

Naresuan University Regulation

Graduate Faculty Appointments, B.E. 2566

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To ensure that the appointment of graduate faculty members is efficient and in accordance with the Commission on Higher Education Standards Announcement on Graduate Curriculum Standards, B.E. 2565.

By virtue of Section 14(2) of the Naresuan University Act, B.E. 2533, together with the Naresuan University Council Resolution in the Meeting No. 315 (10/2566) held on the 16th of September 2023, the following regulations are hereby established.

Article 1: This regulation is titled “Naresuan University Regulation on Graduate Faculty Appointments, B.E. 2566”.

Article 2: This regulation shall apply to new or revised graduate curriculums in accordance with the Commission on Higher Education Standards Announcement on Graduate Curriculum Standards, B.E. 2565 onwards.

Article 3: Definition of terms in this regulation.

“Full-time Faculty” means a person who holds the position of lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor, or professor and other equivalent positions at Naresuan University as determined by the Naresuan University Council or a person in an external organization with an established cooperation agreement with Naresuan University. They have the responsibility to carry out the mission of higher education, must have an understanding of the higher education standards, and are appointed by the university to serve as lecturers, main thesis advisors, co-thesis advisors, or independent study advisors.

New full-time graduate faculty members of Naresuan University appointed after the Commission on Higher Education Standards Announcement on Graduate Curriculum Standards, B.E. 2565 comes into effect must have an English language proficiency score that meets the criteria set by the Naresuan University Council.

“Course Lecturer” means a full-time faculty member who has a degree that is relevant to or related to the field of the course that has been approved or endorsed by the Naresuan University Council. The course lecturer is responsible for teaching and conducting research in that field and may be assigned to handle multiple courses simultaneously.

The qualifications related to the course of a curriculum refer to the qualifications specified in the criteria of the course. If any course has not yet announced its course criteria or has not yet specified the qualifications, the relevant qualifications related to academic or professional experience in the relevant field that are clearly evident to promote the teaching and learning outcomes specified in the curriculum shall be considered. The consideration of recognizing these relevant qualifications shall be at the discretion of the Naresuan University Council.

“Course Coordinator” means a full-time faculty member responsible for overseeing the administration, development, and teaching and learning activities of the course, including planning, quality control, monitoring, assessment, and curriculum development. The course coordinator shall be responsible for the course throughout its duration. The course coordinator shall be responsible for one course at a time, except for interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary courses. In this case, the course coordinator may be responsible for up to two courses.

Master’s and doctoral degree courses within the same field may have the same Course Coordinator.

“Special Lecturer” means a lecturer who is not a full-time faculty member.

“Full-time Researcher” means a person who holds the position of a researcher at Naresuan University and is responsible for conducting research and perform academic duties in programs offered by the university.

“Cooperation Agreement” means a formal agreement between Naresuan University and an external organization to jointly develop and manage a course, subject to the approval of the Naresuan University Council and the respective external organization.

“External Organization” means a national or international educational institution accredited or recognized by relevant educational authorities. External Organizations also refer to government agencies, public organizations, or private companies listed on the Stock and Exchange of Thailand.

Consideration of private companies not in the Stock and Exchange of Thailand shall be at the discretion of the Naresuan University Council. A private company to be considered must have the readiness and capability to participate in the production of quality graduates that meet the quality standards required in higher education.

“External Expert” means a well-respected and recognized person from outside of Naresuan University who has extensive knowledge, expertise, and experience in a field relevant to the graduate program offered.

“Graduate Faculty” means a person appointed by Naresuan University to perform the duties and responsibilities of a main thesis advisor, co-thesis advisor, independent research advisor, thesis examiner, or independent study examiner.

Article 4: Qualifications of persons who can be appointed as full-time course lecturers are as follows:

(1) Graduate Diploma and Master’s Degree

Must have a master’s degree or equivalent and have published at least 3 academic articles that are not part of their degree requirements. The 3 academic articles must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years. At least 1 of the articles must be a research publication.

For new lecturers with a doctoral degree who are going to serve as full-time course lecturers for programs at the higher graduate diploma level, master's degree level, or graduate diploma level, they must have at least 1 academic publication within 2 years after graduation, 2 publications within 4 years, or 3 publications within 5 years.

(2) Higher Graduate Diploma

Must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or an equivalent degree, have an academic title of associate professor or equivalent, and must have published at least 3 academic articles that are not part of their degree requirements. The 3 academic articles must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years. At least 1 of the articles must be a research publication.

(3) Doctoral Degree

Must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or an equivalent degree, have an academic title of associate professor or equivalent, and must have published at least 3 academic articles from research works that are not part of their degree requirements. The 3 research publications must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree who will serve as full-time course lecturers for programs at the doctoral level must have at least 1 research publication within 2 years after graduation, 2 research publications within 4 years, or 3 research publications within 5 years.

Article 5: Qualifications of persons who can be appointed as course coordinators are as follows:

(1) Graduate Diploma and Master's Degree

Must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or an equivalent degree, have an academic title of associate professor or its equivalent, and must have published at least 3 academic articles that are not part of their degree requirements. The 3 academic articles must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years. At least 1 of the articles must be a research publication.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree who will serve as course coordinators of a master's degree program or a graduate diploma program must have at least 1 academic article published within 2 years after graduation, 2 articles published within 4 years, or 3 publications within 5 years.

(2) Higher Graduate Diploma

Must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or an equivalent degree, have an academic title of professor or its equivalent, and must have published at least 3 academic articles that are not part of their degree requirements. The 3

academic articles must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years. At least 1 of the articles must be a research publication.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree who will serve as course coordinators of a higher graduate diploma program must have at least 1 academic article published within 2 years after graduation, 2 publications within 4 years, or 3 publications within 5 years.

