credits from non-formal education and informal education of each course or course cluster with various methods in order to be in line with the learning outcomes of each transferred course.

(2) Execute the evaluation of knowledge, skills and experiences and assign credits from the non-formal education and informal education.

(3) Notify the evaluation results to students, Registrar's Office, lecturer responsible for the program of the students, Faculty Committee that students belong to and other relevant agencies.

29.2 The qualifications of students eligible for requesting the transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences are as follows:

29.2.1 Requestor of transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences must be students of the University.

29.2.2 Transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences shall be in accordance with University's announcement on the guidelines and operational calendar of each academic year.

29.3 The criteria for transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences, measurement and evaluation

(1) Knowledge equivalency shall be done as course or course cluster according to the program and educational level offered in the University.

(2) The evaluation methodology used for knowledge equivalency in each course or course cluster and the decision criteria for each evaluation methodology shall be in accordance with those established by the Transfer Equivalency Committee.

(3) Students must pass the evaluation and the evaluation results must demonstrate sufficient learning outcomes and potential to pass the course requesting for equivalency and being able to further study in a higher course, then, number of credits of such courses and course cluster shall be assigned. However, the points shall be considered as S/U rating and shall not take for study results or grade points average calculation.

(4) For work experience equivalency, the knowledge gained from experience must be considered primarily and must demonstrate sufficient knowledge and potential to pass the requested equivalency course and be able to continue studying in advanced courses.

(5) The study results shall be recorded as S rating and followed by "CKT" (Credits from Knowledge Transfer.

(6) Course or course cluster equivalency from the non-formal education and informal education, the sum of credits assigned must not be more than one-third of the total credits of the receiving program. Students must spend at least 2 regular semesters studying in the University and register for courses or thesis according to the study program for not less than 12 credits.

29.4 Procedures for requesting the transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences

Students wish to request for transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences can submit the request with a consent from the advisor and lecturer responsible for the program to the Committee in charge of the course requesting for transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences or to the responsible work unit. However, the procedures and assessment methods for transfer equivalency of knowledge, skills and experiences shall be in accordance with those prescribed by the University and the Transfer Equivalency Committee shall submit the transfer equivalent results to the Faculty Committee in charge of the courses for approval.

29.5 Students can submit the appeal of the knowledge, skill and experience transfer equivalency results through their advisor to the Transfer Equivalency Committee within 15 days from the date of knowing of the consideration results.

Section 7 Thesis and Independent Research

Clause 30 Qualifying Examination

Qualifying examination is measurement of knowledge and capability of Doctoral degree students that they have to pass the exam as per the criteria prescribed by the program in order to be eligible for writing, presenting and take final oral defense of the thesis.

Clause 31 Writing the Thesis and Independent Research

31.1 Students must get a consent from the advisor in order to be able to register for the thesis and independent research, however

31.1.1 Master's degree Plan 1 Students must be regular student for at least 1 semester to be able to register for the thesis course and has registered for the courses and passed the examination of at least 6 credits and achieved GPA of not less than 3.00. Except for plan 1.1 Master's degree students that will do the thesis only, and students, whose student status had been terminated and re-admitted to the program under Clause 28.2.4, can register for a thesis course in the semester of their re-admission.

For plan 1.2 Master's degree students, they have to be regular student for at least 1 semester to be able to register for the thesis course and has registered for the courses and passed the examination of at least 6 credits and achieved GPA of not less than 3.00.

31.1.2 Doctoral degree students must pass the qualifying examination before registering for the thesis course. However, plan 2 Doctoral degree students must be regular students for at least 1 semester to be able to register for the thesis course and has registered for the courses and passed the examination of at least 6 credits and achieved GPA of not less than 3.00. Except for students, whose student status had been terminated and are re-admitted to the program under Clause 28.2.4, can register for a thesis course in the semester of their re-admission.

31.1.3 Students can divide number of credits in registering for the thesis course and independent research as per the consent from the thesis advisor and independent research advisor.

31.2 Thesis Proposal and Independent Research Proposal

31.2.1 Once the students have registered for the thesis or independent research, they have to prepare a thesis proposal or independent research proposal for submitting to their thesis advisor or independent research advisor for review and correction and submit further to the lecturer responsible for the program for their consent.

31.2.2 Lecturer responsible for the program shall submit the thesis proposal or independent research proposal together with the list of the Thesis Committee and the Independent Research Committee to the Faculty Committee for their approval of the thesis topic or independent research topic as well as appointing the Thesis Committee and the Independent Research Committee.

31.2.3 Students must complete the theorical and practical trainings before taking thesis proposal examination or independent research examination. However, each Faculty shall oversee the compliance with the University announcement on Research Integrity.

