

Guidelines for the Appointment of the Final Oral Examination Committee
(Final Oral Examination)
for Doctoral Students in Materials Engineering
Department of Materials Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Kasetsart University

Doctoral students who wish to proceed with the Final Oral Examination for graduation must fulfill the following requirements:

1. A graduate-level GPA of at least 3.00
2. Passing the foreign language examination (English) according to the criteria specified by the Graduate School
3. Approval of the dissertation proposal at least 270 days prior to the Final Oral Examination
4. Passing the Qualifying Examination/Comprehensive Examination at least 120 days prior to the Final Oral Examination

The appointment of the Final Oral Examination Committee for doctoral students in Materials Engineering must consist of at least five committee members in accordance with the regulations and guidelines of the Graduate School. The examination committee shall comprise:

1. An external expert examiner (1)
2. The principal dissertation advisor (2)
3. A program faculty member (a faculty member within the department registered with the Graduate School) (3)
4. A program coordinator/responsible faculty member (4)
5. A representative from the Graduate School (a faculty member within the Faculty of Engineering registered with the Graduate School) (5)

In cases where the student has co-advisors, they shall be counted as part of the advisory committee together with the principal advisor. The guidelines for appointing the Final Oral Examination Committee are as follows:

1. In the case of one co-advisor

The examination committee shall consist of:

1. An external expert examiner (1)
2. The principal dissertation advisor (2)
3. The co-advisor (3)
4. A program faculty member (a faculty member within the department registered with the Graduate School) (4)
5. A representative from the Graduate School (a faculty member within the Faculty of Engineering registered with the Graduate School) (5)

2. In the case of two co-advisors

The examination committee shall consist of:

1. An external expert examiner (1)
2. The principal dissertation advisor (2)
3. A co-advisor (3)
4. A co-advisor (4)
5. A representative from the Graduate School (a faculty member within the Faculty of Engineering registered with the Graduate School) (5)

3. In the case of three co-advisors

The examination committee shall consist of:

1. An external expert examiner (1)
2. The principal dissertation advisor (2)
3. A co-advisor (3)
4. A co-advisor (4)
5. A co-advisor (5)

Note:

For the Final Oral Examination, the chairperson of the examination committee must be an external expert examiner. Therefore, in cases where the total number of the principal advisor and co-advisors exceeds five persons, an external expert examiner must additionally be appointed as the chairperson of the examination committee. For example:

In the case of four co-advisors

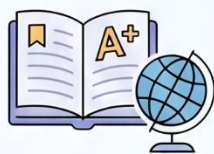
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1. An external expert examiner (1)
2. The principal dissertation advisor (2)
3. A co-advisor (3)
4. A co-advisor (4)
5. A co-advisor (5)
6. A co-advisor (6)

For doctoral students, the chairperson of the Final Oral Examination Committee must be an external expert examiner who possesses the qualifications specified in the Graduate School Regulations of Kasetsart University B.E. 2559 (2016).

Final Oral Examination: Committee & Eligibility Guidelines

PRE-EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY



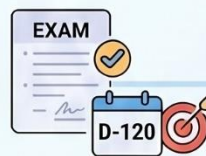
Core Academic Requirements

Maintain a GPA ≥ 3.00 and complete the Graduate School's English proficiency requirement.



270-Day Proposal Milestone

Your dissertation proposal must be approved at least 270 days before the exam.



120-Day Examination Milestone

Pass your Qualifying (QE) or Comprehensive Examination (CE) 120+ days prior to defense.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE & LEADERSHIP



PROGRAM
DIRECTOR

PRINCIPAL PROGRAM
ADVISOR FACULTY

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The Standard 5-Member Committee

Includes External Expert, Principal Advisor, Program Faculty, Program Director, and Graduate School Representative.



EXTERNAL EXPERT
(CHAIR)

The Mandatory Chair Rule

The External Expert must serve as the Chair for the Final Oral Examination.



Adjusting for Co-Advisors

Committee membership shifts to include co-advisors (up to 4) while maintaining size limits.

CO-ADVISOR



1 CO-ADVISOR

Total Committee: 5 Members

Required Roles:

External Expert (Chair),
Principal Advisor, Co-Advisor,
Program Faculty, Rep.



2 CO-ADVISORS

Total Committee: 5 Members

Required Roles:

External Expert (Chair),
Principal Advisor,
2 Co-Advisors, Rep.



3-4 CO-ADVISORS

Total Committee: 5-6 Members

Required Roles:

External Expert (Chair),
Principal Advisor,
All Co-Advisors.