Overviews of PhD enrollment, progression and graduation process in Mongolia

with details and examples from the National University of Mongolia - NUM

1. PhD training process:

Background information:

Entrance, study and graduation processes regulate by the university internal regulations. However, PhD defense process regulates by the Ministry of Education, and PhD candidate shall defend by PhD degree under the PhD defense committee on each science field that consists of up to 15 scientists.

1.1. Entrance process:

Registration of PhD course entrance organizes 2 times in every year (September and January) by the university. A person who has a master's degree in a same science field (natural or social sciences) takes entrance examination. A person who has not a master's degree in a same science field, needs to take the preparation course before take the entrance examination.

A person who passes the entrance exam with 60%, he/she enrolls at the university. PhD student shall develop an own study plan with research topic and supervisor(s) based on the approved PhD curriculum. Same time, it is free to choice own research topic and supervisor(s) later.

Requirement for enrolment:

- ~ Must hold the master degree (research, not professional)
- ~ If a student has the master degree in a different scientific field, he/she must enroll to PhD preparation course (15 credit hours = 5 courses) and must successfully complete prior to enter PhD program.

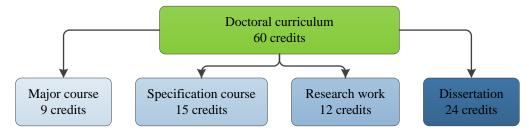
Source: Regulation on enrolling students in master's and doctoral programs

1.2. Study process:

PhD study process takes 2-4 years depends on the individual study plan. During the study, PhD student needs to introduce research progress to department staffs in each semester.

Structure of doctoral program:

Curriculum of doctoral program is consisted of 4 sections and each has different credit hours that PhD student shall collect.



1 credit = 48 academic hours

1 academic hour = 45 minute

Figure 1: Structure of PhD curriculum

The following flowchart shown the entire process of PhD study.

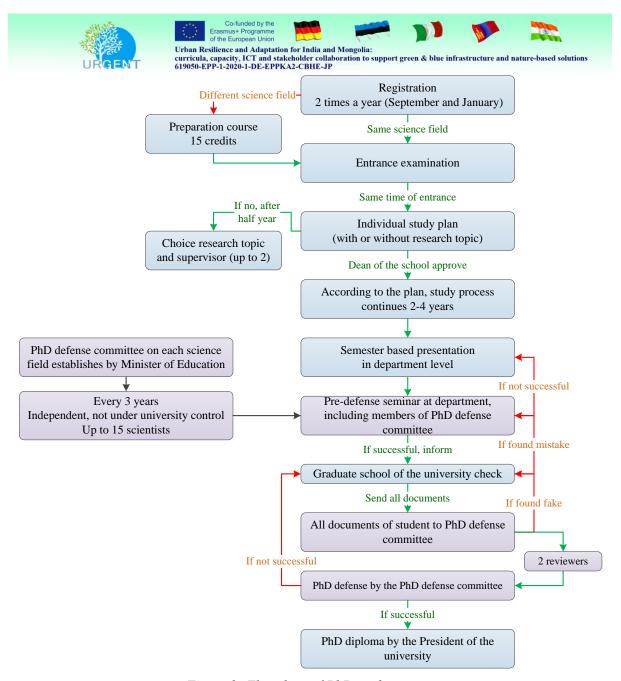


Figure 2: Flowchart of PhD study process

1.3. Graduation process:

When supervisor and student recognize it is ready to defend, then department organizes open predefense seminar and invites PhD defense committee members as many as possible. At the end of the seminar, more than 80% of participants who have PhD degree agree to go further than the seminar decision sends to Graduate school of the university. If not agree, PhD student needs to correct his/her research according to comments by seminar participants.

When Graduate school receives the seminar decision, all documents, publication and study process shall check and send to the PhD defense committee. If Graduate school finds some mistake, then it informs to the department.

PhD defense flowchart:

When Secretary of the committee receives a statement on PhD student from Graduate school, again all documents, publication check by the committee. If find fake document, it will inform Graduate school. If everything is OK, then the committee assigns two scientific reviewers for research work.

Two reviewers conclude that research work is good enough to defend, then the committee organizes PhD defense. More than 75% of the committee members should participate. At the end of the defense,



if more than 75% of the arrived members recognize research work is qualified for PhD degree, then this decision informs to the university. The university president gives PhD diploma.