31.3 Thesis Proposal Examination and Evaluation of Thesis and Independent Research

31.3.1 Students must pass the thesis proposal or independent research examination and prepare the progress report of the thesis and independent research for proposing to the Thesis Committee or the Independent Research Committee every semester.

31.3.2 The Thesis Committee or the Independent Research Committee shall evaluate the thesis according to the number of credits of thesis and independent research the students registered in each semester. However, the S rating shall be assigned for the research with satisfactory progress and U rating shall be assigned to students who has not done the research as per plan. Students having taken an examination and already submitted the thesis or independent research shall achieve S rating for the total number of thesis or independent research credits.

31.3.3 Students having already registered for the thesis or independent research but lack of consistent following-up in doing thesis or independent research for 2 consecutive regular semesters resulting in receiving U rating, the Thesis Committee or the Independent Research Committee may propose such students be released from their thesis or independent research on such topic with a consent from the lecturer responsible for the program and approved by the Faculty Committee.

31.4 Request for changing topic and number of credits of the thesis and independent research

31.4.1 In case the Thesis Committee or the Independent Research Committee deems it is appropriate for students to change the topic or the study program has been approved, the students must submit the request for changing the topic of the thesis or the independent research as well as attach the new thesis proposal according to Clause 31.2, through the consideration of the Thesis Committee or the Independent Research Committee and given a

consent by the Lecturer responsible, for the Dean's approval. However, students approved for changing the new topic for the thesis and independent research must re-register and pay tuition fees for the thesis or independent research course. In case of changing the study program, the approved credits gained can be transferred.

31.4.2 In case of minor change in adjusting the title of the thesis or independent research as appropriate for the student's research in the final step without having to significantly change the research objectives according to the recommendation of the Thesis Committee and the Independent Research Committee, students must submit the request, through the advisor and the lecturer responsible for the program, to the Dean for approval. There is no need to attach the new thesis proposal or independent research proposal.

Clause 32 Thesis Examination and Independent Research Examination

32.1 Students shall be eligible for the thesis examination and independent research examination with an approval of the Thesis Committee or the Independent Research Committee. However, the list of the Thesis Examination Committee or the Independent Research Examination Committee must be proposed, as well as setting the examination date, to the lecturer responsible for the program for a consent and to the Faculty Committee for approval and appointment.

32.2 Students must submit the draft thesis or draft independent research to the Thesis Examination Committee or the Independent Research Examination Committee for consideration 2 weeks prior to the thesis examination, otherwise, the Thesis Examination Committee or the Independent Research Examination Committee may postpone the examination date further for not less than two weeks but not more than one month counting from the date of receiving the draft thesis or draft independent research.

32.3 The Thesis Examination Committee and Independent Research Examination Committee shall be responsible for the examination. In case of satisfactory examination results, S rating shall be assigned. In case of unsatisfactory examination results, make-up examination shall be taken within the time specified by the Thesis Examination Committee or Independent Research Examination Committee.

32.4 Students who have passed the thesis examination or the independent research examination, must correct as per the suggestions of the Thesis Examination Committee or Independent Research Examination Committee. After that, students must check for plagiarism or academic plagiarism according to the University announcement and submit the originality report which has been considered and certified by the principal thesis advisor or the independent research advisor, as well as report the completely corrected thesis or the independent research to the Faculty within 30 days from the date of taking thesis examination or independent research examination. In case there are corrections which is related to the main contents but need much time, the Thesis Examination Committee or Independent Research Examination Committee may set the deadline for the thesis and the independent research submission for more than 30 days but not more than 60 days, otherwise, the examination results shall be adjusted to U rating. Thereafter, the Faculty shall examine the thesis or independent research format whether it is in line with the University's thesis writing and printing guidelines within 30 days.

32.5 Master's degree students should write the thesis in English. The Doctoral degree students must write their thesis in English.

32.6 The thesis examination and the independent research examination shall be an open examination that interested people can join and attend, except for research topics conducted in collaboration with organizations that require to keep confidential, permission must be obtained from the Dean or Director on a case-by-case basis.

32.7 The copyright of the thesis belongs to the University, unless agreed otherwise with the research funder.

Section 8 Graduation

Clause 33 Students will be granted the certificate or degree from the University when fulfilling complete qualifications as follows:

33.1 Graduate Diploma level and Higher Graduate Diploma level students must complete all courses and earn credits as per the program structure and achieve not lower than 3.00 grade points average from the 4 grade points system or equivalent. Besides, the learning outcomes must be achieved according to graduate level qualification standards.

