

**National Taipei University of Education**  
**Flexible Handling Measures for 2020 Academic Year Semester 2**  
**Full-time Master's and Doctoral Student Thesis Defenses**  
**in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

May 25, 2021

1. Passed May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Second Academic Affairs Committee Meeting for Academic Year 2020, Semester 2.
2. Advising professors and students will decide whether to postpone defenses, continue with an in-person defenses, or use videocall defenses.
  - A. If a student intends to graduate this semester, but adopts the **postponement** mode, we would like to ask that departments/colleges remind students that their oral thesis defenses must be completed by July 31 (Saturday) at the latest.
  - B. If the **in-person** mode is adopted, masks must be worn the entire time, social distancing must be maintained, and observers are not allowed; also, make sure to maintain airflow within the room and guarantee that there is no concern of transmission.
  - C. If the **videocall** mode is used, the entire proceedings (including audio) must be recorded and filed.
3. **Additional explanations for use with videocall defenses:**
  - A. The videocall mode may only be used if the department, college, and program **committees agree, or if the heads** of department, college and degree program **agree**; also, the entire proceedings (including audio) must be recorded and filed.
  - B. If the intention is to use videocall method, the proposal must first be passed by the relevant committee meeting (which usually meets at regular times); if there are multiple degree defenses and the relevant committee meeting is unable to meet the time requirements for passing the proposal in advance, such a proposal may be ratified after the defense.
  - C. The oral thesis defense committee must, as required by regulations,

personally be present for the defense. However, for those who are unable to be present as a result of the pandemic only, their **degree defense grades** may be presented to the department, school and degree program in fax, or email plus photo attachment, format; the department, school and degree program must then add the department, school and degree program seal, to serve as certification that the grades are the original.

4. In accordance with Point 9 of the NTUE Implementation Guidelines for Graduate Student Master's/Doctoral Degree Defenses, we again remind everyone that degree defenses for this semester (Academic Year 2020/2) must be held at the very latest by July 31.
5. We kindly request that all departments, colleges, and degree programs assist in notifying their defense committees and students regarding these matters.

Respectfully submitted to

All departments, colleges and degree programs

