# **Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering**

## [Master's Degree Program]

#### 1. Outline

Our lives, as well as the various equipment and infrastructure that support us are made up of different elements. However, it is shown that the ability to achieve these and the values that are conceived transcend the individual elements to make an overall system. In the Master's Degree Program, all things and matters in nature and society will be objectively analyzed as systems, and students will cultivate the ability to create systems that have value based on this knowledge. Namely, by learning developmental knowledge of measurement, control, planning, and systems science, this program trains talented people who can specifically apply this knowledge to new topics, are flexibly inventive, creative, and are bold and action-oriented individuals.

# 2. Competencies Developed

In the Master's Degree Program, students are trained in the following abilities.

- 1. Expert mathematical knowledge for modelling, computerizing, and analyzing actual systems
- 2. Expert mathematical knowledge for creating and controlling systems that have new value
- 3. Practical skills to utilize the expert knowledge that is learned
- 4. The ability to accurately recognize societal challenges, and the ability to identify and resolve these problems
- 5. Communication and presentation abilities based on logical thinking

## 3. Learning Goals

The Master's Degree Program has a curriculum that is designed for students to learn the skills in <u>Competencies Developed</u> in which the following seven categories are arranged in coordination.

- A Courses that build expert knowledge of system mathematics
- **B** Courses that build expert knowledge of Systems and Control Engineering
- C Courses that build expert knowledge in the fields of information and sensing
- **D** Courses that train expert abilities of system modelling
- E Courses that build communication ability, as well as the abilities to identify and resolve problems
- F Courses that build expert research abilities
- G Courses that build expert abilities to view their own field and career from a comprehensive/ethical perspective

### 4. IGP Completion Requirements

The following requirements must be met to complete the Master's Degree Program of this major.

- 1. Attain a total of 34 credits or more from 400- and 500-level courses.
- 2. From the courses specified in Table M2,
  - a total of 8 credits acquired from Research Seminars;
  - a minimum of 24 credits acquired from Major Courses;
  - 3 credits acquired from Systems and Control Engineering Project;
- 3. A minimum of 5 credits acquired from Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses
- (3 credits from Humanities and Social Science Courses of which 2 credits must be from
- 400-level courses and 1 credit from 500-level courses, and 2 credits from Career Development Courses).
- 4. Pass the master's thesis review and defense.

### Note for research ethics

The department strongly expects that the students should take either:

- 1) the course of "Social and Business Rules and Ethics" at 500 level (these courses are given in Japanese)
- 2) e-Learning course for research ethics by APRIN
  - 3 (or more) modules among the total 7 modules including "Research Misconduct", "Ethical Issues in the Management of Data in Engineering Research", and "Whistleblowing and the Obligation to Protect the Public"

Table M1 shows course categories and the number of credits required to complete the Master's Degree Program of this major. It also shows the required minimum credits in each course category and points to be noted when selecting the required courses and electives.

The learning goals to be obtained by students through courses are listed as "Associated learning goals". Prior to registering courses, students need to fully understand the learning goals.

Table M1. Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering Completion Requirements

Course cate	gory	<required courses=""> Required credits</required>	<electives> Minimum</electives>	Minimum credits	Associated learning	Comments
Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses	Humanities and Social Science Courses		•2 credits from 400-level •1 credit from 500-level	required	goals G	
	Career Development Courses		2 credits	5 credits	G	All Graduate Attributes (GA) should be acquired. (Refer to Section 7 for the definition of GA.)
	Other courses					
	Research Seminars	Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering (SCE) S1 Research Seminar in SCE F1 Research Seminar in SCE S2 Research Seminar in SCE F2 A total of 8 credits, 2 credits each from the above courses.		24 credits	F	
	Research-Related Courses					
Core Courses	Major Courses	Systems and Control Engineering Project			A,B,C,D,E	
	Major Courses and Research-Related Courses <u>outside</u> the Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering standard curriculum			2 credits		
Total required	credits	A minimum of 34 credits includin	g those attained acco	ording to the al	oove condition	s

Note	• Japanese Language and Culture Courses offered to international students can be recognized as equivalent to the Humanities and Social Science Courses of the corresponding course level.
	<ul> <li>For details of the Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses, please refer to the relevant sections.</li> </ul>

# 5. IGP Courses

Table M2 shows the Core Courses of the Master's Degree Program in this major. Graduate Majors listed in the Comments column offer core courses that are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding Major Courses or Research-related Courses in the standard curriculum of this major.

