



**Thammasat University Regulations
on Graduate Education (No. 2) B.E. 2564 (2021)**

Whereas it is expedient to amend the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018);

By virtue of the powers conferred by Section 23 of the Thammasat University Act B.E. 2558 (2015), the University Council passed a resolution in meeting no. 4/2564 on 26 April B.E. 2564 (2021) approving the issuance of these Regulations.

Article 1. These Regulations are called “Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education (No. 2) B.E. 2564 (2021)”.

Article 2. These Regulations will apply to students who are registered as students at graduate degree level in academic year 2561 (2018) onwards.

Article 3. The content of Article 19 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 19.** In the event that the Programme structure compels, or that there is a condition imposed on, students at doctoral level requiring them to publish a research article in an international level academic journal, where a student has completed study according to the Programme structure and passed his or her thesis examination, but is waiting for acceptance of publication of his or her research article in an international level academic journal, he or she may request an extension of his or her period of education in accordance with Article 17 in order to continue to wait for the acceptance of publication, on each occasion for two Semesters but not for more than four Semesters.

In requesting an extension of the period of time in paragraph one, the student shall make a request including evidence of the submission of the research for publication or a written acceptance of publication to the Dean to consider and make a recommendation to the Rector in advance before the expiry of his or her period of study, provided that the student shall maintain his or her student status in a Semester for which he or she has received authorisation for an extension of the period of his or her education.”

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Article 4. The content of Article 39 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 39.** A request for addition of courses after enrolment may be made during the 14 days from and including the opening day of the Semester, or during the 7 days from and including the opening day of the summer semester, provided that, in the case of a justifiable reason, the Dean may authorise the addition of courses after the expiry of the periods provided above, but not later than 14 days prior to the final day of the Semester or the summer semester as the case may be, and provided that the student shall meet the requirements on studying time prescribed in Article 81.

A request for addition of courses pursuant to paragraph one requires prior approval from the course instructor, and in the event of registering for an additional course after the expiry of the period, the student will pay the fine for late registration of additional courses at a daily rate pursuant to announcements of the University on rates of education fees.”

Article 5. The content of Article 42 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 42.** Equivalent course and credit transfer means an equivalent course transfer in the event that a student has studied a course at an Other Higher Education Institution, whereby the student may request an equivalent course and credit transfer where the content of the course is equivalent and where the criteria for evaluation or assessment has equivalent standards to a course in the Programme in which the student is studying, in accordance with the following criteria:

(1) the equivalency transfer is not to account for more than one third of the total number of credits for the Programme, and the student is to have a period of study in the Programme that will receive the equivalency transfer of not less than one academic year before he or she will have the right to graduate;

(2) the course for which an equivalency transfer is requested is not to be a course in a Programme of which that student has had his or her name withdrawn from the student register.

(3) the course for which an equivalency transfer is requested is to have been studied not more than eight years previously, calculated from and including the year in which the student enrolled for the course to the day on which the request is made for equivalent course and credit transfer.

(4) the course for which an equivalency transfer is requested is to have received educational results of grade ‘B’ or higher, or equivalent, or has received the letter ‘S’ (Satisfactory), except in the case of a student undertaking a study studying at another university or an Other Higher Education Institution on a project for collaboration in producing graduates or an academic exchange project, in which case an equivalency transfer may be made for a course and credits with the actual educational result.

(5) the course for which an equivalency transfer is requested is to be a course taught at graduate level and may be used as an equivalent for credits of course work only.

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In addition to the criteria according to paragraph one, the Dean, with the approval of the Faculty Committee, may prescribe criteria, methods, and details for equivalent course and credit transfer in addition to those provided in paragraph one, by way of an announcement of the Faculty and a report to the Rector.”

Article 6. The content of Article 43 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 43.** The Dean, with the approval of the Faculty Committee, is the person with the power to authorise an equivalency transfer and a course and credit transfer pursuant to this Chapter.”

Article 7. The content of Article 45 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 45.** Equivalency transfer of knowledge and the awarding of credits for education outside of the system or informal education or practical training in an establishment that has entered into a collaboration with the University for equivalency transfer for, in total, not more than one third of the total number of credits of a graduate Programme for which equivalency is requested and that is to have a study period in the Programme which is to receive the equivalency transfer of not less than one academic year before the student will have the right to graduate, may be made pursuant to criteria and methods that the Rector, with the approval of the University Executive Committee, shall prescribe by way of an announcement of the University, and the letters ‘ACC’ will be recorded for a course for which authorisation has been given for such equivalency transfer of knowledge.

A Faculty may proceed pursuant to paragraph one by conducting a written test or practical examination for the equivalency transfer or by consideration by using the evaluation of the practical training of the agency.”

Article 8. The following will be added as Chapter 8/1 Transferring Courses and Credits, Article 45/1, Article 45/2 and Article 45/3 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018):

“Chapter 8/1
Transferring Courses and Credits

Article 45/1. A student may request to transfer a course and credits from education on the following programmes to become a course on the Programme on which he or she is studying:

(1) a programme of which the University is managing education or jointly managing education with another agency; or

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(2) a master's degree programme that is an extension of a graduate diploma educational Programme of the University in the same field of academia.

