

Requirements for Ph.D. Qualifying Examination

1. Students should obtain at least 18 credits (include required courses or elective courses) before applying for the qualifying examinations.
2. The qualifying examination must be completed within three years after finishing the required courses of the first grade. Each Ph.D. student can take qualifying examinations twice. If a student still fails to pass the qualifying examination, he/she must drop out of school. The students who pass the qualifying examination will be named as Ph.D. candidates.
3. The committee of the Qualifying Examination: seven (or more) committee candidates recommended by the advisor, includes two (or less) external members. Five to seven committee members selected by the director of Graduate Institute of Biomedical Informatics.
4. Time of the examination: held once a semester.
5. Time to apply the examination: Students have to apply for the examination within a month after the semester beginning.
6. Documents required for application:
 - (1). Transcript in Ph.D. years
 - (2). Dissertation abstract
 - (3). Publication abstract
7. Ph.D. Qualifying Exams: composed of two sections:
 - (1). Written Exam: Questioned by members of qualifying exam committee (The exam should be in range of TMU GIBI courses); written exam could be waived by qualify publications (summed over 30 points, according to Department of Life Sciences National Science Council Publication Score Standard; these publications could not be counted again for the graduation requirement).
 - (2). Oral Exam: Upon passing the written exam, the oral exam can be scheduled. Dissertation proposal is organized by qualifying committee members. (There is no time limit between two sections, but the written exam and the oral exam must be completed in three years.)
8. The requirements for Ph.D. candidates in Graduate Institute of Medical Informatics have been implemented since 2009/9/24.
9. If subject matter needs to be modified and normative matter, it has to be made by the business meeting and adoption of implementation.

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Student Name		Year		Number	
Advisor:		Co-advisor:			
Dissertation:					
Courses and credits:					
Course Title	Year	Credits	Note		
Total Credits					
Director Signature		Advisor Signature			
Executive Teacher Signature		Confirm Signature			
Attachment: 1. Transcripts in Ph.D. years 2. Dissertation abstract 3. Abstracts of published papers					