

Notice for New Ph.D. Students in the Department of Marine Biotechnology and Resources

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1. Required courses: Based on the required course list announced by the school.
2. All Master's theses and Ph.D. dissertations submitted to this Department should involve research in "Marine Science". (Approved and implemented by the November 04, 2003, 3rd Department Affairs Council Meeting for the 2003 academic year)
3. For the Department's "Ph.D. Program Qualification and Degree Examination Regulations", please go to the department's website: mbr.nsysu.edu.tw
4. Advisor: New students must submit the "Thesis Advisor Application Form". Each research student should ask a full-time department faculty member to be an advisor for their academic paper. If you want a professor from another department to instruct you, there should be a full-time professor from our department also advising. For the department's faculty introduction, please go to the department's website: mbr.nsysu.edu.tw
5. All graduate students need to have the Academic Research Ethics Education Certificate of Completion to show they have enhanced academic ethics and a high quality of academic research capabilities. Master's, master's executive, and doctoral degree programs from the academic year 2015 onwards (including the academic year 2015) must comply to this rule (Based on the March 4, 2015, 1st administrative meeting approval of the spring semester for the 2014 academic year).
6. Master's and doctoral students must give a public presentation to the department prior to their thesis defense. The topic, time, and location of the presentation will be announced by the department staff. This requirement was implemented in the 2020 academic year. (Approved by the November 21, 2019, 3rd department meeting for the 2019 academic year).
7. Each graduate thesis must undergo an originality check (the "Turnitin Similarity Check System" or the "Paper Plagiarism Verifying System"; the advisor decides

which system the graduate should use). One week before the graduation examination, the draft of the thesis and the results of the originality check should be submitted to the thesis examination committee for review. After the originality report is sent to the thesis advisor for approval, the oral defense can be held. (Based on the resolution of the November 14, 2014, 1st College Affairs Faculty Meeting for the 2014 academic year, and the attached official letter from the university's Academic Affairs Office on June 21, 2021.)

8. When graduate students go through school leaving procedures after their degree examination, they need to submit their "Thesis or Dissertation Originality Report" and "Declaration for Graduates' Thesis or Dissertation Fulfilling Academic Ethics Requirements". The similarity index of the graduation thesis should exclude the introduction, references, table of contents, appendices, etc. In general, the overall similarity index of the originality check results should not exceed 12%. If the results exceed this limit, the advisor must sign to confirm that there are no concerns of plagiarism before approving the thesis. (Based on the amendment passed by the March 19, 2021, 167th Academic Affairs Meeting, Implementation bylaws for Ph.D. and Master's Degree Examination of the university: Article 3-3).
9. Master's and doctoral students must submit their Thesis/Dissertation Validation Letter (original copy) and the Transcript of the Degree Examination to the office to complete school leaving procedures. (Based on Article 64 of the University's Academic Regulations and the resolution of the 1st Department Affairs Council Meeting for the 2019 academic year.)
10. When master's and doctoral students go through school leaving procedures, they must submit "one copy of their Graduation Thesis (including a copy of the Authorization for Public Access of Theses/ Dissertations)", the "Originality Report," and the "Graduate Student's Statement on Compliance of Their Theses and Dissertations with Academic Ethics Guidelines" to the office to retain for reference. (Announced and implemented immediately by the Office of Academic Affairs on January 31, 2021.)
11. Since the academic year 2023, local doctoral students must participate in exchange programs overseas before graduating. Please refer to Article 3,

Section 4 of the "Ph.D. Program Qualification and Degree Examination Regulations" of the Department for requirements. Students must choose one of the options and complete it prior to the degree examination. (According to the official letter from the university's Academic Affairs Office, Ref. No. 1090700444, issued on May 26, 2020, and the amendment passed by the June 2, 2021, 6th College Affairs Faculty Meeting for the 2021 academic year.)

12. **Since the academic year 2024, graduate students during their study period must participate in the department's Columbus Academic Poster Competition, and at least one external seminar presentation.** (Passed by the June 04, 2023, 10th Department Affairs Council Meeting for the 2022 academic year.)