Study Guide for Your Graduate Journey

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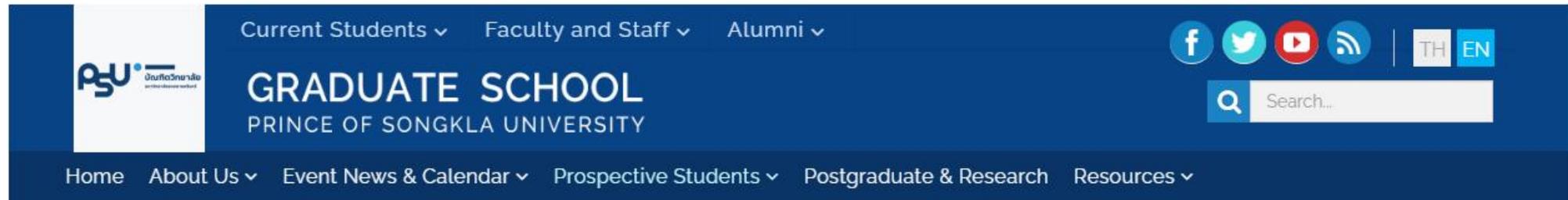**Medical Degree from Harvard University in 1921**

- Princess Chulabhorn presides graduation ceremony at PSU in every year
- This year: Sept 18-21

