

Degree Conferral Judgment Criteria and Dissertation Evaluation Criteria

Hiroshima University Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Degree Conferral Judgment Criteria and Dissertation Evaluation Criteria

[Master's Courses]

The Hiroshima University Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences conducts master's degree conferral review on the basis of the following judgment criteria, and awards a master's degree to each candidate deemed appropriate.

1. In accordance with our Diploma Policy, the candidate on whom a master's degree is conferred shall have acquired a research capability and advanced specialized skills in the relevant field of expertise and also have broad education and comprehensive judgment.
2. The master's thesis of the candidate shall be evaluated on the basis of the "dissertation evaluation criteria" set forth below, and the candidate shall present his/her research suitable for academic pursuits to a presentation meeting/screening committee associated with the relevant field of expertise, and respond logically and coherently to questions concerning his/her research.
3. The procedure for submitting a thesis for a master's degree is set forth separately.

(Dissertation evaluation criteria)

I. Screening items for theses

- (1) Whether the candidate has acquired sufficient knowledge as a master in the relevant research area and has abilities to accurately understand and examine problems
- (2) Whether the chosen research theme is adequate in relation to the degree under application, and there is a clear awareness of problems in preparing a thesis
- (3) Whether the descriptions in the thesis (the main text, figures, tables, citations, etc.) are sufficient and appropriate, and the logical composition of the thesis is coherent right up to its conclusion
- (4) Whether proper research methods, investigative/experimental methods, and/or demonstrative methods were employed in researching the chosen theme, and specific analysis/consideration was conducted according to such methods
- (5) Whether the thesis holds unique value from theoretical or empirical points of view in the relevant research area

II. Screening items for studies on specific themes

- (1) Whether the candidate has acquired sufficient knowledge as a master in the relevant research area and has abilities to accurately understand and examine problems
- (2) Whether the chosen study theme is adequate in relation to the degree under application, and there is a clear awareness of problems in preparing a study outcome on the specific theme
- (3) Whether the descriptions in the study outcome on the specific theme (the main text, figures, tables, citations, etc.) are sufficient and appropriate, and the logical composition of the study outcome is coherent right up to the conclusion

- (4) Whether relevant information is accurately understood on the basis of materials and data obtained from surveys
- (5) Whether the candidate has acquired problem-solving skills from the following three perspectives: the precise organization of problems, the understanding of the circumstances surrounding such problems, and the evaluation of test results