

Before taking the qualification exam, you should finish the following first:

Curriculum

1. Doctoral students are required to take a minimum of 18 credits of required courses excluding 12 credits of “Dissertation of Doctoral degree”.

Preliminary Examinations (Prelims) (Biomedical Chemistry)

1. Every PhD student is required to obtain 7 points in prelims in five academic years.
2. Prelims take place 4 times each semester. You have the freedom choose the subject of each test. For more information, please contact Ms. Shufen Lin.

If your advisor approves, you can apply for the qualification exam after you complete all the classes, the prelims (Biomedical Chemistry), and your PhD research.

PhD Candidate's Qualification Regulations

1. Student must pass the PhD Candidate's Qualification assessment within five academic years or ten semesters (including leave or absence).
2. Student can apply for the PhD Candidate's Qualification assessment exam only once per semester. If a student fails in the PhD Candidate's Qualification assessment exam twice, they will need to undergo evaluations/reviews by the academic student affairs division.
3. After passing the PhD Candidate's qualification exam, doctoral students are eligible to apply for the final thesis oral defense exam to get their PhD degree.

Before attending your final doctoral oral defense, you have to finish the qualification exam:

1. You can apply for the qualification exam in the first week of every semester.
2. You need to prepare the following documents before the start of the semester:
 - (i). Application form;
 - (ii). Recommendation from the advisor;
 - (iii). Transcript;
 - (iv). Research proposal;
 - (v). Prelims certificate. (Biomedical Chemistry)
3. After the school verifies and approves of your application, you should prepare for the exam.
4. If you pass the qualification exam, you shall receive a PhD qualification certificate. Please check the application guide on the application procedures. For further information please contact Ms. Ting Yu Chen.

After you finish taking the qualification exam, the English proficiency test, and publish your research papers, you can apply for the doctoral final defense with your advisor's approval.

Doctoral students need to submit at least one of the following English proficiency test certificates prior to their PhD dissertation exam:

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): TOEFL Institutional Testing Program (ITP)- 500 points (or above) or TOEFL Computer-Based Test (CBT)- 193 points (or above) or TOEFL Internet-Based Test (iBT)- 68 points (or above) required.
2. General English Proficiency Test (GEPT): High-Intermediate level (First Stage or above) required.
3. Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC): 600 points (or above) required.
4. International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 5.5 points (or above) required.

***If the students fail to pass any one of the aforementioned English proficiency tests, they are required to enroll in English courses and pass the exam in KMU's Center for Languages and Culture.**

Before applying for the doctoral oral defense, you must meet one of the following requirements:

A. For those enrolled in the Doctoral Degree Program before the academic year 2018:

1. Publish 2 original research papers as the first author in SCI journals.
2. Publish 1 original research paper as the first in an SCI journal with an I.F. over 1.5, in a journal ranked the first 40% in the field.

B. For Those enrolled in the Doctoral Degree Program after the academic year 2018:

1. Publish 2 original research papers as the first author in SCI journals.
2. Publish 1 original research paper as the first author in an SCI journal with an I.F. over 3.5, or ranked the first 30% in the field.

Note: PhD candidates need to publish their original journal articles (SCI) as the first author with their full name, department and university listed in the affiliation, as well as their advisor as their corresponding author, or in the case where there is a co-advisor, one of the advisors as the corresponding author and the other among the co-authors.