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Regulations Governing Postgraduate Thesis Plagiarism Detection

These regulations are revised with the aim of enhancing the quality of postgraduate thesis and cultivating strict and dense academic atmosphere.

1. The acceptable highest plagiarism rate of postgraduate thesis is 15%, including the overall rate and rates of core chapters, with rounding of the decimals of the checking rate(s) to the nearest whole number. The core chapters include sections of analysis, experiment, and conclusion of the thesis. The list of references and author's published literature are excluded from the plagiarism checking, and the disputed sections will be reviewed and decided by the defense committee.
2. Chinese theses will be checked by CNKI, and the English theses will be checked by Turnitin.
3. After passing the first round of examination by the faculty, the submitted theses will be randomly checked by the Graduate School. Once a substandard plagiarism rate is identified, the student involved shall not go for oral defense. For those who have already completed the dissertation defense, the results of the defense will not be recognized, and the student shall apply for the defense again after the extension.
4. If the plagiarism rate of the overall thesis or any core chapters reaches between 16%-20%, the student involved shall not apply for dissertation defense until a one-month extension. When the plagiarism rate falls between 21%-25%, the extension duration will be prolonged to three months. If the plagiarism rate exceeds 25%, the extension duration will be prolonged to six months with a warning notice.
5. Under the circumstances that students apply for dissertation defense the second time due to reasons mentioned above and the plagiarism rate of the overall or any core chapters still exceeds 15%, the student could only apply again following the extension regulations in Article 3 mentioned above, and pay the fee of re-defense. However, for whose plagiarism rate exceeds 25% again, the university will terminate the students' registered status and announce the termination, which will affect the concerned supervisor's qualification to continue to supervise graduate thesis.

The revised Regulation was approved at the 4th regular meeting of 2020/2021 academic year by the University Academic Committee, which was held on 21 July 2021, and will be in force starting from September 2021. The Graduate School has the right of interpretation of the Regulation.



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