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**Prince of Songkla University
Graduate Studies Regulation, 2563 B.E.**

Whereas it is deemed appropriate to modify the Prince of Songkla University Regulations on Graduate Studies, 2563 B.E.,

By virtue of Article 23(2) of Prince of Songkla University Act, 2559 B.E., the University Council, at its 415(5/2563) meeting on 18 July 2020, approved the following stipulations:

**Section 1
General**

Number 1 These Regulations shall henceforth be known as “Prince of Songkla University Graduate Studies Regulation, 2563 B.E.”

Number 2 These Regulations shall be applied to graduate students enrolled from the academic year 2020 onwards.

Number 3 In these Regulations:

“The University” means Prince of Songkla University.

“The University Council” means Prince of Songkla University Council.

“The President” means the President of Prince of Songkla University.

“The Graduate School” means Graduate School of Prince of Songkla University.

“Faculty” means colleges, institutes, offices or other university units called otherwise, which offer a graduate studies program.

“The Education and Innovative Learning Academy” means the Education and Innovative Learning Academy of Prince of Songkla University.

“The Dean” means the institute director, office director or head of a Faculty or other university unit which offers a graduate program.

“The Faculty Board” means the board of a Faculty or other units which offers a graduate program in the University.

“Program” means a program of Graduate Studies.

“Cumulative Credit” means the number of credits which the student has earned to fulfil the requirements of the program curriculum.

“Credit Bank” means a system for accumulated credits for learners taking courses offered at the University, and transferred credits by the University.

“Student” means a Graduate Studies student of Prince Songkla University.

“Participant” means a person who is admitted to the University as a participant holding at least bachelor’s degree or equivalent, including undergraduates and persons in waiting for degree approval.

“Learner” means an individual who takes courses or short courses, or an individual who attends the Lifelong Education System.

Number 4 The President is authorized to supervise the execution of this Regulation. In case of any issue not identified in the Regulation or unclear, the decision made by the President is considered final.

Section 2 Admission

Number 5 Graduates in Number 18 must possess qualification as follows.

(1) Graduate Diploma Program: must be a bachelor’s degree holder or an equivalent level in related fields as stipulated in the curriculum, and must have other additional qualifications specified by the Curriculum Board and the Graduate School.

(2) Master’s Degree Program: must be must be a bachelor’s degree holder or an equivalent level in related fields as stipulated in the curriculum program, and must have other additional qualifications specified by the Curriculum Board and the Graduate School.

(3) Higher Graduate Diploma Program: must be a 6-year bachelor’s degree holder, a Graduate Diploma holder, a master’s degree holder, or an equivalent level in related fields as stipulated in the curriculum, and must have other additional qualifications specified by the Curriculum Board and Graduate School.

(4) Doctoral Degree Program: (1) must be a master’s degree holder, or an equivalent level in related fields as stipulated in the curriculum, must have other additional qualifications specified by the Curriculum Board and the Graduate School, and must possess English Proficiency test results as stipulated by the Graduate School; (2) must be a bachelor’s holder or an equivalent level with excellent academic results and must have knowledge and potential to conduct the thesis; or (3) must have other qualifications stipulated in by the Curriculum Board and Graduate School and English test results as stipulated by the Graduate School.

Number 6 Admission to a Graduate Program shall be conducted in accordance with Graduate School Regulations of each year.

Number 7 Admission to the Graduate School shall be conducted as follows:

(1) The number of students in the program must be approved by the University.

(2) The Faculty is authorized to approve the admission selection criteria proposed by the Curriculum Board based on the qualifications listed in Number 5 above, and to conduct the examinations or other procedures which shall be approved by the Graduate School.

(3) The Faculty shall select the qualified individuals to have a trial period in individual cases, as follows.

a. Individuals with a trial period attending a curriculum that requires course work and thesis, or only course work, must enrol for courses in the curriculum not less than 6 credits, and they must have cumulative grade point average not less than 3.00, or

b. Individuals with a trial period attending the curriculum that requires thesis must be given 'P' for satisfactory progress of thesis in the first semester, or

c. Other conditions shall be stipulated by the Graduate School.