Table M2. Core Courses of the Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering

C	ourse	Course	Cour	rse Title	Credits	Competencies	Learning	Comments
Ca	tegory	Number					goals	
Rese	400	SCE.Z491.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering S1	0-2-0	1,3,5	F	
Research Seminars	level	SCE.Z492.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering F1	0-2-0	1,3,5	F	
inars	500	SCE.Z591.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering S2	0-2-0	1,3,5	F	
	level	SCE.Z592.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering F2	0-2-0	1,3,5	F	
		SCE.A404.L		Nonlinear Dynamics	1-0-0	1	A	
		SCE.A405.L		Inverse Problems and Data Assimilation	1-0-0	1,4,5	A	
		SCE.C401.L		System Identification and Estimation	1-0-0	1,5	В	
		SCE.C451.L		Optimal Control	1-0-0	1	В	
Major	400	SCE.C452.L		Nonlinear and Adaptive Control	1-0-0	1	В	
Major Courses	level	SCE.C453.L		Network Control Systems	1-0-0	1	В	
		SCE.I401.L		Advanced Course of Measurement and Signal Processing	1-0-0	1	С	
		SCE.I402.L		Advanced Course of Sensing System Theory	1-0-0	1,5	С	
		SCE.I404.L		Automobile Transportation System and Environmental Impact	1-0-0	1,4,5	С	
		SCE.I432.L		Acoustic Measurement Engineering	1-0-0	1,4,5	С	

	SCE.I433.L		Intelligent Communication and Social Interaction	1-0-0	1,2,4	С	
	SCE.I454.L		Computer Vision	1-0-0	1	С	
	SCE.M401.L		Numerical Analysis of Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow	1-0-0	1,5	D	
	SCE.M402.L		Modeling of Bio-Systems I	1-0-0	1,5	D	
	SCE.S402.L		Fluid Robotics	1-0-0	1,5	D	
	SCE.Z401.A	0	Cyber-Physical Innovation	0-3-0	3,4,5	Е	Required for IGP students
	SCE.Z402.A	0	International Dispatch Project A	0-3-0	2,3,4,5	Е	
	SCE.Z403.A	0	International Dispatch Project B	0-3-0	2,3,4,5	Е	
	SCE.U431.L		Automotive Structural System Engineering A	3-0-0	2,3,4,5	D	[Mechanical Engineering] (MEC.U431)
	SCE.U432.L		Automotive Comfort Mechanics Engineering A	3-0-0	1,2,3	D	[Mechanical Engineering] (MEC.U432)
	SCE.U433.L		Advanced Production Engineering A	3-0-0	1,2,3	D	[Mechanical Engineering] (MEC.U433)
	SCE.U434.L		Advanced Internal Combustion Engine Engineering and Future Power Train A	3-0-0	1,2,3	D	[Mechanical Engineering] (MEC.U434)
	SCE.A503.L		Planning Algorithm	1-0-0	1	A	
	SCE.A504.L		Advanced Course of Computational Mechanics	1-0-0	1	A	
50 lev			Mathematical Models and Computer Science	2-0-0	1,4,5	С	[Mathematic al and Computing Science] (MCS.T506)
	SCE.C502.L		Hybrid Systems Control	1-0-0	1,5	В	
	SCE.C532.L		Nonlinear Control: Geometric	1-0-0	1	В	

			Approach				
		SCE.I501.L	Image Recognition	1-0-0	1,2,	С	
		SCE.M502.L	Modeling of Bio-Systems II	1-0-0	1,5	D	
		SCE.Z510.L	MC Internship (Systems & Control) A1	0-0-2	3,4,5	E,G	
		SCE.Z511.L	MC Internship (Systems & Control) A2	0-0-2	3,4,5	E,G	
		SCE.Z512.L	MC Internship (Systems & Control) B1	0-0-1	3,4,5	E,G	
		SCE.Z513.L	MC Internship (Systems & Control) B2	0-0-1	3,4,5	E,G	

