

Common Consent on Detailed Rules for the Doctoral Thesis Examination of the Joint Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine, Yamaguchi University, and the Management Policy of Detailed Rules

January 15, 2020, Faculty Committee

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This common consent shall be to mutually agree upon the necessary matters decided through discussions by the Faculty Committee, regarding the interpretation and handling of the Detailed Rules with regard to the doctoral thesis examination and the Management Policy of the Detailed Rules.

Eligibility for submitting a doctoral thesis and applying for doctoral degree

1 The term "highly evaluated academic journals with an established examination system" specified in Relating to Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Management Policy means the following academic journals:

(1) Academic journals recorded in one of the following: Medline (PubMed), Web of Science (Science Citation Index Expanded or Social Sciences Citation Index only), or Scopus.

Moreover, these journals shall be limited to English-language publications, and bulletins shall not be accepted in principle.

(2) Journals of the Japan Veterinary Medical Association

(3) In addition to the above, if the research results must be posted to an academic journal other than those listed in the above (1) or (2) due to the nature of the research theme, an application for academic accreditation shall be submitted in advance to the Dean, explaining the reason for the posting. The academic journal may be accepted until the student obtains his/her degree after an examination by the Faculty Committee.

2 "Two or more academic publications that become the basis of the doctoral thesis in principle" specified in Relating to Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Management Policy shall include one or more publications of paragraph 1 (1). "Two or more academic publications that become the basis of the doctoral thesis in principle, and one or more other academic publications" specified in Relating to Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Management Policy shall include two or more publications of paragraph 1 (1).

3 The "leading European journals" related to "particularly excellent research results" specified in Relating to Article 2, paragraph 2 of the Management Policy shall refer to the following academic journals published in "Journal Citation Reports":

(1) Those recorded in one of the following: Medline (PubMed), Web of Science (Science Citation Index Expanded or Social Sciences Citation Index only), or Scopus.

Those within the top 2,000 rankings in the Journal Citation Reports (Science Citation Index Expanded) ranking table published during the period of enrollment (up to the date of the doctoral thesis application) shall be applied.

4 The evaluation of "particularly excellent research results" specified in Article 2, item 2 of the Detailed Rules shall be carried out based on application forms for eligibility examination for a shortened period of study (Form 1-1 to Form 1-3), as specified

separately.

Eligibility Examination

- 5 The Eligibility Examination Committee prescribed in Relating to Article 2, paragraph 2 of the Management Policy and Article 9 of the Detailed Rules shall be as follows:
- (1) Members of the Faculty Committee shall be appointed to members of the Eligibility Examination Committee of Article 2, item 2 (shortened period of study) of the Detailed Rules and Article 6, item 2 (dissertation doctorate) of the Detailed Rules.
 - (2) The Chairperson of the Eligibility Examination Committee shall be elected from among the members of the Faculty Committee who are close to the relevant fields. The Dean shall be excluded.
 - (3) The eligibility for applying shall be determined by a secret ballot. The student shall be determined as eligible by positive votes of at least two-thirds of all the present Examination Committee members.
 - (4) Forms of the eligibility examination results report shall be as specified in Form 2 and Form 3.

Tests and questions

- 6 The implementation of the foreign language test prescribed in Article 15, paragraph 3 of the Detailed Rules (hereinafter referred to as "Test") shall be handled as follows:
- (1) The Test shall be conducted on the day of the public presentation of a doctoral thesis prescribed in Article 15, paragraph 1 of the Detailed Rules.
 - (2) The implementation of the Test (including questions creation and others) shall be entrusted to the doctoral thesis examination committee prescribed in Article 13 of the Detailed Rules.

Supplementary note

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