(4) The Faculty shall consider accepting persons with at least a bachelor's degree or equivalent as a special case to study or conduct research without degree nomination.

(5) The Graduate School shall consider accepting individuals that are admitted as participants of the Faculty in accordance with the Regulations of the Graduate School.

(6) Admission will be valid when candidates present the graduation evidence, and they possess the aforementioned qualifications.

Number 8 Those who are admitted to the university must register for their entry to the University according to the University Announcement.

Section 3 Academic Administration System

Part 1 Administration System

Number 9 Two administration systems are conducted as follows.

(1) Formal education is a type of study which defines aims, educational methods, curriculum, period of study, evaluation and assessment, which are graduation requirements.

(2) Informal education is a type of study in which learners are able to study on their own, based on their interests, competency, readiness, and opportunity, by studying from persons, experience, society, environment, media, or other learning sources. Learning management shall be determined by the University.

The University may exempt or transfer the course credits or thesis from the Graduate Diploma Program to students who have good competence that can be examined. Those students who are exempted must reach compulsory cumulative credits as stipulated in the curriculum in accordance with the credit transfer regulations to admission to formal education, and credit transfer frameworks of Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation as stipulated by the University.

Equated and transferred courses, and other transferred courses are in accordance with the requirements of Graduate School.

Number 10 A study with cumulative credits for life long education is in accordance with the requirements of the University.

Number 11 Admission to obtain a diploma or a second degree must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the University.

Number 12 Pursuing Double Diploma or Double Degree and Joint Degree simultaneously is in accordance with the requirements of the Graduate School.

Part 2 Academic System

Number 13 The Graduate School shall proceed as follows.

(1) The Graduate School operates the curriculums and research in Graduate Studies.

(2) The Graduate School cooperates with the faculties and the curriculums to support teaching and learning management.

The Graduate School shall facilitate education through academic collaboration with the faculties to operate multidisciplinary curriculums in order to administer academic discipline in accordance with the University Regulations. The Graduate School shall operate shared courses for students throughout the University to increase efficiency of teaching and learning management.

Number 14 The Graduate School may have 2 academic systems as follows.

(1) The academic system is arranged throughout the academic year without semester division consisting of not less than 30 weeks over each academic year.

(2) The academic system is arranged into 4 types of semesters.

a. The bi-semester academic year is divided into 2 semesters. Each regular semester consists of not less than 15 weeks.

b. The tri-semester academic year is divided into 3 semesters. Each regular semester consists of not less than 12 weeks.

c. The quarter-semester academic year is divided into 4 semesters. Each regular semester consists of not less than 10 weeks.

d. Other academic systems may be arranged by Graduate School.

The academic systems in a-c may include a summer session depending on the need of each program. A summer session is made up once an academic year, and consists of not less than 8 weeks.

Number 15 Credits for each academic course shall be calculated as follows:

(1) Non-semester system

a. Theory-based courses with lectures or problem discussions, a total of at least 30 hours over one academic year, shall be counted as one credit.

b. Practice-based courses with training or experiments, a total of at least 60 hours over one academic year, shall be counted as one credit.

c. Training or fieldwork practice, a total of at least 90 hours over one academic year, shall be counted as one credit.

d. Projects or other assigned activities, a total of at least 90 hours over one academic year, shall be counted as one credit.

e. Thesis or dissertation, a total of at least 90 hours over one academic year, shall be counted as one credit.

f. One credit of the academic year system equals two credits in the bi-semester academic year, or 30/12 credits in the tri-semester academic year, or 30/10 credits in the quarter-semester academic year.

(2) Bi-semester system

a. Theory-based courses with lectures or problem discussions, a total of at least 15 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

b. Practice-based courses with training or experiments, a total of at least 30 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

c. Training or fieldwork practice, a total of at least 45 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

d. Projects or other assigned activities, a total of at least 45 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

e. Thesis or dissertation, a total of at least 45 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

(3) Tri-semester system

a. Theory-based courses with lectures or problem discussions, a total of at least 12 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

b. Practice-based courses with training or experiments, a total of at least 24 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

c. Training or fieldwork practice, a total of at least 36 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

d. Projects or other assigned activities, a total of at least 30 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

e. Thesis or dissertation, a total of at least 36 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

f. One credit of the tri-semester system equals 12/15 or 4 credits in the bi-semester system, equalling 5 credits in the tri-semester system.