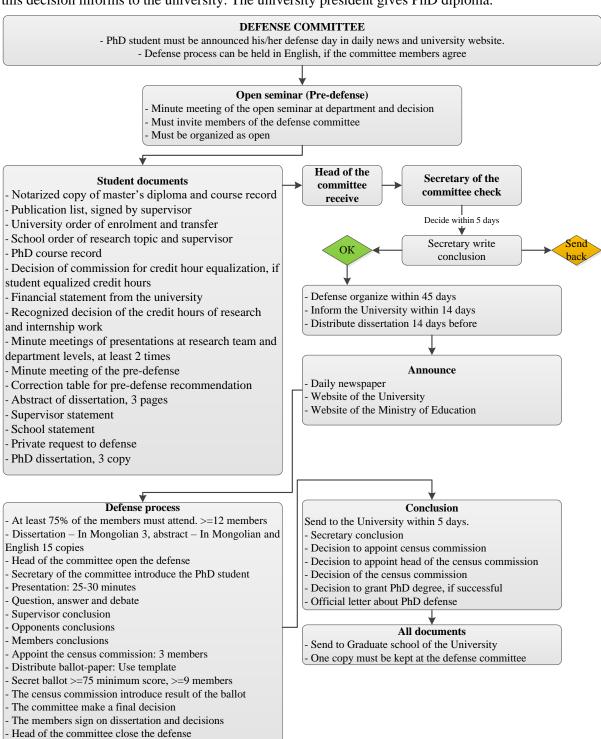


Figure 3: Flowchart of PhD defense process

Minute meeting and decisions send to the University

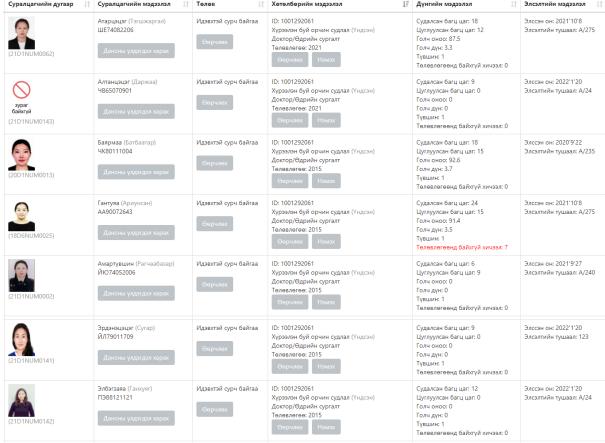


2. List of PhD students in academic year of 2021-2022

In total, 7 PhD students in field of environmental science are actively studying in the academic year of 2021-2022 at the Department of environment and forest engineering, NUM.

Table 1: The PhD students at NUM in the academic year 2020-2021

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№	Student name	name Enrolled year		Research topic	Supervisor					
1.	T.Atartsetseg	October-2021	Forest m	nanagement and modeling	Associate professo	r Ts.Batchuluun				
2.	D.Altantsetseg	January-2022	Preparation course		not assigned yet					
3.	B.Bayarmaa	September-2020	Air quality and climate		Professor Ch.Sonomdagva					
4.	A.Gantuya October-2021		Energy and environmental issue		Professor O.Altansukh					
5.	R.Amartuvshin	September-2021	Special protected area management		Associate professor N.Oyunchimeg					
	S.Erdenetsetseg	January-2022	Ecosystem services of pasture land		Professor Ch.Sonomdagva					
6.	S.Erdenetsetseg	January-2022			Associate professor D.Batsuren					
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7.	G.Elbegzaya	January-2022			Associate professor T.Enhdol					
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3. List of PhD supervisors

At the Department of environment and forest engineering, NUM, there are 2 professors and 4 associate professors in field of environmental science. All of them, possible to supervise PhD students. http://seas.num.edu.mn/dep/defe/aboutus/teachers













Table 2: Potential supervisors in field of environmenta science

Photo	Name	Position	Research field	E-mail
	O.Altansukh	Tenure professor	Water, environmental management	altansukh@seas.num.edu.mn
Хэрэлг Шнагуса НГОЛ ЫН ИХ С	Ch.Sonomdagva	Professor	Air quality, environmental management	sonomdagva@seas.num.edu.mn
19.66	B.Batdelger	Associate professor	Air quality, soil quality	batdelger@seas.num.edu.mn
910	D.Batsuren	Associate professor	Ecogydrology8 water management	batsuren@seas.num.edu.mn
	N.Oyunchimeg	Associate professor	Special protected area	oyunchimeg@seas.num.edu.mn
	B.Enkhchimeg	Senior lecturer	Health impact assessment	enkhchimeg@seas.num.edu.mn

4. List of ongoing or past projects

National University of Mongolia has own project and research management systems that staffs and students can enter using their official e-mail address.

Research management system https://research.num.edu.mn/ Project management system https://project.num.edu.mn/

Moreover, information about international and national ongoing and past projects can be found in the main webpage of the university. https://www.num.edu.mn/Home/Content/3719

5. List of the conferences recurrently organised by a partner

Since 2019, The department bi-annually organizes International conference on climate change and environment in Central and North-East Asia. https://sites.google.com/view/icyscce-2021/

6. List of scientific resources maintained by a partner

Staffs and students of National University of Mongolia can use the following scientific databases using their official e-mail address through the university IP address.

https://library.num.edu.mn/?page_id=3987

Without password: EBSCO host, Royal society, Annual reviews, PNAS, JSTOR, SPIE digital library, The geological society of London, MathSciNet, SAGE publisher, Ecological society of America, Springer



With password: AGORA, ARDI, HINARI, OARE, GOALI



Also, NUM has own digital library that publicly accessible. https://catalog.num.edu.mn/

7. List of available guidelines for PhD Students

Via website of Graduate school of NUM, graduate students can get information and guideline by Mongolian language. https://gradschool.num.edu.mn/

The foreign person who wants to study at the university can be registered online using the following link. http://registration.num.edu.mn/

For foreign students, Department of students and graduates is responsible for foreign students' service. https://student.num.edu.mn/?page_id=5877