#### Note ·

- 🔘 : Required course, 🔘 : Restricted elective, O: odd academic years, E: even academic years
- Competencies: 1 = Specialist skills, 2 = Intercultural skills, 3 = Communication skills, 4 = Critical thinking skills,
  - 5 = Practical and/or problem-solving skills
- [ ] Course offered by another graduate major
- The character preceding the three digits in the course number denotes the course's subdiscipline (i.e., "A" represents the subdiscipline code in the course number SCE.A400.L): A (Mathematics), C (Control), I (Information and Measurement), M (Modeling), S (Real System), P (Project), Z (Research and Practice).
- The contents of the courses "SCE.Z401.A: Cyber-Physical Innovation" and "SCE.I501.L: Image Recognition" are equivalent to those of "SCE.Z401.A: Systems and Control Engineering Project" and "SCE.I501.L: Computational Imaging", respectively, which used to be offered until AY 2019. Those who have taken these courses in the old name cannot take them for acquiring new credits.

### 6. IGP Courses That Can Be Counted as Humanities and Social Science Courses

None

#### 7. IGP Courses That Can Be Counted as Career Development Courses

In order to fulfill the completion requirements for the master's degree program, students must attain at least 2 credits in Career Development Courses, and should satisfy all of the Graduate Attributes (GA) specified in Table MA-1 of the "Career Development Courses" (Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses) in the Guide to Graduate Education and International Graduate Program. Students will be evaluated in regards to GA achievements at the time of their degree completion. As to the courses with more than one GA, the number of GA stipulated for the courses is considered to be acquired regardless of the credits received for the courses.

Major Courses that enable students to acquire GA and that are recognized as equivalent to Career Development Courses are listed in Table M3 below.

However, it must be noted that credits attained from these courses cannot be counted more than once as Major Courses or Career Development Courses towards the completion requirements for the master's degree program.

For Graduate Attributes, refer to the Guide to the Career Development Courses.

The Graduate Attributes of the Master's Degree Program are listed in Table MA-1 as follows:

C0M: You will be able to delineate your career plan clearly and recognize the skills necessary to materialize that plan, taking into account its relation to society

C1M: You will be able to understand academic integrity, utilize your own expertise for the development of academia and technology, and work with others with different expertise to contribute to problem-solving

Table M3. Courses of the Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering recognized as equivalent to Career Development Courses

Course	Course	Course	e title	Credits	GA*	Learning	Comments
category	number					goals	
	SCE.Z510.L		MC Internship (Systems & Control) A1	0-0-2	C1M	E,G	
Courses that						,	
can be	SCE.Z511.L		MC Internship (Systems & Control) A2	0-0-2	C1M	E,G	
counted as				0 0 2	CTIVI	L,G	
Career	SCE.Z512.L		MC Internship (Systems & Control) B1	0-0-1	C1M	E,G	
Developmen						-,-	
t Courses	SCE.Z513.L		MC Internship (Systems & Control) B2	0-0-1	C1M	E,G	

Credits in Career Development Courses must be attained from among the above-listed courses and those listed as such in the Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses Guide.

**\*GA:** Graduate Attributes

# 8. Research Related to the Completion of Master Theses

Students participating in this Program must submit an original master thesis to the institute. At Tokyo Tech, there is no credit for the master thesis. Students are expected to work for their master theses throughout the master course under supervisions of academic advisors. Students are requested to conduct (i) process memo, (ii) off-lab discussions, and (iii) interim presentation. The process memo is a report of research activities. Students will be requested to submit his/her report to his/her academic advisors by an indicated deadline. As off-lab discussions, students are required to make discussions with professors except his/her supervisor. Two times of discussions will be set for a student. An interim presentation is mandatory for all students. The type of presentation (poster or oral) and the date of interim presentation will be announced by the department. At Tokyo Tech, the master's degree will be awarded according to the rules and regulations for the master's degree diploma. The decision of pass or fail will be made by a review board, which consists of 3 or more faculty members. The review board must be formed with 5 or more members if you continue your study to the doctoral course.