(4) Quarter-semester system

a. Theory-based courses with lectures or problem discussions, a total of at least 10 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

b. Practice-based courses with training or experiments, a total of at least 20 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

c. Training or fieldwork practice, a total of at least 30 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

d. Projects or other assigned activities, a total of at least 30 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

e. Thesis or dissertation, a total of at least 30 hours over a semester, shall be counted as one credit.

f. One credit of the quarter-semester system equals 10/15 or 2 credits in the bi-semester system, equalling 3 credits in the quarter-semester system.

(5) Credit calculations in other academic systems in Number 14 (2) d. shall be made in accordance with the Graduate School Regulations.

Number 16 The study plans are categorized into three groups as follows:

(1) A full-time study plan is a plan which consists of not less than 9 credits over a regular semester under the bi-semester system.

(2) A part-time study plan is a plan which consists of less than 9 credits over a regular semester under the bi-semester system.

Any change in the study plan under (1) and (2) shall be at the discretion of the Faculty Board.

(3) Special study plans shall be conducted in accordance with the University Announcement.

Part 3 Curriculums

Number 17 Curriculums in Graduate Studies shall be operated under academic administration systems and a specific study plan or various plans in accordance with the University Regulations.

Number 18 The Graduate School offers four curriculums as follows:

(1) The Graduate Diploma Program is a curriculum offered to bachelor's degree holders or equivalent. It aims to produce programs in accordance with the National Higher Education Development Plans, the philosophy of Higher Education, the philosophy of the University, and professional standards. It emphasizes the development of academics and professionals to have expertise in a specific area, and to have knowledge and skills to perform better. The Graduate Diploma Program is an integrated curriculum.

(2) The Master's Degree Program is a curriculum which is higher than the Bachelor's Degree and the Graduate Diploma Program. It aims to produce programs in accordance with the National Higher Education Development Plans, the philosophy of Higher Education, the philosophy of the University, professional standards, and international professional standards. It provides a variety of programs with an emphasis on the development of academics and professionals at a high level through conducting research in order to be able to pioneer and seek new knowledge independently, to be able to sustain academic progress, and to be able to integrate one's expertise with other disciplines continuously. The curriculum programs at Master's Degree level also emphasize academic and professional ethics and morality, and they encourage students to understand knowledge building procedures and the implementation of new knowledge to develop academic, professional, and social work.

(3) The Higher Graduate Diploma Program is a curriculum offered to 6-year bachelor's degree holders, Graduate Diploma holders, Master's Degree holders, or equivalent. It aims to produce curriculums in accordance with the National Higher Education Development Plans, the philosophy of Higher Education, the philosophy of the University, and academic and professional standards. It emphasizes the development of academics and professionals to have expertise in a specific area, and to have knowledge and skills to perform better; the Graduate Diploma Program is an integrated curriculum.

(4) The Doctoral Degree Program is a curriculum which is higher than Master's Degree and Higher Graduate Diploma Program. It aims to produce programs in accordance with the National Higher Education Development Plans, the philosophy of Higher Education, the philosophy of the University, and international academic and professional standards.

It provides a variety of Programs with an emphasis on the development of academics and professionals at high level through conducting research in order to be able to pioneer and seek new knowledge independently, to be able to sustain academic progress, and to be able to integrate expertise with other disciplines continuously. The curriculum programs at Doctoral Degree level also emphasize academic and professional ethics and morality, and encourage students to be able to do research in order to build new knowledge or innovation in accordance with international standards, which benefit the development of the profession, the country, the society and the world.

Number 19 The structures of a curriculum shall be conducted as follows:

(1) Graduate Diploma Program and Higher Graduate Diploma Program require not less than 24 credits.

