



Naresuan University Announcement
Subject: Publication of Thesis or Independent Study
for Graduate Program Completion

To ensure that the publication of the thesis or Independent Study follows appropriate procedures, by virtue of the authority stipulated in Section 20, Section 21, and Section 37 of the Naresuan University Act, B.E. 2533 (1990), and pursuant to the resolution of the Academic Council in Meeting No. 5/2567, held on May 7, 2024, the guidelines for the publication of the thesis or Independent Study for graduate program completion are hereby established as follows:

Article 1: This announcement is titled “Naresuan University Announcement, Subject: Publication of Thesis or Independent Study for Graduate Program Completion.”

Article 2: This announcement shall apply to the publication of theses or Independent Studies for students enrolled from the 2023 academic year onward, and for those studying under new or revised curricula, in accordance with the announcement by the Commission on Higher Education Standards on Graduate Program Standards, B.E. 2565 (2022).

Article 3: In this announcement:

Research Article refers to an academic work that involves systematic study or investigation using recognized research methodologies in the respective field. It is based on clearly defined origins and objectives, aiming to produce data, answers, or conclusions that lead to academic advancement (basic research), practical applications (applied research), creative research, or the development of new tools or processes that provide tangible benefits.

Academic Article refers to a scholarly written work that presents a clearly defined issue or topic for explanation or analysis. The analysis must follow academic principles, including a review of relevant literature to support the discussion, leading to a conclusive analysis of the issue. It may involve synthesizing knowledge from various sources to conduct a systematic analysis, where the author explicitly presents their academic perspective.

Innovation refers to creations that are either entirely new or significantly improved versions of existing ideas or products. This innovation leads to advancements in

standards, efficiency, value, and quality. Innovative work can be classified into the following categories:

1) **Technological Innovations:** This includes new or improved products, services, and manufacturing processes.

2) **Social Innovations:** This encompasses enhancements in organizational structures, management systems, financial management, business practices, marketing strategies, or other relevant areas.

Innovation in Science and Technology refers to inventions or innovations that involve the development of tools, machinery, or equipment. This includes the creation of new plant or animal breeds, as well as microorganisms with special properties for specific applications, vaccines, and other products or inventions that benefit the economy and society. Such work is developed through the application of knowledge in science and technology, utilizing recognized and accepted methodologies within the relevant fields.

Creative Work in Aesthetics and the Arts refers to a piece or collection of creative works that demonstrate aesthetic or artistic value. This includes creations in literature, performing arts, music, architecture, design, painting, sculpture, printmaking, or other forms of art.

Patent refers to a legal patent granted under patent law, which has been widely utilized or applied within the relevant academic or professional fields.

National Academic Journal refers to a high-quality, reputable journal recognized within its academic discipline or related fields. The journal must have been regularly published for at least three consecutive years and must employ a peer review process, where at least three external experts from different institutions evaluate the articles. The journal may be available in print or as an electronic publication with a clearly defined release schedule.

International Academic Journal refers to a scholarly journal indexed in databases recognized by the Commission on Higher Education Standards, such as ERIC, MathSciNet, PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science (limited to SCIE, SSCI, and AHCI), as well as JSTOR and Project Muse. These journals may be published either in print or as electronic media.

Academic Conference refers to a national or international scholarly meeting where a panel of experts or an academic committee in the relevant field or related disciplines is responsible for the selection, review, and verification of articles. This process includes ensuring accuracy, appropriate language use, and adherence to proper presentation formats prior to publication in the conference proceedings. These proceedings may be disseminated in either print or electronic form and may be published either before or after the conference.

Exhibition refers to the organized display of information, content, and various works that serve a clear purpose. Visitors actively participate by observing, listening, experimenting with diverse media, and engaging in various activities.

Article 4: Formats and Publication

(1) Articles

It is a research article, or a complete academic article (full paper) published in one of the following formats:

(a) A complete research article or academic article (full paper) published in journals listed in recognized national and international databases.

(b) Presentation at an academic conference as a complete research article (full paper) that is subsequently published in the proceedings of that conference.

(2) Innovations, Innovations in Science and Technology, Creative Works in Aesthetics and Arts

The work has been subjected to a peer-review process involving at least three independent experts from various institutions in the relevant field. These reviewers must have no conflicts of interest in the work being evaluated. The publication of these works must adhere to the criteria established for the appointment of individuals to academic positions as stipulated by the Office of the Higher Education Commission. The work may also be published in a recognized format that is widely accepted in the relevant academic field, subject to the approval of the university council.

