

National Taiwan Normal University
Graduate Institute of Mass Communication
Regulations for Graduation Assessments

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- Article 1 The graduation eligibility of students in the Graduate Institute of Mass Communication (hereinafter referred to as “the Graduate Institute”) shall be assessed based on points attained through academic presentations, publications, and equivalent. To meet this requirement, **a student must have received 9 points and be the first author of at least one of the papers presented or published.** Graduate students who have accumulated the required number of points may apply for a thesis oral defense.
- Article 2 The criteria for the number of points awarded are as follows:
- I. For papers published in journals indexed in the SSCI or TSSCI, the first author will receive **12 points**.
 - II. For peer-reviewed papers published in journals in communication studies or related social sciences, the first author will receive **11 points**.
 - III. For a paper reviewed by and presented at an annual conference of the *Chinese Communication Society, Cultural Studies Association, Taiwanese Sociological Association, or Taiwan Academy for Information Society*, the first author will receive **10 points**.
 - IV. For papers presented orally or as a poster at a conference in communication studies and related social science, the first author will receive points based on the acceptance rate of the conference (**8 points** for conferences with an acceptance rate of **60%** or lower and **7 points** for conferences with an acceptance rate of **over 60%**). For conferences that do not provide an acceptance rate, a Short Paper/Essay Review Application must be submitted to the Graduate Institute’s faculty for review in the same academic year as the end of the conference; the first author will receive **7 points** if the application passes the review.
 - V. For a paper presented at an international/overseas conference in a foreign language, the number of points given shall be based on the acceptance rate of the conference, **plus 3 additional points** for each paper published.
 - VI. For audiovisual works presented at a conference or entered in a contest, the author(s) will receive **4 to 8 points**. Review of such works and entries shall be carried out post hoc by the Graduate Institute’s faculty based on the nature of the competition, nomination/award status, and order of authors.
 - VII. For book reviews published in journals indexed in SSCI or TSSCI or published in peer-reviewed journals in communication studies or related fields, the author(s) will receive **4 points** for only one book review.
 - VIII. For editorial and commentary works on media, communication, or public affairs issues submitted to newspapers, online news media, online journals, or magazines, the author(s) will receive **1 to 3 points** for each article submitted after their enrollment at NTNU, up to a maximum of **3 points**. Please submit a Short Paper/Essay Review Application to the Graduate Institute’s faculty for review in the same academic year as the publication.
 - IX. The Graduate Institute may conduct a full substantive review of papers submitted via any of the above methods that are not accepted but show potential for research and publication. Review results must then be assessed by two or more members outside of the Graduate Institute. For papers that receive a basic score of **70 or**

higher, the first author will receive **9 points**. However, paper reviews must be approved by the advisor for the paper, and each graduate student can only apply for a paper review twice. Papers that fail to pass review may be revised and submitted again for review; this secondary review shall count toward the limit on the number of review applications allowed. All review fees shall be borne by the student.

- X. **The name of the University and the Graduate Institute must be noted in the authorship of papers or works submitted by graduate students in order for the author(s) to receive points.**

Article 3 For papers or works with more than one author, the first author shall receive the full points and the co-authors shall receive the full number of points divided by their author order. To receive points for the published paper, a Short Paper/Essay Review Application must be submitted along with the relevant supporting documents to the Graduate Institute Office in the same academic year as the publication.

In the event of discrepancies between the English and Chinese versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.