(2) A Master's Degree Program requires not less than 36 credits, and offers 2 plans of study as follows:

Academic Plan or Plan A is a research-based program leading to a thesis that builds knowledge in a specific area. The plan consists of thesis credits and course credits as presented below:

Plan A1: A thesis-based program consists of not less than 36 credits. The faculty may prescribe additional non-credit courses or additional academic activities as program requirements that students need to fulfil.

Plan A2: A thesis-based program consists of credits equivalent to not less than 12 credits and not less than of 12 credits of course work. Curriculums which specify professional requirements shall be offered in accordance with the relevant professional regulations.

Professional Plan or Plan B is a course-work-based program with dissertation on the application of professional knowledge without thesis requirement. The dissertation requires not less than 3 credits, and not over 5 credits.

Any program that offers the option of Plan B must also offer the option of Plan A.

(3) A Doctoral Degree Program is divided into 2 schemes of study focusing on research to develop academics and high-level professionals.

Scheme 1: A research-based program leading to a thesis that contributes to the advancement of knowledge. The Faculty may prescribe additional non-credit courses or additional academic activities as program requirement that students need to fulfil. Scheme 1 is divided into 2 formats:

Format 1.1: A Doctoral Degree Program for students with the Master's Degree: a thesis worth at least 48 credits shall be produced.

Format 1.2: A Doctoral Degree Program for students with the Bachelor's Degree: a thesis worth at least 72 credits shall be produced.

Theses for the Doctoral Degree Program under both Format 1.1 and Format 1.2 shall meet the same quality and standard.

Scheme 2: A research-based program leads to thesis that contributes high-quality research works, and academic and professional advancement. Additional courses are required. Scheme 2 is divided into 2 formats:

Format 2.1: A Doctoral Degree Program for students with the Master's Degree shall produce a thesis worth at least 36 credits, and complete the minimum course work of 12 credits.

Format 2.2: A Doctoral Degree Program for students with the Bachelor's Degree shall produce a thesis worth at least 48 credits, and complete the minimum course work of 24 credits.

Theses for the Doctoral Degree Program under both Format 2.1 and Format 2.2 shall meet the same quality and standard.

Number 20 The study period of each program shall be conducted as follows:

(1) Full-time study plans

a. Graduate Diploma Program and Higher Graduate Diploma Program as stipulated in the curriculum, not over 3 academic years.

b. Master's Degree Program as stipulated in the curriculum, not over 5 academic years.

c. Doctoral Degree Program as stipulated in the curriculum, not over 8 academic years for students with the Bachelor's Degree, not over 5 academic years for students with the Master's Degree.

(2) A part-time study plan or others shall be stipulated in accordance with the University Regulations.

Number 21 The Quality Assurance System of the curriculum shall be defined in accordance with the University requirements. Every curriculum shall be updated, and it shall be evaluated and reported every academic year so that the curriculum shall be improved and developed periodically at least to the period of the curriculum or every five years.

Curriculum development or other systems of Graduate Studies which are not prescribed in this Regulation shall be conducted by preparing another University Regulation, and shall be approved by University Council.

Number 22 Curriculum administration shall be conducted as follows:

(1) The curriculum is compiled of the philosophy, objectives and purposes as assigned by the Program or specified by the Faculty.

(2) Each curriculum is administered by a Curriculum Board consisting of lecturers responsible for the curriculum. The committee may consist of curriculum lecturers or other lecturers in the Faculty. The President of the Curriculum Board has three years of an executive term, not more than two consecutive terms, and is in accordance with the University Announcement.

(3) The Curriculum Board is responsible for the following:

a. Administering and developing the curriculum and teaching and learning management, that shall include planning, quality control, monitoring evaluation, and curriculum development.

b. Controlling the standards of curriculum to be in accordance with the Qualification Standard Framework of Higher Education as stipulated by Ministry of Higher Education, Science Research and Innovation, and Professional Standard Criteria (if any).

c. Carrying out curriculum quality assurance.

d. Monitoring the management of courses and fieldwork (if applicable), preparing reports on course management, and providing advice and suggestions for development.