(3) Patents

It is a document presented in either printed form or electronic media, containing analyses that clearly explain or clarify the work in question.

Article 5: Publication of Thesis or Independent Study for Graduate Program Completion

(1) For Master's degree students under Plan 1.1, the thesis or a part of the thesis must be published or accepted for publication in the form of a research article in a journal, or as an innovation, or as an innovation in the field of science and technology, or as a creative work in aesthetics and art, or as a patent.

(2) For Master's degree students under Plan 1.2, the thesis or a part of the thesis must be published or accepted for publication in the form of a research article in a journal, or as a research article presented at a conference, or as an innovation, or as an innovation in the field of science and technology, or as a creative work in aesthetics and art, or as a patent.

(3) For Master's degree students under Plan 2, the Independent Study or a part of the Independent Study must be disseminated in one of the following formats: presentation as a poster, oral presentation, research article, or academic article at a conference; publication of research or academic articles in national or international journals; innovation; creative work; or patent.

(4) For doctoral students under Plan 1, the thesis or a portion of the thesis must be disseminated as follows:

(a) The thesis or part of the thesis must be published or at least accepted for publication in the form of research articles or academic papers in international academic journals, with a minimum of two publications. At least one of these publications must be an academic paper; or

(b) The thesis or part of the thesis must be published or at least accepted for publication in the form of a research article in an international academic journal, with a minimum of one publication, along with at least one innovation or creative work, or at least one patent. The innovation or creative work must have commercial, social, or economic benefits.

Doctoral students in the fields of humanities and social sciences may publish in recognized national academic journals.

(5) For doctoral students in Plan 2, the thesis or part of the thesis must be published as follows:

(a) The thesis or part of the thesis must be published or at least accepted for publication in the form of a research article in an international academic journal, with a minimum of one publication; or

(b) The work must include at least one innovation or creative work, or at least one patent. The innovation or creative work must demonstrate commercial, social, or economic benefits.

For doctoral students in the fields of humanities and social sciences, publication in a national academic journal is permitted, provided that the advisor justifies this type of publication with the approval of the relevant dean.

Article 6: In the case of publishing a thesis or an Independent Study in the form of articles as a condition for graduation, the following guidelines shall apply:

(1) The article must feature the name of the student who authored the thesis or independent study as the first author or as the corresponding author.

(2) The article must indicate Naresuan University as the affiliation.

(3) The article must include the name of the thesis advisor or the Independent Study advisor as a co-author responsible for the work. If the thesis advisor does not wish to be listed in the article, they may request an exemption.

Furthermore, the article must be based on a thesis or independent study that has been approved for the appointment of the thesis or independent study advisor.

Article 7: Submission of Publication Documents for Graduation

Students must submit the following evidence for their publication:

(1) Publication in the form of an article

(a) In cases where the article has already been published, submit the publication document along with copies of the cover page and inside cover of the journal or proceedings, as well as the table of contents indicating the article title and the full article.

(b) In cases where the article has not yet been published but has received acceptance for publication, submit the acceptance letter, specifying the year and volume of publication, or the Digital Object Identifier (DOI), along with the full article submitted for publication and copies of the cover page and inside cover of the latest issue of the journal that accepted the article for publication. The waiting period for publication should not exceed two years from the date of acceptance.

Moreover, if the acceptance letter is used as a condition for graduation and the student has already received their degree, the university may revoke the degree if it is later found that the work has not been published.

(2) For the publication in the form of an innovation, submit any of the following documents:

- A report detailing the development of the innovation and its application.
- Documentation demonstrating the intellectual property rights of the innovation.
- Evidence of participation in the dissemination of the innovation at the national or international level.

Additionally, include proof that the work has been evaluated by at least three external experts in the same or related field, who possess recognized knowledge, expertise, and experience, and have received approval from the university council.

(3) For publication in the form of creative works, submit the following documents:

- Evidence of exhibitions or displays, including recordings, photographs, or electronic media presentations.
- Documentation printed or published electronically that supports the creative work.

Additionally, provide evidence that the work has been evaluated by at least three external experts in the same or related field, who are recognized for their knowledge, expertise, and experience, and have received approval from the university council.

(4) For patents, submit the official patent registration documents.

(5) For the publication of innovations or creative works by Master's students under Plan 2, submit documents showing proof of publication of the respective work.

Article 8: The President of the university shall be responsible for the implementation of this announcement. In the event of any issues arising from its implementation, the President shall have the authority to make a final decision.

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