(3) Doctoral Degree

Must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or an equivalent degree, have an academic title of professor or its equivalent, and must have published at least 3 academic articles from research works that are not part of their degree requirements. The 3 research publications must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree who will serve as course coordinators for a doctoral degree program must have at least 1 research publication within 2 years after graduation, 2 research publications within 4 years, or 3 research publications within 5 years.

Article 6: Persons who can be appointed as special lecturers of graduate programs must be full-time or part-time graduate faculty and must have the following qualifications:

(1) Graduate Diploma

Must have at least a master's degree or equivalent degree in the same field of the course or in fields relevant or related to the course, have prior teaching experience, and have published at least 1 academic article that is not a part of their degree requirements. The article must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years.

New lecturers with doctoral degrees can be appointed as special lecturers in graduate diploma programs even if they have not published any academic articles after graduation.

(2) Master's Degree

Must have a master's degree or equivalent degree in the same field of the course or in fields relevant or related to the course, have prior teaching experience, and have published at least 1 academic article that is not a part of their degree requirements. The article must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree can be appointed as special lecturers in master's degree programs even if they have not yet published any academic articles after graduation.

(3) Higher Graduate Diploma

Must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or equivalent with an academic title of associate professor or its equivalent in the same field or fields relevant or related to the course, must have prior teaching experience, and must have published at least 1 academic article that is not a part of their degree requirements. The article must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years.

New lecturers with doctoral degrees can be appointed as special lecturers in graduate diploma programs even if they have not yet published any academic articles after graduation.

(4) Doctoral Degree

Must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or its equivalent, have an academic title of associate professor or its equivalent in the same field or fields relevant or related to the course, must have prior teaching experience, and must have published at least 1 academic article that is not a part of their degree requirements. The article must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years.

New lecturers with doctoral degrees can be appointed as special lecturers in doctoral degree programs even if they have not yet published any academic articles after graduation.

(5) Special lecturers who do not meet the qualifications and criteria for academic publications as specified in 6(1), 6(2), 6(3), and 6(4) must have sufficient qualifications, knowledge, and experience that are directly relevant or closely related to the field of study they will be teaching, subject to the approval of the Naresuan University Council. However, in cases where a particular course requires special lecturers, there must be a full-time lecturer involved who shares responsibility in the teaching and learning process and student development throughout the duration of the course.

Article 7: Persons qualified to be appointed as main thesis advisor, co-thesis advisor, or independent study advisor must have the following qualifications:

(1) Master's Degree

(a) Main Thesis Advisor

Must be a full-time lecturer with a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or its equivalent, must have an academic title of associate professor or its equivalent, and must have published academic articles that are not part of their degree requirements. At least 3 articles must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years, with at least 1 article from a research work.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree must have published at least 1 academic article within 2 years after graduation, 2 academic publications within 4 years, or 3 publications within 5 years.

(b) Co-Thesis Advisor

Must be a course lecturer, a full-time faculty, or a full-time researcher and have the same academic qualifications and academic and research publications as the main thesis advisor.

External experts appointed as co-thesis advisors must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent and must have at least 5 academic articles, which are directly relevant or closely related to the thesis topic of the advisee, published in recognized journals that are indexed in reputable databases.

External experts who do not have the academic qualifications and publications stated above must be highly knowledgeable and have extensive experience in fields directly relevant or closely related to the thesis topic of the advisee. Their appointment is subject to approval from the Naresuan University Council.

(c) Independent Study Advisor

Must be a full-time lecturer with a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or its equivalent, must have an academic title of associate professor or its equivalent, and must have published academic articles that are not part of their degree requirements. At least 3 articles must have been published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years, with at least 1 article from a research work.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree must have published at least 1 academic article within 2 years after graduation, 2 academic publications within 4 years, or 3 publications within 5 years.

(2) Doctoral Degree

(a) Main Thesis Advisor

Must be a full-time lecturer with a doctoral degree or its equivalent or at least a master's degree or its equivalent, must have an academic title of associate professor or its equivalent, and must have published academic articles that are not part of their degree requirements. There must be at least 3 articles from research works that are published in accordance with the criteria specified for the appointment to an academic position within the past 5 years.

New lecturers with a doctoral degree must have published at least 1 research publication within 1 year after graduation, 2 research publications within 4 years, and 3 research publications within 5 years.

(b) Co-Thesis Advisor

Must be a course lecturer, a full-time faculty, or a full-time researcher and have the same academic qualifications and academic and research publications as the main thesis advisor.

External experts appointed as co-thesis advisors must have a doctoral degree or its equivalent and must have at least 10 academic articles, which are directly relevant or closely related to the thesis topic of the advisee, published in recognized journals that are indexed in reputable databases.

External experts who do not have the academic qualifications and publications stated above must be highly knowledgeable with extensive experience and are considered distinguished experts in fields directly relevant or closely related to the thesis topic of the advisee. Their appointment is subject to approval from the Naresuan University Council.

Article 8: Naresuan University Graduate School Standing Committee is hereby tasked to consider the appointment of graduate faculty members who meet the required qualifications stated in Article 6 and Article 7 of this announcement. The Graduate School shall propose the issuance of appointment orders/announcements to the university every academic year.

Article 9: The President shall oversee the implementation of this regulation. In cases of issues arising from the enforcement of the provisions stated in this regulation, the President shall have the authority to resolve the issues and make decisions which shall be deemed final.

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