The Faculty may assign an appropriate number of the Faculty Board or other boards (e.g., Graduate Studies Board of the Faculty) to administer all curriculums and research in Graduate Studies of the Faculty.

Part 3
Lecturers

Number 23 The number and qualifications of curriculum lecturers, lecturers responsible for the curriculum, thesis advisors, dissertation advisors, thesis examiners, lecturers and other boards, including workload of thesis advisors and dissertation advisors, shall be stipulated by the University in compliance with the University Announcements.

Section 4
Evaluation and Registration

Part 1
Academic Assessment

Number 24 The assessment of courses, theses and dissertations shall be conducted as follows:

(1) Courses with attached points are calculated for grade point average, and shall be given the following letter grades, definitions and attached points:

Grades	Definitions	Attached Points (per credit)
A	Excellent	4.0
B+	Very good	3.5
B	Good	3.0
C+	Fairly good	2.5
C	Fair	2.0
D+	Poor	1.5
D	Very poor	1.0
E	Fail	0.0

(2) Academic results shall be in the forms of letter symbols and other definitions as follows:

Letters	Definitions
S	S is given for 'Satisfactory' where the results of courses with no attached points, intensive courses, theses or dissertations are considered to have satisfied the requirements.
U	U is given for 'Unsatisfactory' where the results of courses with no attached points, intensive courses, theses or dissertations are considered to have failed to satisfy the requirements.

X	X is given for ‘Excellent’ indicating an excellent result level of thesis or dissertation.
I	I is given for ‘Incomplete’ that shall be recorded for courses with incomplete academic evaluation or an absence in the examination. Students who are given ‘I’ in any courses shall have an assessment for the course indicated with an ‘I’ within 6 weeks from the first day of the next semester that those students do registration. If the procedure is not undertaken within the indicated period of time, an ‘E’ or a ‘U’ shall be indicated in the student’s record.
P	P is given for ‘In progress’ of thesis or dissertation with satisfactory progress
N	N is given for ‘No progress’ of thesis or dissertation with unsatisfactory progress. Students who are given ‘N’ shall retake the course indicated with an ‘N’.
W	W is given for ‘Withdrawn with permission’.

Number 25 The academic assessment shall be conducted as follows:

(1) The assessment shall be conducted at the end of each semester. Cumulative credits calculated from credit courses shall be assessed using letter grades A, B+, B, C, C+ or letter symbols S or X. In case students are required to take fundamental non-credit courses prescribed in the curriculum, they must register other additional courses, and they must be given a grade letter ‘S’.

In case students re-register for each credit course, only the credits of the latest registration shall be counted in cumulative credits. In cases where it is necessary to register courses of Bachelor’s Degree Programs to support the study plan as specified in the curriculum, the number of credits of courses at level 300 shall be counted, but it shall not exceed 6 credits, except thesis or dissertation that shall be assessed before the end of the semester.

(2) The University evaluates and assesses students for courses registered at the end of the semester. This shall be conducted according to the following criteria:

a. The grade points of a course are the sum of the number of credits multiplied by the attached points earned from each course.

b. The grade point average of a semester is the sum of the grade points of all courses registered in that semester divided by the total number of credits of those courses with grade points.

c. The cumulative grade point average is the sum of the grade points of all courses taken from the date of registration in the University divided by the sum of the credit number of the courses with grade points. In case students are given C+, C, D+, or E more than once, only the latest grade points earned will be used for the computation of the cumulative grade point average.

d. The grade point average of a semester and the cumulative grade point average are calculated to 2 decimal places, without rounding up from the 3rd decimal place.

e. Students who are given ‘I’ in courses with grade points shall wait for the computation of the grade point average of the semester and the cumulative grade point average until ‘I’ is changed to other grades.

Number 26 Any misconducts found in course assessment or academic cheating shall proceed to disciplinary penalties as stipulated in Prince of Songkla University Undergraduate Studies Regulations and Prince of Songkla University Regulations on student discipline *mutatis mutandis*, and in accordance with the University Regulations.

