

Requirements for Taking Dissertation Defense Examination (Ph.D. Program)

1. The Ph.D. dissertation should follow the Guidelines of Writing Thesis available from the RICE Website. Students should take special notice about:

- 1.1 Abstract in the dissertation must follow the format provided.

- 1.2 Chapter 3 ‘Research Methodology’: present your research strategy, / or research method, include the methods used for data collection, and the selection of the research sample, data analysis, and ethical considerations, if any. Essay 1 should be drafted explained in this Chapter.

- 1.3 Chapter 4: Research results. In this chapter present the results of your analysis.

Also, at least **one internationally published paper should be referenced with a concise explanation as to its relevance.***

- 1.4 Use APA version 7.0 as the format for writing References and Citations.

* Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 are different from the previous requirement, in which three papers had to be attached and explained consistently with the research objectives. At present, only one international published paper is required. The similarity rate is less than 24% according to the program ‘Turnitin’ (provided by RICE) or other programs that are internationally accepted. Please check with the Program Chair. Also, students must pass the English Proficiency test at level C1 (as evaluated by English Discovery), prior to taking the Dissertation Defense Examination.

Note: After revisions proposed by the committee, the dissertation has to be proofread by an English - native speaker, together with the proofreader’ signature.

2. When the paper is submitted to journals, pls use email address that is really contacted, together with ...@rmutr.ac.th.