33.2 Master's Degree Students

33.2.1 Plan 1 Students, Academic Type

(1) Plan 1.1, Academic Type, conduct thesis only

(a) Complete all courses prescribed in the program (if any)

(b) Presented the thesis and passed the final oral defense until achieving the learning outcomes according to graduate level qualification standards. For oral defense, it shall be conducted by the Thesis Examination Committee appointed by the Higher Education Institution which is an open system that anyone interested can participate in.

(c) 1 article of the thesis or part of the thesis must be published, disseminated or at least accepted for publication in the form of article or innovation or invention or other academic publication which can be searched according to the University's requirements or the thesis or part of the thesis have been published according to the graduation criteria requirements of the program.

(d) Passed the English examination according to program requirements (if any)

(2) Plan 1.2, Academic type, with both course study and conduct thesis

(a) Completed all courses as specified in the program with not lower than 3.00 grade points average from 4.00 system or equivalent.

(b) Presented the thesis and passed the final oral defense until achieving learning outcomes according to graduate level qualification standards. For oral defense, it shall be conducted by the Thesis Examination Committee appointed by the Faculty Committee which is an open system anyone interested can participate in.

(c) 1 article of the thesis or part of the thesis must be published, disseminated or at least accepted for publication in the form of article or innovation or invention or other academic publication which can be searched according to the University's requirements or the thesis or part of the thesis have been published according to the graduation criteria requirements of the program.

(d) Passed the English examination according to program requirements (if any)

33.2.2 Plan 2 Students, Professional Type

(a) Completed all courses as specified in the program with not lower than 3.00 grade points average from 4.00 system or equivalent.

(b) Passed the comprehensive examination with written and/or final oral in such courses, along with presenting an independent research report and passing the final oral examination until achieving learning outcomes in accordance with graduate level qualification standards

(c) For oral defense, it shall be conducted by the Independent Research Examination Committee appointed by the Higher Education Institution which is an open system that anyone interested can participate in.

(d) Passed the English examination according to program requirements (if any)

33.3 Doctoral degree Students

33.3.1 Plan 1 Students

(a) Passed the qualifying examination in order to be eligible for writing, presenting and take final oral defense examination of the thesis until achieving learning outcomes according to the graduate level qualification standards. The oral defense examination must involve experts from both inside and outside the institution of higher education and is an open system that anyone interested can participate in. The criteria for examination achievement measurement comprises of new knowledge considering from initiative statements, students' understanding of thesis and passing the English examination according to program requirements (if any).

(b) The thesis or part of the thesis must be published, disseminated or at least accepted for publication in the quality international journal according to the announcement determined by the Committee, at least 2 articles, or

(c) The thesis or part of the thesis must be published, disseminated or at lease accepted for publication in the quality international journal according to the announcement determined by the Committee, at least 2 articles, and being the innovative or creative work that can be applied for commercial, social and economic benefits, at least 1 article or achieving at least 1 patent, or

(d) The thesis or part of the thesis published as prescribed by the program (if any),

In case of innovation or creative work, the thesis must be evaluated by a Committee of at least three external experts in the same or related fields. Such external experts must have highly recognized knowledge, expertise and experience and be approved by the University Council.

For PhD students in the fields of social sciences and humanities, they may publish their work in quality international journals as determined by the Committee.

33.3.2 Plan 2 Students

(a) Passed the qualifying examination in order to be eligible for conducting the thesis and achieved not lower than 3.00 of the 4 grade points or equivalent, presenting the thesis and passed the final oral defense until achieving learning outcomes according to the graduate level qualification standards. Presenting the thesis which demonstrate new knowledge which considering from initiative statements, and passing the English examination according to program requirements (if any).

(b) At least 1 article of the thesis or part of the thesis must be published, disseminated or at least accepted for publication in the quality international journal according to the announcement determined by the Committee, or achieving at least 1 patent or being the innovative or creative work that can be applied for commercial, social and economic benefits,

(c) The thesis or part of the thesis publication published according the program requirement (if any).

In case of innovation or creative work, the thesis must be evaluated by a Committee of at least three external experts in the same or related fields. Such external experts must have highly recognized knowledge, expertise and experience and be approved by the University Council.

For PhD students in the fields of social sciences and humanities, they may publish their publication in quality international journals as determined by the committee.

Clause 34 Students must comply to the conditions determined by the program with completed approval from the lecturer responsible for the program and the Faculty Committee.

Section 9 Approval for Degree Grant

Clause 35 In considering granting the degree to students, besides student's academic achievement, the Faculty Committee shall also take into consideration the behaviors, morality and ethics, which are the honor and dignity of the student as determined by the University, students demonstrated throughout the time of their study in the University until the date of nominating to the University Council.

Clause 36 The Faculty Committee shall consider and nominate students who meet the required qualifications specified in Clause 33 – 34 of these regulations through the Registrar's Office in order to submit to the Academic Council for proposing to the University Council for degrees approval.