Part 2 Course Enrollment

Number 27 Course enrollment shall be conducted in accordance with the University Announcements as follows:

(1) Course enrollment is categorized into two types:

- a. Credit courses
- b. Audit courses

(2) Course enrollment must be approved by an advisor or a thesis advisor or a dissertation advisor.

(3) A number of credits of course enrollment in each semester shall be considered by an advisor or a thesis advisor. In the bi-semester system, students must enroll for no more than 16 credits calculated to include both credit courses and audit courses, except other types of enrollment. Course enrollment shall be under the Regulations of the Graduate School.

(4) Students who are in a trial period as stated in Number 7(3) must enroll in courses in the curriculum worth at least 6 credits in the first semester of registration.

(5) Students are not eligible to retake courses that have been enrolled previously if they have been given a grade of ‘B’ or above.

(6) Students are able to enroll for a thesis or dissertation when they have a thesis advisor or a dissertation advisor.

(7) All credits for the thesis must be enrolled in the semester of thesis examination. Students may add remaining credits for the thesis after the course addition and withdrawal period approved by the Dean of the faculty with which students are affiliated, to be eligible to have a thesis examination in that semester.

(8) In cases where students have enrolled in all courses prescribed in the curriculum, and they are still conducting research for thesis or dissertation, they must maintain student status and pay the fee as stipulated by the University.

Number 28 Course addition and withdrawal shall be conducted as stipulated by the University, except thesis that shall proceed as stated in Number 27(7) under approval of an advisor, thesis advisor or dissertation advisor, in which case other affected lecturers shall be notified.

Number 29 Students may request to change the study plan, subject to agreement by the Curriculum Board and the Faculty Board. After approval, request for change of study plan will be forwarded to the Graduate School. A study plan may be changed after at least one semester has been completed in the curriculum.

Number 30 Requests to change a curriculum program shall proceed as follows:

(1) The request must be agreed by both faculties, and approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.

(2) Graduate Studies examinations, examination committee, thesis and dissertation shall be conducted under conditions stipulated in the University Announcements.

Section 5 Academic Status

Number 32 Taking sick leave or personal leave shall be conducted and considered in accordance with Prince of Songkla University Undergraduate Studies and Lifelong Education Regulations.

Number 33 Students may request a leave of absence in the following cases:

(1) An illness that requires leave of absence with medical certificate for medical treatment over 3 weeks.

(2) Any other cases justified by Faculty Board.

Number 34 Students who request a leave of absence must provide reasons and explain the necessity to their advisor, or a thesis advisor. The request for leave of absence shall be considered for approval by the Faculty Board, and then, if approved, shall be forwarded to the Graduate School.

If students take leave of absence for the whole semester, and they have enrolled for courses, those courses shall be deleted from the academic record as an enrolment cancellation.

Number 35 Leave of absence, not over 2 regular semesters, shall be counted as a study period, as stipulated in Number 20.

Number 36 Students must pay the fee to maintain student status in the semester which is approved to take leave of absence for the whole semester at the rate stipulated by the University, except the semesters for which students have previously enrolled for courses.

Other types of leave of absence not prescribed in Numbers 33-36 must be approved by the President as a special case, not over the period of time as stipulated in Number 20.

Number 38 Students who wish to resign must submit a request for student resignation under consideration of a student advisor or a thesis/dissertation advisor, Curriculum Administration Board and Graduate School to the Faculty, who shall forward to the President to be considered for approval. The resignation shall take effect if students do not owe any debt to the University.

Number 39 Maintaining student status shall proceed in accordance with Number 26(8) and Number 3.

