

## Requirements for Completing the Doctoral Course of the Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University (April entry)

### Graduate School of Economics, Kyoto University

The requirements for completion of the doctoral program for students entering in 2021 or later (April entry) are as follows.

#### **1. general outline**

The requirements for completion of the Doctoral Course will be as follows

- (1) Acquisition of 10 credits required for completion
- (2) Obtain approval for research guidance
- (3) Successful completion of the doctoral dissertation

#### **2. acquisition of credits**

The requirements for completion of the Doctoral Course are 8 credits of Special Research (compulsory) and at least 2 credits of Doctoral Seminar, for a total of at least 10 credits.

##### **2.1 Special Research**

Students are required to acquire 8 credits of "Special Research" to complete the doctoral course.

After the end of the fourth semester, the supervising professor will approve 8 credits of "Special Research" on the condition that the student has acquired "the ability to start research and writing a doctoral thesis while receiving research guidance".

##### **2.2 Doctoral Course Seminar**

Students must acquire 2 credits of "Doctoral Seminar" to complete the Doctoral Course.

"Students can earn one credit per semester by participating in at least eight seminars designated by the Graduate School of Economics (eligible seminars: department-approved seminars, seminars sponsored by the Institute of Economic Research, and doctoral workshops presented by university faculty or researchers with doctoral degrees).

"Those who wish to receive credit for the Doctoral Seminar should submit an application form and the necessary documents to the Educational Records and Programs Office by the designated deadline. The application form should be signed by the teacher in charge of the seminar when the student attends the seminar, and a signature confirming the student's attendance should be obtained from the supervisor at the time of application.

### **2.3. R-Program special subjects**

Students in the Doctoral Program may take courses in the Researcher Training Program and earn credits. However, the credits earned will not be included in the number of credits required for completion.

### **3. Approval of research guidance**

After the end of the third year, students will be certified either (1) when they have passed the doctoral thesis examination or (2) when they have completed their research guidance (standard: having the ability to research and write a doctoral thesis without enrolled research guidance). The acquisition of credits for completion is a requirement for obtaining research guidance certification.

From the end of the third year onwards, accreditation will be granted at any time (odd-numbered months). In the event that a student fails to complete the course, the student will be withdrawn from the course and will not be able to continue their studies.

### **4. eligibility to submit a doctoral thesis**

To submit a doctoral dissertation, students must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility to Submit a Doctoral Dissertation.

Students may apply for this certification in February of their second year and August of their third year. Thereafter, students may apply twice a year (February and August) during their studies, or at any time after they have withdrawn from the program.

### **5. other requirements**

#### **5.1. Residency after obtaining the required credits**

Students who have completed the required number of credits and wish to remain in the program for more than three years without submitting a doctoral dissertation must not obtain approval for research guidance (those who have obtained approval for research guidance are considered to have "withdrawn from the program with approval for research guidance").

#### **5.2. Doctoral Course Transfer Students and Specially Selected Transfer Students for Working Adults**

Students are required to take the common graduate school course " Research Ethics and Integrity (Humanities and Social Sciences)" (0.5 credits) as a prerequisite for earning credits for special research.

#### **5.3 International students based on university-wide or inter-departmental exchange agreements**

At the discretion of the supervising professor, the period of study abroad may be included in the four semesters required for Special Research credit.