Section 10 Appeal

Clause 37 Appeal

When the University considers and issues order or decision in regarding these regulations, if students disagree with such order or decision, they have the right to appeal to the University by submitting their appeal through the Faculty Committee within 30 days from the date of receiving the order or decision, as the case may be.

Clause 38 The President shall appoint the Appeal Committee to consider appeals of orders or decisions in accordance with these regulations. The Committee shall consist of:

(1) A Vice President or a person authorized by the President as Chairperson of the Committee

(2) 3 representatives from Academic Council as Committee

(3) A representative from the original Faculty of such student as Committee and Secretary

The Committee shall appoint not more than 2 University staff as assistant secretary.

However, The Appeal Committee will be appointed on a case-by-case basis and will be terminated when the appeal decision is completed.

In appointing the Appeal Committee, a student has the right to object one or more committee members.

Clause 39 The appeal decision of the Appeal Committee must be completed within 60 days from the date of receiving an appeal from the Faculty Committee. Besides, the consideration period may be extended 2 more times, and not exceeding 30 days each time, from the said due date. The reasons for the delay must be recorded.

When the Appeal Committee has finished deliberating an appeal, there shall be following resolutions:

(1) If the Committee considers that the order or the decision is right and appropriate, the resolution shall be to dismiss that appeal.

(2) If the Committee considers that the order or the decision is not right and inappropriate, the resolution shall be to amend such order or decision on the matter to be right and appropriate.

(3) If the Committee deems appropriate to proceed in other ways to ensure fairness and compliance with the law, the resolution shall be to take action as appropriate to the situation.

Once the Appeal Committee has decided and come up with the resolution on the student's appeal, the Committee must report to the President and inform such resolution to the student promptly.

In the meeting to deliberate an appeal, there must be no less than half of all committee attending in order to constitute the quorum. The decision shall be made by the majority vote. In case of equal vote, the Chairperson of the meeting shall be arbiter.

Transitory Provision

Clause 40 Students admitted in the program approved by the University Council **before** September 27, 2022 **including** the program approved by the University Council **after** September 27, 2022 that the University has informed OPS MHESI that it requested to remain and continue using the Commission on Higher Education Standards Announcement on Higher Education Level Program Standard Criteria B.E. 2558 (2015) shall still use the announcement of the Commission on Higher Education Standards on Higher Education Level Program Standard Criteria B.E. 2558 (2015) and the University Regulations on Graduate Studies B.E. 2558 (2015) until such students graduate or their student status is terminated.

Clause 41 Students admitted in the program approved by the University Council **after** September 27, 2022, which was the effective date of using Standards Criteria of the Programs B.E. 2565 (2022) but effective before the effective date of these regulations, therefore, will still and continue using the .University regulations on Graduate Studies B.E. 2562 (2019). Except for Section 3 "Lecturer", under Clause 10.3.3, 10.3.5, 10.4.3, 10.4.5 and Section 4, under Clause 15 "Duration of Study", the regulations shall be changed and enforced according to these regulations instead.

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Attachment

King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Regulations on Graduate Studies, B.E. 2568 (2025)

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The professional standards framework for teachers as certified by the University Council and the expected quality level in each professional standards framework for lecturers include:

1. The expect level of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi Professional Standards Framework for Teaching and Supporting Learning (KMUTT Professional Standards Framework for Teaching and Supporting Learning) or KMUTT PSF is **level 2 and above** from the total of 4 levels as follows:

1.1 Level 1 Beginner

1.2 Level 2 Competent

1.3 Level 3 Proficient

1.4 Level 4 Mastery

2. The expect level of the United Kingdom Competencies Standards Framework for Teachers (UK Professional Standards Framework) or UK PSF is **level 2 and above** from the total of 4 levels as follows:

2.1 Level 1 Associate Fellow (AFHEA)

2.2 Level 2 Fellow (FHEA)

2.3 Level 3 Senior Fellow (SFHEA)

2.4 Level 4 Principal Fellow (PFHEA)

3. The expect level of Professional Standards Framework for Teachers according to the Guidelines for Learning Development as per the Higher Education Qualification Standards (Thailand Professional Standards Framework) or Thailand PSF is **level 2 and above** from the total of 4 levels as follows:

3.1 Level 1 Quality Teachers (Fellow Teacher, FT-THPSF)

3.2 Level 2 Teachers who support their colleagues to be quality teachers (Professional Teacher, PT-THPSF)

3.3 Level 3 Teachers who create quality teachers in the organization (Scholarly Teacher, ST-THPSF)

3.4 Level 4 Teachers who are leaders in professional development for teachers at national level or international level (Mastery Teacher, MT- THPSF)