Number 40 Termination of student status shall be executed in the following cases:

- (1) Death.
- (2) Resignation.
- (3) Dismissal for disciplinary penalties.
- (4) Failure to register or maintain student status, or pay tuition fee within a stipulated period of time after the opening date of a regular semester without approval for leave of absence.
- (5) Having a cumulative grade point average less than 2.50 at the end of each semester.
- (6) Having enrolled for courses with two-thirds of the total credits of the curriculum program without the calculation of the credits of thesis and dissertation, and having a cumulative grade point average less than 2.75.
- (7) Having already spent time as stipulated in Number 20, and not having completed credit courses in the curriculum program, and having cumulative grade point average less than 3.00.
- (8) Thesis proposal having not been approved within the period stipulated as follows:

a. The bi-semester system

Master's Degree Program, Plan A1

- 1) within 4 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 5 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

Master's Degree Program, Plan A2

- 1) within 5 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 6 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

Doctoral Degree Program, Scheme 1

- 1) within 6 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 7 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

Doctoral Degree Program, Scheme 2

- 1) within 7 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 8 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

b. The tri-semester system

Master's Degree Program, Plan A1

- 1) within 6 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 7 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

Master's Degree Program, Plan A2

- 1) within 7 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 8 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

Doctoral Degree Program, Scheme 1

- 1) within 8 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 9 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

Doctoral Degree Program, Scheme 2

- 1) within 9 regular semesters for a full-time study plan.
- 2) within 12 regular semesters for a part-time study plan.

(9) Students having not passed Thesis Examination, Comprehensive Examination or Qualifying Examination on the second attempt.

(10) Students being unable to submit a complete thesis within 6 months after the date of thesis examination, unless a submission extension has been approved by the Dean of the Graduate School, and then proposed to, and agreed by, the Faculty Board.

The request for extension of thesis submission shall be accepted two times: Three months each time, and not over the period of time stipulated in Number 20, and in accordance with the University Announcements.

(11) Students being unable to submit a complete dissertation within three months after the date of dissertation examination, unless a submission extension has been approved by the Dean of the Graduate School and then proposed to, and agreed by, the Faculty Board.

The request for extension of dissertation submission shall be accepted two times: One month each time, and not over the period of time stipulated in Number 20, and in accordance with the University Announcements.

(12) The Graduate School determines that a student has inappropriate behaviours, or does not meet qualifications stipulated by the University.

(13) The award of the degree is approved.

Number 41 Change of status from participants, learners and those in a trial period to students are not eligible, and reinstatement of students shall be conducted *mutatis mutandis* as stipulated in the Prince of Songkla University Undergraduate Studies and Lifelong Education Regulations.

Section 6 Graduation

Number 42 Students who are graduating shall possess the following qualifications:

(1) Graduate Diploma Degree and Higher Graduate Diploma Degree: Having completed and passed all courses with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00.

(2) Master's Degree: Having passed English Proficiency Test, have complied with other conditions set forth in the Graduate School Announcements.

(3) Doctoral Degree: Having passed English Proficiency Test, passed Qualifying Examination, and have complied with other conditions set forth in the Graduate School Announcements.

(4) Not owing any debt to the University.

(5) Having complied with other conditions set forth by the University, Graduate School, the Faculty or curriculum specifications. All conditions specified by the Faculty or curriculum program must be approved by the Graduate School.

Other qualifications or conditions of graduation that are not prescribed under Number 42 (1)-(5) shall be in accordance with the University Announcements.

Number 43 Graduation date shall be specified by the Graduate School.

Number 44 Diploma and Degree approval shall proceed as follows:

(1) Students who expect to complete their study in each semester shall send a Request for Graduation to the University within the time period for degree conferment as stipulated by the University.

(2) Students who are eligible for degree conferment shall possess the following qualifications:

- a. Possessing all of the qualifications stipulated in Number 42.
- b. Not owing any debt to the Graduate School or the University, and having no other commitments to the University.
- c. Must not be awaiting punishment for any disciplinary penalties.

(3) Degree conferment to students under joint programs with other universities in Thailand or other countries shall proceed *mutatis mutandis* in accordance with Prince of Songkla University Undergraduate Studies and Lifelong Education Regulations.

Temporary Provisions

Number 45 Prince of Songkla University Graduate Studies Regulations, 2556 B.E., entered into force prior to the date these Regulations go into effect, shall remain in effect *mutatis mutandis* without contradicting these Regulations until the University issues new regulations on similar topics.

Announcement made on 28th September, 2020.

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