# [Doctoral Degree Program]

#### 1. Outline

In the Doctoral Degree Program, we train people to be leaders equipped with both academic knowledge and practical abilities, who can hold a highly systemic point of view while independently discovering topics for conducting their own research into various practical problems. Students are trained to be able to systemize and understand the flow of research and development from a highly systemic and international point of view, as well as to have the ability to freely apply their expert knowledge of Systems and Control Engineering in new creative proposals to return the fruits of their research to society.

### 2. Competencies Developed

The following abilities will be trained, based on the extensive academic abilities and systematic viewpoint learned before the Doctoral Degree Program.

- The ability to interpret and systemize problems in various fields from a s viewpoint of system engineering, and the ability to conceive and create new values
- The ability to independently establish research topics
- The ability to design and execute projects as a leader
- The ability to systemize and understand the flow of research and development with an international point of view
- The ability to return the fruits of one's research to society

#### 3. Learning Goals

The following courses for the Doctoral Degree Program have been established in order to acquire the abilities in <u>Competencies Developed</u>. These courses are designed to allow students a great deal of freedom when planning their studies and students can independently design and complete their own curriculum.

- (A) Research-Process Courses that train research practice and management of creative proposals, as well as presentation abilities
- (B) Research Seminars that train the abilities to execute research as well as systemization
- (C) Career Development Courses that cultivate societal connections

#### 4. IGP Completion Requirements

The following requirements must be met to complete the Doctoral Degree Program of this major.

- 1. Attain a total of 24 credits or more from 600-level courses.
- 2. From the courses specified in Table D2,
  - a total of 12 credits acquired from Research Seminars;
  - a minimum of 2 credits acquired from Research Process;
  - a minimum of 14 credits acquired from Major Courses; and
  - a minimum of 6 credits acquired from Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses

(2credits from Humanities and Social Science Courses, and 4 credits from Career Development Courses).

3. Pass the doctoral thesis review and defense.

## Note for research ethics

The department strongly expects that the students should take either:

- 1) the course of "Ethics of Scientists and Engineers" at 600 level (this course is given in Japanese)
- 2) e-Learning course for research ethics by APRIN (all 7 modules)

Table D1 shows course categories and the number of credits required to complete the Doctoral Degree Program of this major. It also shows the required minimum credits in each course category and points to be noted when selecting the required courses and electives.

The learning goals to be obtained by students through courses are listed as "Associated learning goals". Prior to registering courses, students need to fully understand the learning goals.

Table D1. Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering Completion Requirements

Course category		<required courses=""> Required credits</required>	<electives> Minimum credits required</electives>	Minimum credits required	Associated learning goals	Comments
	Humanities and Social Science Courses		2 credits		С	
Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses	Career Development Courses		4 credits	6 credits	С	All Graduate Attributes (GA) should be acquired. (Refer to Section 7 for the definition of GA.)
	Other courses					
Core Courses	Research Seminars	Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering S3 Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering F3 Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering S4 Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering F4 Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering S5 Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering S5 Research Seminar in Systems and Control Engineering F5 A total of 12 credits, 2 credits each from the above courses.		14 credits	В	
	Research-Related Courses	Research Process A1 Research Process A2 Research Process A3 Research Process B1 Research Process B2 Research Process B3 Research Process B4	2 credits		A	

		Research Process B5 Research Process B6					
	Major Courses						
	Major Courses and Research-Related Courses <u>outside</u> the Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering standard curriculum						
Total required	credits	A minimum of 24 credits including those attained according to the above conditions					
Note		<ul> <li>Japanese Language and Culture Courses offered to international students can be recognized as equivalent to the Humanities and Social Science Courses of the corresponding course level.</li> <li>For details of the Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses, please refer to the relevant sections.</li> </ul>					

### 5. IGP Courses

Table D2 shows the Core Courses of the Doctoral Degree Program of this major. Graduate Majors listed in the Comments column offer core courses that are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding Major Courses or Research-related Courses in the standard curriculum of this major.

