

Requirements for Submitting a Doctoral Dissertation

The bylaw regarding doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School of the Commerce, Waseda University (hereafter called "GSC") Ph.D. program defines the requirements for submitting a doctoral dissertation as follows on the article 4 paragraph 1 item 4. The candidates who wish to apply for a Ph.D. must satisfy all the requirements amongst article (1), (2), (3) and (4) described below after the enrollment in the GSC.

*GSC non-degree students and research students can also be a candidate for the Ph.D. application.

(1) Publications and Research Papers

The candidates are required to obtain greater than or equal to three points amongst the following table.

	Types of journal	Points you earned per paper
1	A paper which is published in a refereed journal or equivalents issued by an external organization	1 point
2	A paper which is published in a refereed journal issued by Waseda University such as 'the Bulletin of the Graduate School of Commerce', 'the Waseda Business & Economic Studies', 'the Waseda Business Review' and 'the Waseda Commercial Review'	1 point
3	A paper which is published in an academic or scholarly journal without full review like 'the Journal of Business and Economics' One chapter of the technical book which you write as a coauthor A refereed research note which is published in an academic journal, etc.	0.5 point

Notes: a) You are allowed to obtain a point both from a published paper at article (1) and a conference presentation at article (2) below with same primary subject(s).

b) You are allowed to regard papers which have been refereed and virtually assured to be published as same papers described at the above table, and obtain a same point from that papers.

c) In the case of joint paper, you will obtain a point which is divided by the number of coauthors.

d) As for type 1 journal, regardless of above c), you are also allowed to claim points according to a sharing ratio based on the degree of contribution agreed by coauthors. In that case, you must satisfy all the following items.

1) You must obtain coauthors' written consent regarding the sharing ratios

2) The above consent must include a title of the paper concerned, a name of journal, all the coauthors' names and their sharing ratios.

e) As for type 3 journal, if you write one or more chapters of the technical book, you are allowed to multiply points according to the number of chapters.

f) Non refereed research note which is published in an academic journal is not able to be regarded as papers described at the article (1).

(2) Conference Presentation

The candidates are required to obtain greater than or equal to one point amongst the following table.

	Types of the conference	Points you earned per presentation
1	The nation-wide annual conference or equivalents which you presented at, in principle	1 point

Note: In the case of joint presentation, you will obtain a point which is divided by the number of presenters.

(3) Knowledge of Statistics

Those who fall under any of the following categories

1	Those who have earned a course grade in “Basic Statistics” offered by GSC (MA program) or “Business Data Analysis” offered by WBS
2	Those who have passed an examination designated by GSC administered by an external organization

(4) Knowledge of Research Ethics

Those who have completed (or video screened) seminars on research ethics designated by GSC and fully understood its contents

Note: This requirement must be completed in principle by the end of the first semester upon enrollment in the Ph.D. program.

Supplementary Provisions

(Enforcement Date)

1 This bylaw comes into force on April 1, 2014. However, (3) applies to those who enroll in or after April 2016.

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