

National Taiwan Ocean University

Guidelines for Deferred Public Examination of Degree Theses

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1. National Taiwan Ocean University has established these Guidelines for Deferred Public Examination of Degree Theses (hereinafter referred to as "the Guidelines") for the deferred public examination of Master's and Doctoral degree theses, in accordance with the Degree Conferral Act.
2. "Deferred publication" as mentioned in these Guidelines refers to the situation where a degree thesis involves confidential information, patent matters, or is legally restricted from being provided, thus may not be available for public access or may be withheld from public access for a specified period.
3. To apply for deferred public examination of a degree thesis, an applicant must fill out a request form for deferred publication when submitting their thesis, stating the reasons and providing relevant proof. The application must be signed by the graduate student, members of the degree examination committee, the thesis advisor, and the head of the department, and must be stamped with the department's seal. An application for deferred publication can be made only once. If not applied for at the time of thesis submission, it is considered an agreement to immediate public release, and no subsequent application for deferred publication is allowed.
4. The period of deferred publication should be reasonably set based on actual needs, for a maximum of five years from the date of application. If the period exceeds five years or if no specific date for ending the deferral is indicated, a standard five-year period will be applied.
5. Any matters not covered in these Guidelines will be governed by the Degree Conferral Act and the relevant regulations of the University.
6. These Guidelines are implemented after approval by the Academic Affairs Meeting and the President of the University.

Note: These guidelines are formulated in Chinese. In case of any discrepancies between the English and Chinese versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.