

Changes in Publication Method of Doctoral Thesis

To: Students of Doctoral Program

To: Applicants for Doctoral Thesis

Kyushu Institute of Technology

As Regulations regarding Degrees (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 9 of 1953) were revised, a person who was granted a doctoral degree by the Institute on and after April 1, 2013 shall be required to register the full text or a summary of the revised content of his or her doctoral thesis with the institutional repository of the Institute and publish the full text or summary via the Internet within one year from the date of granting of a doctoral degree under Article 20 of the Kyushu Institute of Technology, Degree Regulations.

The points of change are as follows.

- Publication method: Publication on via the Internet (published in the institutional repository of the Kyushu Institute of Technology)
- Submission method: submitted in electronic file format instead of bound hard copies.

If there are “unavoidable reasons” set forth below, a summary of the content shall be published instead of the full text with approval of a faculty meeting.

***As it is published via the Internet, please pay special attention to confirmation of rights relation.**

[Unavoidable Reasons]

1. Where a doctoral thesis has content that is not published via the Internet, for example, due to expressions in 3-D, etc.
2. If a doctoral thesis contains content that is not permitted to be published via the Internet for more than one (1) year from the date of granting of a doctoral degree due to the copyright or restrictions related to personal information.
3. If any apparent disadvantage will occur for more than one year from the date of granting of a doctoral degree to a person who was granted the degree by publication of full text of the doctoral thesis via the Internet in relation to publication in academic journals which prohibit publication and multiple releases or patent application, etc.

4. If a doctoral thesis contains content to which the Institute owes confidential obligation in relation to joint or consigned research with companies, etc. (except when publication of the doctoral thesis is accepted by companies, etc.)

If “unavoidable reasons” no longer exist, it is necessary to publish the full text of the doctoral thesis in the institutional repository.

In publication, a person who prepares a thesis shall confirm the rights relation of the doctoral thesis (including copyright policies of publishers, etc.) in advance with reference to the following matters.

(1) Copyright

- If a doctoral thesis contains works of others, please obtain the license from the right holder in advance.
- Separate from the license regarding publication of the doctoral thesis, please obtain from the right holder the license (including confirmation with publishers, etc.) in advance of the reproduction right and public transmission right to publish via the Internet (the institutional repository and the National Diet Library).

(2) Confirmation Sites of Summary of Copyright Policies

You can find a summary of the copyright policies of publishers and academic societies on the following sites.

- 1) SCPJ (Society Copyright Policies in Japan Database) <http://scpj.tulips.tsukuba.ac.jp>

This website contains a summary of the licensing status of publication of article publications to the institutional repository of Japanese academic societies.

- 2) SHERPA/RoMEO (Overseas) [http: http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/](http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/)

This website contains a summary of policies regarding license of self-archives of overseas publishers.

- 3) NII Electronic Library Page [http: http://www.nii.ac.jp/nels_soc/archive/list/](http://www.nii.ac.jp/nels_soc/archive/list/)

This website helps to confirm whether the reproductions of content of texts are included in the academic institutional repository.

*If a thesis contains articles published in academic journals (scheduled), the acceptance of registration shall be determined in accordance with the copyright policy of the journals.

A summary of copyright policies can be confirmed on the above sites, as it might differ from that of issuers (publishers, academic societies), please make sure to confirm the content of copyright, etc., on the site of issuers.

(3) Patents

In a case where a thesis contains the content for which a patent application is scheduled, if it is published in an institutional repository, a patent application cannot be made as it will lose novelty will be lost.

In a case where it is published before patent application, there is a system in which a patent application may be made by taking procedures for exceptions of loss of novelty if it is made within six months of the publication. For details, please consult with Kyutech Collaboration Center, Intellectual Property Division (Ex. Tobata 3499) before publication.

Reference

(1) Regulations on Academic Degree of the Institute

Article 20

A person who was granted a doctoral degree shall publish the full text of the doctoral thesis to which the degree was granted within one year from the date of granting of a doctoral degree; except for the publication before the granting of a doctoral degree.

2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, a person who was granted a doctoral degree may publish a summary of the content instead of the full text to which the doctoral degree was granted with the approval of a faculty meeting if there are unavoidable reasons. In such a case, the Dean of the Graduate School, etc., shall make the full text of the thesis available upon request.

3 Publication made by a person who was granted a doctoral degree under the preceding two paragraphs shall be made in the Kyushu Institute of Technology, Academic Institution Repository.

(2) Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 9 of 1953)

Article 9

A person who was granted a doctoral degree shall publish the full text of the doctoral thesis to which the degree was granted within one year from the date of granting of a doctoral degree; except for publication before the granting of a doctoral degree.

2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, a person who was granted a doctoral degree may publish the summary of content instead of the full text of the thesis to which the doctoral degree was granted with the approval of the university which granted the doctoral degree or Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation if there are unavoidable reasons. In such a case, the university or Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation shall make the full text of the thesis available upon request.

3 Publication made by a person who was granted a doctoral degree under the preceding two paragraphs shall be made via the Internet in cooperation with the university which granted the doctoral degree or Incorporated Administrative Agency, National Institution for Academic Degrees and University Evaluation. (*)

*The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology notified that in principle, publication shall be made in the institutional repository of universities as the specific method of publication “using the Internet.”

◆ General Matters concerning Degree

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◆Matters concerning Repository

Main Library, in charge of Repository: Ex: 3073 (Tobata Campus)

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Repository Information HP

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