

**Code of Practices
for
Graduate Studies
Prince of Songkla University**

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Program Committee will be expected:

- to search for potential candidate;
- to establish research theme / direction of the discipline;
- to introduce manual and instruction for thesis;
- to suggest the thesis committee;
- to support research facilities;
- to promote student knowledge sharing by giving a presentation or attending conference;
- to solve problem related to teaching and research;
- to liaise problem between student and supervisors;
- to establish rules, regulation, safety precaution and ethics;
- to ensure that students participate fully in formal coursework and seminars which together with their research project comprises the totality of their MS/PhD program;
- to assist students to develop the skills specific to a research scientist and the more general professional competencies necessary for their career progression;
- to prepare regular reports on the progress of their students as required by the department and the institution;
- to bear in mind the primacy of a student 's interest in education and training for research which should be afforded by program of study and research leading to the award of the MS/PhD completed within the normally prescribed period.

Supervisors will be expected:

- to ensure the safety of students in the laboratory;
- to select research projects of suitable scope which will provide potential for students to develop their intellects by original thought and which are likely to lead to the production of a thesis sufficient to merit the award of an MS or PhD;
- to provide guidance and encouragement to students while fostering their gradual development as independent research workers;
- to remember that the real interests of the students are not served by allowing them to continue on a program without a reasonable expectation of success;
- to make every effort to publish the results of the research with the student;

Students will be expected

- to conduct their research under the guidance of one or more supervisors while using attendance at courses and research seminars to widen their knowledge and experience;
- to become safe, professional and highly competent workers in the laboratory environment;
- to complete and satisfy the assessment requirements in defined program of advanced studies;
- to augment their formal program of studies by attendance at research seminars on the content of which they will be expected to demonstrate awareness;
- to complete written reports on the development of their research which will be assessed as part of the progression requirement, and which will serve to enhance their communication skills;
- to make oral presentations both on their research and as part of their coursework;
- to develop team-working skills where possible by being active members of their research groups, and through participation in other problem solving activities;
- to prepare and defend a thesis setting out the results of research leading to an original contribution to knowledge;
- to demonstrate to the examiners that they have an appropriate level of knowledge in their subject and the necessary competence in research to practice the discipline at the high level expected of the holder of a doctorate.

The intellectual property will belong to supervisor(s) and the university.

Reference

Adapted from "Blue print for a better PhD" in Chemistry in Britain, April 1995.