**Fu Jen Catholic University Regulations for Doctoral Candidacy (Qualifying) Examination**

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Article 1: To assess doctoral candidates' scholarly progress and readiness to do research in their chosen fields, “Fu Jen Catholic University Regulations for Doctoral Candidacy (Qualifying) Examination” (hereafter the Qualifying Examination) are formulated in accordance with the University Act and its Enforcement Rules as well as the Degree Conferral Law and its Enforcement Rules.

Article 2: When a doctoral student has passed the Qualifying Examination and fulfilled all provisions of the Degree Conferral Law, the graduate program shall announce the achievement of candidacy status for the student.

Article 3: Date of the Qualifying Examination shall be determined by the graduate program and presented to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.

Article 4: After accepting a student’s request to be examined, the graduate program shall hold an Examination Committee to handle all matters related to the Qualifying Examination. The Qualifying Examination may be in a written format, or consist of both written and oral portions, at the discretion of the program.

Article 5: When a doctoral student has successfully completed the Qualifying Examination, the graduate program is responsible to inform the Registrar to enter a notation of “Advancement to Candidacy” on the student's transcript.

Article 6: A doctoral student who fails the Qualifying Examination is allowed to retake the examination before the time limit for degree completion. If a student does not pass the examination for the second time, he or she will be expelled from the University.

Article 7: The Qualifying Examination shall be completed within the time limit regulated by the program. When a student fails to pass the Qualifying Examinations within the time limit, the program shall inform the Registrar and have the student expelled from the University.

Article 8: Each graduate program should set up its own guidelines for Qualifying Examination in accordance with the University Regulations. These guidelines should be promulgated and implemented after being passed at the Department/Program Affairs Councils and submitted for reference to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Article 9: The Regulations were passed at the Academic Affairs Council, and promulgated and implemented upon approval by the President. They will also be presented to the Ministry of Education for reference. The same procedure will be followed for each amendment.