

Regulations of National Taipei University of Business
School of International Marketing
Master's Program on Law and Negotiation for Global Trade
Regulations Governing Thesis Supervision and Implementation

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Article 1. To enhance the quality of thesis supervision and ensure smooth academic progress for graduate students, the Master's Program on Law and Negotiation for Global Trade (hereinafter referred to as the Program) hereby establishes these Regulations in accordance with Articles 70 (Paragraph 4) and 77 of the Regulations of National Taipei University of Business, as well as the University's Regulations for Master's Degree Examinations.

Article 2. The term *master's thesis* in these Regulations refers to both the traditional academic thesis (hereinafter "traditional thesis") and the practical research thesis (hereinafter "practical thesis").

Article 3. Application for Thesis Advisor

1. Beginning from the second semester of enrollment, students who have completed at least two-thirds of the required course credits may apply for the selection of a thesis advisor within the period designated by the Program (in principle, during Week 18). Students may not change advisors without sufficient justification and the consent of the current advisor. Only one change of advisor is permitted during the course of study.
2. Advisors shall preferably be full-time faculty members of the School of Accounting and Finance who have taught in the Program (including practicum or thesis supervision) within the past three years. The Program encourages co-supervision of practical theses by faculty members from different areas of specialization. Each student may have up to two co-advisors. One co-advisor may be a full-time or part-time faculty member of the University who is not currently teaching in the Program.

Article 4. Advisor Supervision Quota

Each advisor supervises up to three students per semester. In the case of co-supervision, each student shall count as 0.5 toward the advisor's supervision quota.

Article 5. Thesis Research Areas

1. The master's thesis shall correspond to the core teaching and research areas of the Program, namely international trade law, international economic law, and/or business communication and negotiation.
2. The traditional thesis shall address topics within the above areas, be written entirely in English, and contain at least 15,000 words
3. The practical thesis may focus on areas including, but not limited to international trade, investment, taxation, or accounting, cross-border business transactions and

management, legal applications, communication and negotiation, or conflict management, international economic affairs or linguistic and cultural issues related to trade, dispute resolution or other topics approved by the Program's Academic Committee. Students pursuing a practical thesis must possess adequate practical or internship experience, amounting to at least 480 cumulative hours prior to the oral defense. Administrative or research assistant work within or outside the University may be partially recognized upon approval by the Program Director.

Practical theses are strongly encouraged to be written in English. For students admitted in Academic Year 2020 and thereafter, English writing is mandatory; those wishing to write in Chinese must obtain approval from the Academic Committee.

4. The content of the practical thesis shall include:
 - (1) A description and reflection on the student's practical or internship experience (minimum: 2,000 Chinese characters or 1,000 English words); and
 - (2) A rigorous applied research report based on the aforementioned experience or field observations (minimum: 15,000 Chinese characters or 7,500 English words).Further requirements are specified in the Program's Guidelines for Writing a Practical Thesis.

Article 6. Thesis Proposal and Review

1. Upon selecting a thesis advisor, students shall determine a research topic under the advisor's supervision, observe academic ethics, and engage in regular discussions throughout the thesis-writing process.
2. Students shall maintain continuous communication with their advisor(s) and comply with supervisory guidance.
3. With the advisor's consent, students shall prepare a thesis proposal of at least 1,000 English words or 2,000 Chinese characters (including an English abstract), and submit it to the Program's Academic Committee for review and to the Office of Academic Affairs for recordkeeping. Once the review process is completed and approved, students may commence the formal thesis-writing stage. The proposal must be submitted before the midterm examination of the semester following advisor selection. Additional details are provided in the Program's Guidelines for the Review of Master's Thesis Proposals.

Article 7. Master's Thesis Examination

1. Students shall give a public presentation in English, either in person or online, of their draft thesis before the midterm week of the semester following proposal approval (applicable to students admitted from Academic Year 2019 onward). With the advisor's approval, students may apply for the thesis defense.
2. Applications for the master's degree examination shall be submitted in accordance with Article 3 of the University's Regulations for Master's Degree Examinations.
3. Pursuant to Article 5 of the same Regulations, the master's degree Examination Committee shall consist of three to five members, with at least one-third external members. The list of committee members shall be recommended by the advisor and submitted by the Program to the University President for approval.

4. The defense shall be evaluated by all committee members. The passing score shall be 70 out of 100.
5. Students who fail the defense but whose maximum study period has not expired may, with the advisor's consent, reapply for a second defense in the following semester or academic year. Failure in the second defense shall result in dismissal from the Program.

Article 8. To qualify for graduation, students must complete the minimum number of credits required by the Program's curriculum for their year of admission and successfully pass the master's thesis examination (worth 6 credits).

Article 9. Matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be governed by the Regulations of National Taipei University of Business and the Regulations for Master's Degree Examinations.

Article 10. These Regulations shall take effect upon approval by the Program Committee and public announcement. The same procedure shall apply to any subsequent amendments.

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