

Ming Chuan University Regulations for Dealing with Doctoral Dissertation and Master's Thesis Plagiarism

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- Article 1 These regulations were established to deal with doctoral dissertation and master's thesis plagiarism in a fair procedure, and are in accordance with Article 7-2 of Degree Conferral Law.
- Article 2 An Academic Examination Committee (herein referred to as the Committee) shall be established to examine dissertation/thesis plagiarism cases based on principles of fairness and objectivity.
The Committee is composed of the chair and two to three faculty members of the department/ school to which the student belongs, the dean of the school or a director appointed by the president shall serve as Committee convener. When necessary, external specialists will be invited as committee members.
Neither the student's advisor, oral examination committee members, nor third-degree relatives can serve as committee members. Any of those should excuse themselves from the discussion to avoid conflict of interest.
- Article 3 The evaluation of dissertation or thesis plagiarism should follow the following principles:
- (1) Respect the decision reached by professionals in this field
 - (2) Send a written notice to the graduate student reported for dissertation/thesis plagiarism within one week of the case being accepted; the student should provide a written explanation by the deadline set.
 - (3) The written notice from the reporter of plagiarism and the response of the one being reported should be evaluated by at least two impartial scholars in this field, who should prepare a written report of their findings. The identity of the evaluators should be kept confidential.
 - (4) As long as the plagiarism case result is pending, all procedures should be kept confidential.
- Article 4 When the Committee has completed the examination, a concrete decision should be made. When necessary, a hearing is to be held. An official notice is to be sent to the student being reported, requesting the student to provide an oral or written statement. After the hearing, a written notice is sent comprising the resulting decision, reasons, and stating the appeal deadline.
If the plagiarism case is referred from the Ministry of Education and, upon investigation, is found to already include concrete evidence, the case does not need to be evaluated by impartial scholars; the decision is made directly by the

Committee.

Article 5 When plagiarism in a dissertation or thesis, an academic work, a presentation, or a written or technical report is found to be a fact which is borne out by a subsequent investigation by the Committee, the degree conferred will be revoked, and notice will be made that any diploma(s) issued are voided.

Violation of any other regulations will be dealt with in accordance with relevant regulations.

Any graduate student found guilty of the above behavior, upon their graduation qualification and degree being revoked, is not eligible to request continuing study, even if they have not reached the maximum number of study years; they must withdraw from the university.

Article 6 Matters not covered above will be dealt with other relevant regulations or procedures.

Article 7 Upon being passed by the Academic Affairs Committee and approved by the president, these regulations were announced and implemented. Any revision must follow the same procedure.

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