Table D2. Core Courses of the Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering

C	ourse	Course	Cou	rse Title	Credits	Compete	Learning	Comments
Ca	tegory	Number				ncies	goals	
		SCE.Z691.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control	0-2-0	1,2,3,4,5	В	
				Engineering S3				
		SCE.Z692.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control	0-2-0	1,2,3,4,5	В	
Research				Engineering F3				
ırch		SCE.Z693.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control	0-2-0	1,2,3,4,5	В	
Seminars	600			Engineering S4				
inars	level	SCE.Z694.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control	0-2-0	1,2,3,4,5	В	
				Engineering F4				
		SCE.Z695.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control	0-2-0	1,2,3,4,5	В	
				Engineering S5				
		SCE.Z696.R	0	Seminar in Systems and Control	0-2-0	1,2,3,4,5	В	
				Engineering F5				
Rese	600	SCE.Z681.B	0	Research Process A1	0-2-0	1,3,4,5	A	
se								
	level	SCE.Z682.B	0	Research Process A2	0-2-0	1,3,4,5	A	

	SCE.Z683.B	0	Research Process A3	0-2-0	1,3,4,5	A
	SCE.Z684.B	0	Research Process B1	0-1-0	1,3,4,5	A
	SCE.Z685.B	0	Research Process B2	0-1-0	1,3,4,5	A
	SCE.Z686.B	0	Research Process B3	0-1-0	1,3,4,5	A
	SCE.Z687.B	0	Research Process B4	0-1-0	1,3,4,5	A
	SCE.Z688.B	0	Research Process B5	0-1-0	1,3,4,5	A
	SCE.Z689.B	0	Research Process B6	0-1-0	1,3,4,5	A
	SCE.Z610.L		DC Internship (Systems & Control) A1	0-0-2	3,4,5	С
	SCE.Z611.L		DC Internship (Systems & Control) A2	0-0-2	3,4,5	С
	SCE.Z612.L		DC Internship (Systems & Control) B1	0-0-1	3,4,5	C
	SCE.Z613.L		DC Internship (Systems & Control) B2	0-0-1	3,4,5	С
	SCE.Z614.L		Special visiting project	0-0-4	3,4,5	C
	SCE.Z615.L		SSSEP Special Visiting Project	0-0-4	3,4,5	С
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#### Note

- ullet  $\odot$  : Required course,  $\bigcirc$  : Restricted elective,  $\bigcirc$  : odd academic years,  $\bigcirc$  : even academic years
- Competencies: 1 = Specialist skills, 2 = Intercultural skills, 3 = Communication skills, 4 = Critical thinking skills,
  - 5 = Practical and/or problem-solving skills
- [ ] Course offered by another graduate major
- The character preceding the three digits in the course number denotes the course's subdiscipline (i.e., "Z" represents the subdiscipline code in the course number SCE.Z600.R): Z (Research seminars).

#### 6. IGP Courses That Can Be Counted as Humanities and Social Science Courses

None

# 7. IGP Courses That Can Be Counted as Career Development Courses

In order to fulfill the completion requirements for the doctoral degree program, students must attain at least 4 credits in Career Development Courses, and should satisfy all of the Graduate Attributes (GA) specified in Table A-1 or A-2 of the "Career Development Courses" (Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses) in the Guide to Graduate Education and International Graduate

Program. Students will be evaluated in regards to GA achievements at the time of their degree completion. As to the courses with more than one GA, the number of GA stipulated for the courses is considered to be acquired regardless of the credits received for the courses.

Major Courses that enable students to acquire GA and that are recognized as equivalent to Career Development Courses are listed in Tables D3-1 and D3-2 below.

However, it must be noted that credits attained from these courses cannot be counted more than once as Major Courses or Career Development Courses towards the completion requirements for the doctoral degree program.

For Graduate Attributes, refer to the Guide to the Career Development Courses.

