



### Doctoral Qualifying Examination

- The qualifying examinations are held twice a year, in December–June or January–July. A student may take the qualifying examination at most twice within one year.
- A student who has successfully completed the credit courses and the Seminar course must take the qualifying examination no later than the end of the fifth semester. A student who fails to take the qualifying examination within this period shall be deemed to have used one examination right and to have failed.
- A student who obtains a minimum average score of 80 from the written and oral examinations shall be considered successful. For students who pass the qualifying examination, a Thesis Monitoring Committee shall be established within one month.
- A student who fails the qualifying examination must retake the examination in the following semester. A student who fails the second examination shall be dismissed from the University.

### Doctoral Thesis Proposal

- A student who has successfully completed the doctoral qualifying examination must orally defend their thesis proposal before the Thesis Monitoring Committee within six months at the latest. The student must submit the written thesis proposal report to the members of the Thesis Monitoring Committee at least fifteen days prior to the oral defense.
- A student who fails to attend the thesis proposal defense within the specified period shall be considered unsuccessful and the thesis proposal shall be rejected.

#### Student Whose Thesis Proposal is Accepted

- A student whose thesis proposal is approved shall continue their studies under the supervision of the thesis advisor.

#### Student Whose Thesis Proposal Requires Revisions

A student who is required to make revisions to the thesis proposal must complete the revisions within one month. At the end of this period, a decision of acceptance or rejection shall be made.

#### Student Whose Thesis Proposal is Rejected

A student whose thesis proposal is rejected shall have the right to select a new advisor and/or a new thesis topic.

- A student continuing with the same advisor must retake the thesis proposal defense within three months.
- A student continuing with a different advisor must retake the thesis proposal defense within six months.
- A student whose thesis proposal is rejected a second time shall be dismissed from the University.

#### Thesis Monitoring Committee

- At least three Thesis Monitoring Committee (TMC) reports must be submitted.
- The TMC convenes at least twice a year, once between January–June and once between July–December.
- The student must submit a written report to the committee members at least one month before the meeting date.
- A student who fails consecutively twice or intermittently three times shall be dismissed from the University.

#### Publication Requirement

A student fulfills the publication requirement if they have published an article or obtained a letter of acceptance for publication in the field of their doctoral study, affiliated with Cyprus Aydin University, in accordance with the conditions specified in the Compulsory Graduation Publication Requirements Directive for Graduate Programs at Cyprus Aydin University.

### Thesis Defense

Students who have completed a total of 240 ECTS (including credited courses, seminar course, qualifying exam, thesis proposal, and three successful TMC reports), fulfilled the compulsory publication requirement, and whose thesis plagiarism rate is 20% or below, are eligible to attend the thesis defense.

#### Student Deemed Successful After Thesis Defense

The student deemed successful after the thesis defense must submit their thesis to the institute for review within one month. After approval by the institute, the thesis is formally submitted, and the student graduates.

#### Student Required to Revise After Thesis Defense

A student who is required to make revisions after the thesis defense must complete the revisions within six months and redefend the thesis before the same jury. At the end of this period, a decision of acceptance or rejection is made. A student whose thesis is deemed unsuccessful after the second defense will have their enrollment terminated.

#### Student Failing the Thesis Defense

A student whose thesis is deemed unsuccessful after the defense will have their enrollment terminated.