STATUTE 19

DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Admission

1. In addition to qualifying under clause 8 of the Admission and Matriculation Statute (Statute 13), for admission as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, a person must be a graduate of this University or such graduate of another university as the Academic Board may approve and must have obtained a degree with honours or a Master's degree and must submit evidence of adequate training and ability to undertake the proposed course.

2. A person who has not already obtained a Master’s degree may be required to register in the first instance for a Master’s degree.

3. A person admitted as a candidate for a Master’s degree, whether under clause 2 of this Statute or otherwise, may, subject to a satisfactory report from his supervisor, be subsequently admitted as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy with effect from the date of his admission as a candidate for a Master’s degree or such later date as may be specified by the Board of Graduate Studies.

Exemptions

4. The Academic Board, on the recommendation of the Board of Graduate Studies, may grant such exemptions as it thinks fit from the requirements of this Statute.

Period and nature of study

5. A candidate after admission must pursue in the University, throughout his candidature, an approved course of advanced study and research under the direction and supervision of a teacher, or a teacher and any other person jointly, appointed by the Board of Graduate Studies, such course to extend over a period of not less than twenty-four months.

6. The supervisor appointed under clause 5 of this Statute must submit to the Board of Graduate Studies annually towards the end of each academic year a confidential report on the work of the candidate. A candidate whose progress has not been satisfactory may be required at any time by the Board to terminate his course.

7. A candidate may be required to attend lectures, tutorials, seminars, other classes and practical work; and to pass the relevant examinations.
8. A candidate must register as a student of the University each year during his course and pay the fees prescribed.

9. A candidate may not submit as his thesis, work which has been submitted for a degree of, or for which a degree has already been conferred by, the University or any other university, but he is not precluded from incorporating any part of such work provided that in his thesis he clearly indicates the part of the work which has been so incorporated. A candidate may in addition submit such other published work as he desires provided it has not already been submitted for a degree in the University or any other university.

10. A candidate may, with the approval of his supervisor, publish papers on his work during his course of study provided that due reference is made to the University in all such papers.

11. After completion of the course of advanced study and research a candidate must submit a thesis on the subject of his advanced study and research. The thesis must contain original work or critical interpretation worthy of publication. It must be submitted within sixty months of the date of his admission as a candidate for the degree.

12. (1) (a) Four copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Registrar. The thesis must contain a summary not exceeding 500 words written in the English language and in a form suitable for publication.

(b) (i) All theses must normally be written in English, unless the prior approval of the Board of Graduate Studies has been obtained at the time of admission for a thesis to be written in a language other than English.

(ii) Where a thesis is written in a language other than English, it must contain a summary not exceeding 500 words written in that language and in a form suitable for publication in addition to a summary not exceeding 500 words written in the English language and in a form suitable for publication.

(c) One copy of the thesis will be deposited in the University Library. Copies of theses, whether approved or not, become the property of the University.

(2) Copies of theses must be submitted in the form given below:

(a) Each copy must be cyclostyled or printed, bound with hard covers in international size A4 (210mm x 297mm);

(b) Each page must have a margin of 3.7cm to allow for binding;

(c) The thesis must be preceded by the following in the order given: title page, acknowledgements, table of contents, summary, all of which must be bound with the thesis;
(d) The title and author’s name must be given in block letters on the cover of the thesis;

(e) The title or an abbreviation thereof and the author’s name must be given on the spine of the thesis;

(f) The thesis must be bound in dark blue with gold lettering not exceeding 16 pts.;

(g) Pages must be numbered in one continuous sequence in arabic numerals. Where a thesis consists of more than one volume, one sequence must be used.

(3) Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Graduate Studies, the thesis should not exceed the following number of words:

(a) In the Nanyang Business School, School of Communication Studies and the National Institute of Education, the thesis should not exceed 80,000 words (including footnotes, but excluding appendices, bibliography, maps, charts, statistical tables, graphs, illustrations, etc.), except that in the Division of Chinese Language and Culture, the thesis should not exceed 300,000 Chinese characters.

(b) In the School of Applied Science, the School of Civil and Structural Engineering, the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, the School of Mechanical and Production Engineering, the Gintic Institute of Manufacturing Technology, the thesis should not exceed 40,000 words (subject to the same exclusions as given in paragraph (a) of this sub-clause).

Examinations

13. After submitting his thesis, the candidate must present himself for an oral examination on the subject matter of the thesis and related subjects.

14. The reports of the examiners on the thesis and the results of the oral examination will be submitted to the Board of Graduate Studies and the Board, before deciding whether any thesis merits the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, may require the candidate to take a written or practical examination or both, and if this happens the candidate must satisfy the Board in the examination or examinations as well as in the thesis.

15. The Board of Graduate Studies may pass or fail a candidate, refer him for further work or recommend that, if he agrees, he be awarded a Master’s degree.