The Graduate Attributes of the Academic Leader Program (ALP) are listed in Table A-1 as follows:

- A0D: You will be able to precisely define your own career plan and train yourself to acquire the skills required for attaining your goals in academia
- A1D: You will be able to ascertain the true nature of phenomena, master the secret of learning, and lead the vanguard of a new academic discipline or research area
- A2D: You will be able to understand the position of academia in society as well as the notion of responsible conduct of research, and adequately explain academic progress to members of society, who are our stakeholders
- A3D: With the understanding of the social roles and responsibilities of researchers, you will be able to nurture nextgeneration experts in educational institutions, instilling in them an interest in academia and enabling them to later join in the pioneering of new academic disciplines or research areas

The Graduate Attributes of the Productive Leader Program (PLP) are listed in Table A-2 as follows:

- P0D: You will be able to precisely plot your own career plan and train yourself to acquire the skills required for attaining your goals in industry, etc.
- P1D: You will be able to precisely grasp the needs of society and detect its problems, comprehend relevant laws, regulations, or guidelines for responsible conduct of research, and lead future developments in science and technology
- P2D: While leading teams consisting of members with varied specialties and value systems, you will be able to create products and enterprises that bring forth new values in society
- P3D: With the understanding of the social roles and responsibilities of engineers, you will be able to nurture next-generation experts through the project, enabling them to help drive future development of society and industry.

Table D3-1. Courses of the Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering recognized as equivalent to Career Development Courses in the Academic Leader Program (ALP)

Course category	Course number	Cours	e title	Credits	GA*	Learning goals	Comments
Courses that	SCE.Z610.L		DC Internship (Systems & Control) A1	0-0-2	A1D, A2D, A3D	С	
can be counted as Career	SCE.Z611.L		DC Internship (Systems & Control) A2	0-0-2	A1D, A2D, A3D	C	
Developmen t Courses	SCE.Z612.L		DC Internship (Systems & Control) B1	0-0-1	A1D, A2D, A3D	С	

SCE.Z613.L	DC Internship (Systems & Control) B2	0-0-1	A1D,	C	
			A2D,		
			A3D		

Credits in Career Development Courses must be attained from among the above-listed courses and those listed as such in the Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses Guide.

**\*GA:** Graduate Attributes

Table D3-2. Courses of the Graduate Major in Systems and Control Engineering recognized as equivalent to Career Development Courses in the Productive Leader Program (PLP)

Course	Course	Course title	Credits	GA*	Learning	Comments
category	number				goals	
	SCE.Z610.L	DC Internship (Systems & Control) A1	0-0-2	P1D,	С	
				P2D,		
				P3D		
Courses that	SCE.Z611.L	DC Internship (Systems & Control) A2	0-0-2	P1D,	С	
can be				P2D,		
counted as				P3D		
Career	SCE.Z612.L	DC Internship (Systems & Control) B1	0-0-1	P1D,	С	
Developmen				P2D,		
t Courses				P3D		
	SCE.Z613.L	DC Internship (Systems & Control) B2	0-0-1	P1D,	С	
				P2D,		
				P3D		

Credits in Career Development Courses must be attained from among the above-listed courses and those listed as such in the Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses Guide.

\*GA: Graduate Attributes

Students enrolled in the educational program for leading graduate schools, the Tokyo Tech Academy for Leadership (ToTAL) or the Tokyo Tech Academy for Convergence of Materials and Informatics (TAC-MI) may be offered courses recognized as equivalent to Career Development Courses besides those listed as such in the "Liberal Arts and Basic Science Courses" in the Guide to Graduate Education and International Graduate Program. For details about available courses or completion requirements, please refer to the Study Guide of the Academy that offers the relevant program.

### 8. Research Related to the Completion of Doctoral Theses

Students participating in this Program must submit an original doctoral thesis to the institute. The thesis must include qualified contents equivalent to academic journal articles. Main contributions of the doctoral thesis are expected to be published in international-level journals.

The decision of pass or fail will be made by a review board, which consists of 5 or more faculty members. The thesis must pass interim inspection and pre-defense prior to the submission to the institute. The procedure of examination for Ph.D. contains reviews of a doctoral thesis by members of a review board, interview, and final defense.