

Notes for Similarity Comparison for Degree Theses/Dissertations

1. In Academic Affairs Meetings, the Office of Academic Affairs has highlighted the importance of each program communicating with graduate students about their obligation to comply with academic ethics. The advisor and department (program) shall assess the originality of theses/dissertations by using similarity comparisons to ensure that texts are free from plagiarism. As per the university's Regulations for Doctoral and Master's Degree Examinations, graduate students who are suspected of plagiarism, hiring someone to write their work, or cheating on their theses/dissertations (including substituting works or exhibitions in place of theses/dissertations or associated reports) shall be subject to review by the Academic Ethics Violation Review Committee for Degree Theses/Dissertations. Their advisors shall also be reviewed through a Faculty Evaluation Committee Meeting at their department of employment.
2. In the Degree Thesis/Dissertation Examination Application Forms submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs by each program, the Academic Ethics Statements of some articles indicated that these articles demonstrated some concern for plagiarism despite exhibiting a relatively low level of similarity with other existing articles. As shown in the appendix, one article had an overall similarity of 19%, and 4% of its content was similar to that of another article; in addition, 598 words were identical with those in other articles but lack appropriate citations.
3. For all graduate students applying for a thesis/dissertation examination:
 - (1) Please attach a Paper Plagiarism Verify System similarity report, a Symscan similar articles and similar paragraphs comparison report (until May 31, 2022), or an iThenticate similarity percentage report (as shown in the figure below) and relevant documents.
 - (2) In the "The similarity report indicates no violation of academic ethics in the thesis/dissertation. Please specify:" field, please provide the statement: The similarity percentage is **%, and the report shows no sign of violation against academic ethics.
 - (3) Depending on the results of similarity reports, students and their advisors shall assess the need to revise their theses/dissertations before submission, and the college and department shall perform a rigorous review before approving submissions.

Hungkuang University Degree Thesis/Dissertation Technical Report Examination Application for the
Semester of the Academic Year

1. Student information

		Student ID		Name	
Department (program)	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral program <input type="checkbox"/> Master's program <input type="checkbox"/> In-service master's program	Date/location of examination	(yyyy) (mm) (dd)	(day of week):	a.m./p.m.
Advisor (including coadvisor)		Thesis/dissertation title	Location:		

2. Items for department (program) review. Please check the corresponding box for review and attach all required documents for check by the department (program) assistant.

The department (program) requires a minimum of _____ credits for graduation (____ credits from required courses, ____ credits from elective courses, ____ credits from thesis/dissertation).

The applicant has earned _____ credits (____ credits from required courses, ____ credits from elective courses, ____ credits from thesis/dissertation) and is expected to earn _____ credits (____ credits from required courses, ____ credits from elective courses, ____ credits from thesis/dissertation) at the end of this semester. The applicant has thus met the course and credit requirements for taking the oral examination of degree thesis/dissertation.

The applicant's original full transcript has been attached.

The applicant has met the qualifications for taking a degree examination, as indicated in the department's (program) regulations (please specify the titles of the regulations and the specific articles and provide supporting evidence below):

The applicant has passed the doctoral candidate qualifications review.

An Academic Ethics Statement and a thesis/dissertation originality report (including results on the overall similarity percentage and comparison with similar texts) have been attached.

Link to plagiarism checking services: <https://reurl.cc/Lm0ml9>

The thesis/dissertation's first draft and summary have been attached.

The applicant is applying for degree examination for the first time for the second time due to examination time change for the second time due to a

previously canceled application.

Applicant (signature) _____ Date of application: (yyyy) (mm) (dd)

The information above is verified to be truthful by a member of the department (program), signature: _____

3. The applicant has completed their thesis/dissertation and is qualified to take a thesis/dissertation examination. The following are proposed examiner candidates.

Name	University/department of employment	Job title	Education background	Mailing address	Phone	Notes (as per the university's Regulations for Doctoral and Master's Degree Examinations)
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Signature of advisor (including the coadvisor): _____

The department/program head accepts the application (after checking the authenticity of the information provided above and the plagiarism checking results) rejects the application. The college dean accepts the application (after checking the authenticity of the information provided above and the plagiarism checking results) rejects the application.

(Signature) _____

(Signature) _____

Result of review by the Office of Academic Affairs: The application complies with regulations does not comply with regulations.

Seal of case officer: _____ Seal of Registration Section chief: _____ Seal of the Dean of Academic Affairs: _____

- Notes:
1. The application form shall be submitted by the applicant themselves. Otherwise, a power of attorney shall be attached.
 2. The original application form shall be submitted to the Registration Section of the Office of Academic Affairs to complete the application; a copy shall be kept by the student's department.
 3. The examination panel shall comprise 3–5 examiners in a master's degree examination and 5–9 examiners in a doctoral degree examination, with at least one-third of the panel being external examiners (the advisor shall not be included in the headcount of external examiners)
 4. For a master's thesis with two advisors who are both serving as the examiners, the panel shall comprise 5 examiners.

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Form updated on: 11.05.26

Preservation period: permanent

Academic Ethics Statement

I, _____, am a student at Hungkuang University studying in class _____ of the Department (program) of _____. In the process of completing my thesis titled _____, I have been instructed by my advisor to not plagiarize or copy the works of others and have been fully informed of the definitions of plagiarism and copying. Therefore, I hereby confirm that I have properly cited the sources of ideas and diagrams and that I have not engaged in any academic misconduct, such as plagiarism and copying. I shall be liable for all legal consequences arising from any violations of the academic ethics and shall not object to the Ministry of Education's or Hungkuang University's decision to revoke my master's (doctoral) degree as a result of such violations.

I confirm that my thesis/dissertation has been submitted for a plagiarism check on the Paper Plagiarism Verify System, iThenticate originality check system, or Turnitin originality check system. I have attached the plagiarism check report. The thesis/dissertation has also undergone a review by my advisor, who has concluded that the thesis/dissertation does not violate academic ethics.

Check result	Items excluded from the check
Overall similarity (percentage): _____ % Explanation on the overall similarity or article-specific similarity: _____ Check conducted on: (yyyy) (mm) (dd)	<input type="checkbox"/> No items excluded <input type="checkbox"/> Table of contents excluded <input type="checkbox"/> Bibliography excluded

Student's self-assessment

- I have not engaged in any deceptive conduct or hired someone to write the thesis/dissertation for me.
 - My thesis/dissertation has not been copied from various sources.
 - I have properly cited all sources of information.
 - I have placed all direct quotations inside quotation marks.
 - The similarity comparison result indicates to
- The similarity report indicates no violation of academic ethics in the thesis/dissertation. Please specify:

Signature of the student:

Phone:

Mailing address:

The advisor's assessment

- The student has not engaged in any deceptive conduct, hired someone else to write the thesis/dissertation for them, or completed the thesis/dissertation by copying from various sources.
- The student has properly cited all sources of information.
- The student has placed all direct quotations inside quotation marks.
- Thesis/dissertation similarity—the originality check report indicates no violation of academic ethics in the thesis/dissertation.

Signature of advisor: _____

Department head

- Accept the degree examination application
- Reject the degree examination application

College dean

- Accept the degree examination application
- Reject the degree examination application