Article 45/2. A course and credit transfer will be in accordance with the following criteria:

(1) Courses and credits from education pursuant to Article 45/1(1) may be transferred in an unlimited number and specific courses (course work) may be transferred.

(2) Courses and credits from education pursuant to Article 45/1(2) may be transferred in number that is no more than forty percent of the number of credits on the Programme on which the student is studying.

(3) If the transfer is of a compulsory course and credits of a Programme, the student is to have studied this not more than eight years previously.

(4) If the transfer is of an elective course and credits of the Programme, the student is to have studied this not more than ten years previously.

(5) In the case of education at master's degree level and graduate diploma level, the course and credits that will be transferred are required to have educational results of grade 'C' or higher or equivalent, or the letter 'S'.

(6) In the case of education at doctoral degree level, the course and credits that will be transferred are required to have educational results of grade 'B' or higher or equivalent, or the letter 'S'.

In addition to the criteria pursuant to paragraph one, the Dean with approval of the Faculty Committee may prescribe criteria, methods and details for the transfer of courses and credits that are additional to those provided in paragraph one, by way of announcements of the University or announcements of the Faculty with a report to the Rector.

Article 45/3. The educational results in courses for which authorisation has been granted for a course and credit transfer shall be recorded as follows:

(1) In the case of a transfer of a course pursuant to Article 45/1(1), the results will be recorded in accordance with the actual educational results.

(2) in the case of a transfer of a course pursuant to Article 45/1(2), the results will be recorded with the letters 'ACC'."

Article 9. The content of Article 46 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

Article 46. The Comprehensive Examination for students at master's degree level will be in accordance with the following criteria and conditions:

(1) The Comprehensive Examination may be made by written examination or oral examination or both, according to what is prescribed in the Programme Specification.

(2) A student is to have the qualifications to take the Comprehensive Examination pursuant to the Programme Specification and shall file his or her intention to the Faculty in order to take the examination.

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(3) The Comprehensive Examination may be conducted no more than 3 times per academic year.

(4) The Comprehensive Examination Committee, which the Dean shall appoint, has the duty of conducting the Comprehensive Examination and determining the results of the Comprehensive Examination.

(5) The examination results will be either the letter 'P' (Pass) or the letter 'N' (Not Pass).

(6) A student shall pass the exam with a qualifying grade 'P' (Pass) in not more than 3 attempts, other than where the Programme Specification specifies a number of attempts lower than 3, in which case it will be in accordance with the Programme Specification. If a student is not able to pass, he or she shall have his or her name removed from the student register and the examination result of every attempt shall be recorded in the examination results transcript.”

Article 10. The content of Article 54 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 54.** A Thesis Examination is to have every member of the Thesis Examination Committee present for that examination to be deemed complete. If there is not full attendance of members, the examination shall be postponed. If the specification of the Programme does not prescribe otherwise, the examination may be conducted using a telecommunications system.

In the event that there is a reason of necessity, the Dean may make an order to change the members of a Thesis Examination Committee or to appoint additional members.”

Article 11. The content of Article 59 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 59.** An Independent Study or Independent Research Examination is to have every member of the Independent Study or Independent Research Examination Committee present for that examination to be deemed complete. If there is not full attendance of members, the examination shall be postponed. If the specification of the Programme does not prescribe otherwise, the examination may be conducted using a telecommunications system.

In the event that there is a reason of necessity, the Dean may make an order to change a member of an Independent Study or Independent Research Examination Committee or to appoint an additional member.”

Article 12. The content of Article 101 of the Thammasat University Regulations on Graduate Education B.E. 2561 (2018) will be repealed and replaced with the following:

“**Article 101.** The University may refund fees that a student has paid to the University in the following situations and at the following rates:

(1) a student who resigns or who takes a leave of absence from education before the opening day of the Semester has the right to request a refund in the full amount of that which he or she has paid;

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(2) a student who resigns or who takes a leave of absence from education during the 14 days from and including the opening day of a Semester has the right to a refund for half the amount paid;

(3) a student who requests for withdrawal from a course because the University has closed a course on which he or she has enrolled will have the right to request a refund of the fees for that course and the fees for using educational equipment on that course in the full amount, other than in the case where the fees are paid in a single sum payment, when the student may not request a refund of the fees for the closed course;

(4) a student who requests for withdrawal from a course in which he or she is enrolled during the 14 days from and including the opening day of a Semester, or the 7 days from and including the opening day of a summer semester, will have the right to request a refund of the fees for that course and the fees for using educational equipment on that course for half the amount paid, other than in the case where the fees are paid in a single sum payment, when the student may not request a refund of the fees for the course from which he or she is withdrawing; and

(5) a student who receives a student disciplinary penalty of suspension from education for the next Semester, but who has enrolled and paid fees for the Semester for which he or she has been suspended, has the right to request a refund in the full amount of that which he or she has paid.

A student who wishes to request a refund of fees pursuant to paragraph one shall submit a request to the Faculty during the 30 days from and including the opening day of the Semester or summer semester.

Regarding exemptions of fines or reduction of fines, the Rector, on the recommendation of the Dean, has the power to consider an exemption of a fine or a reduction in a fine.”

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