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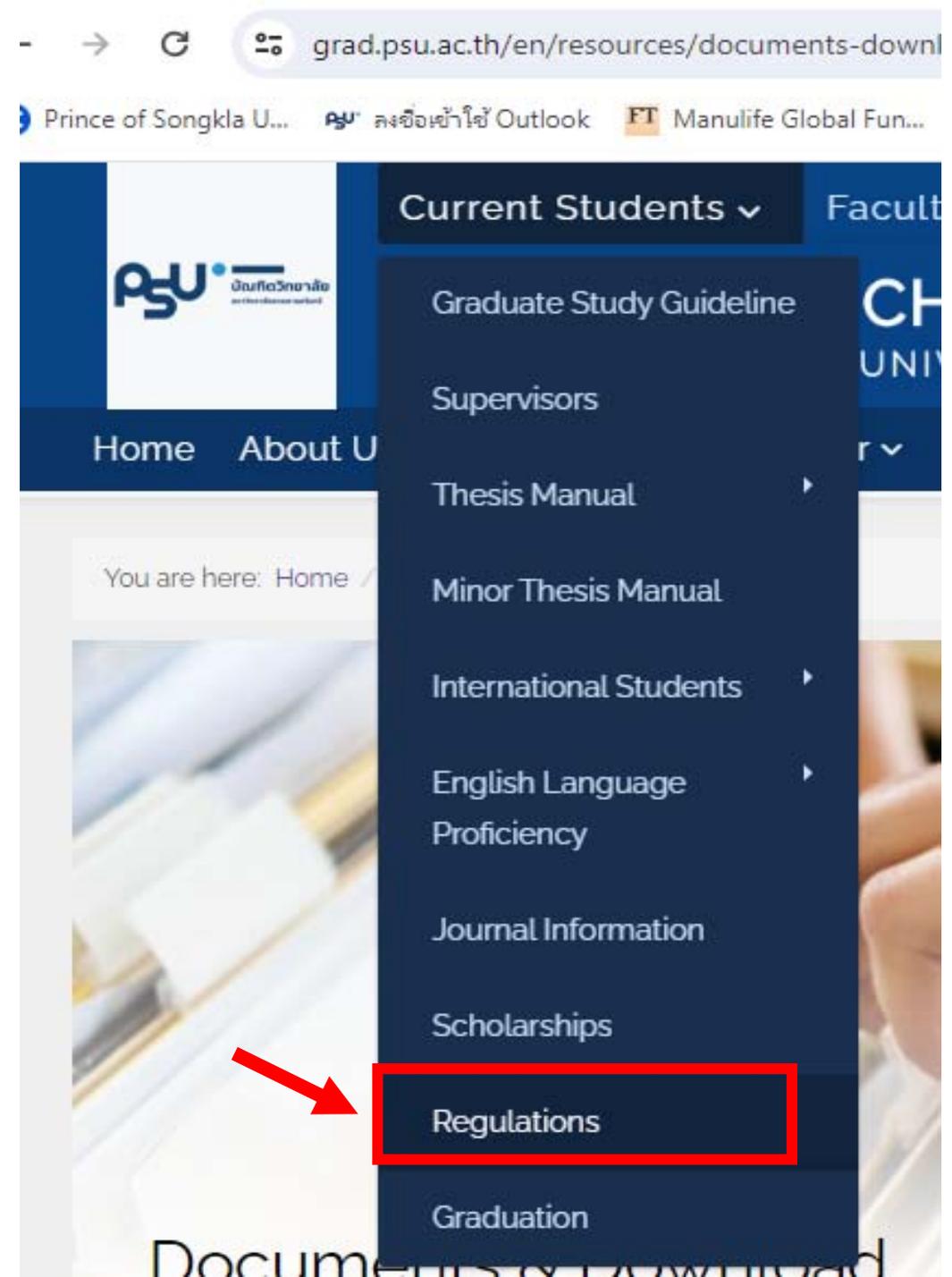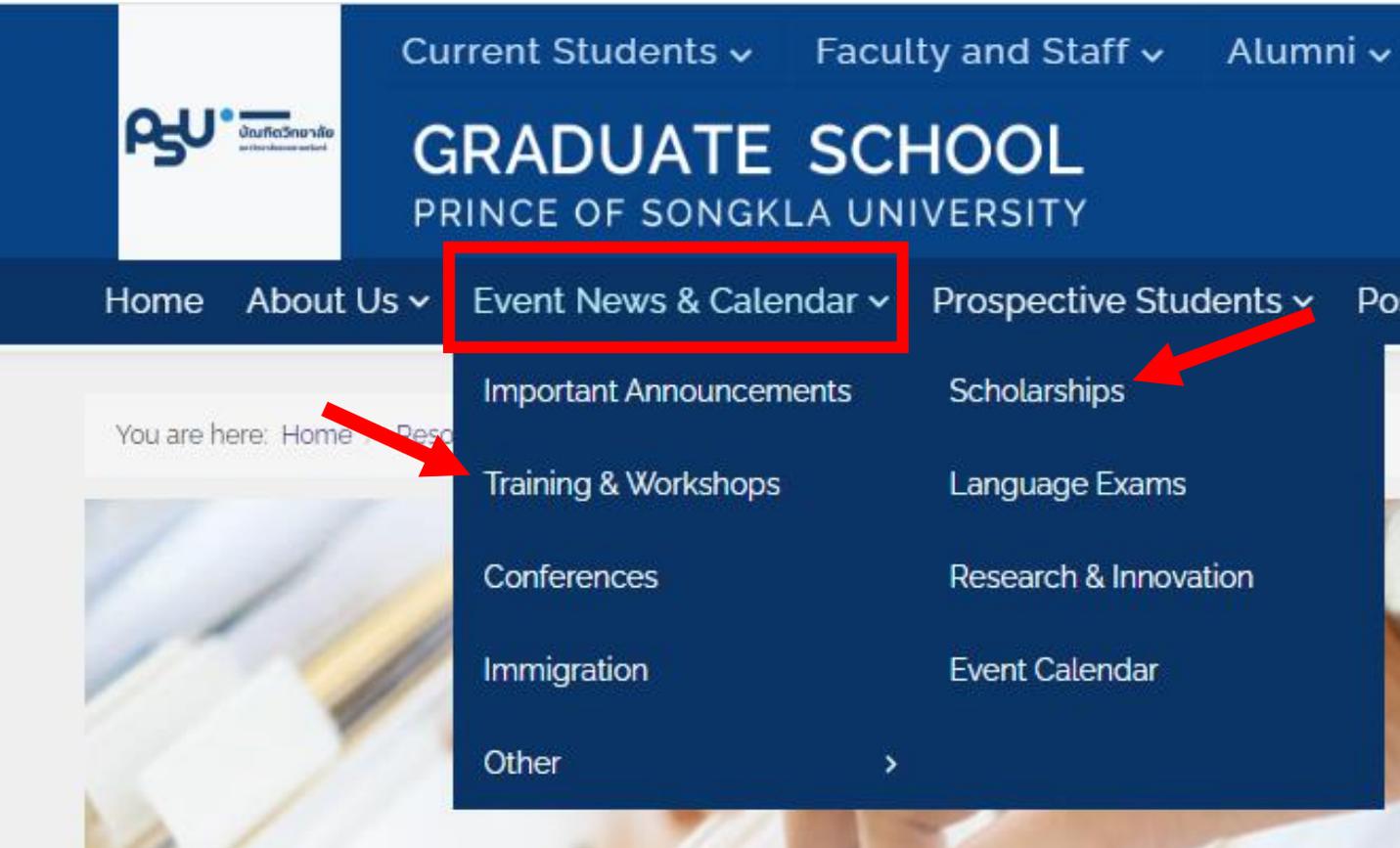
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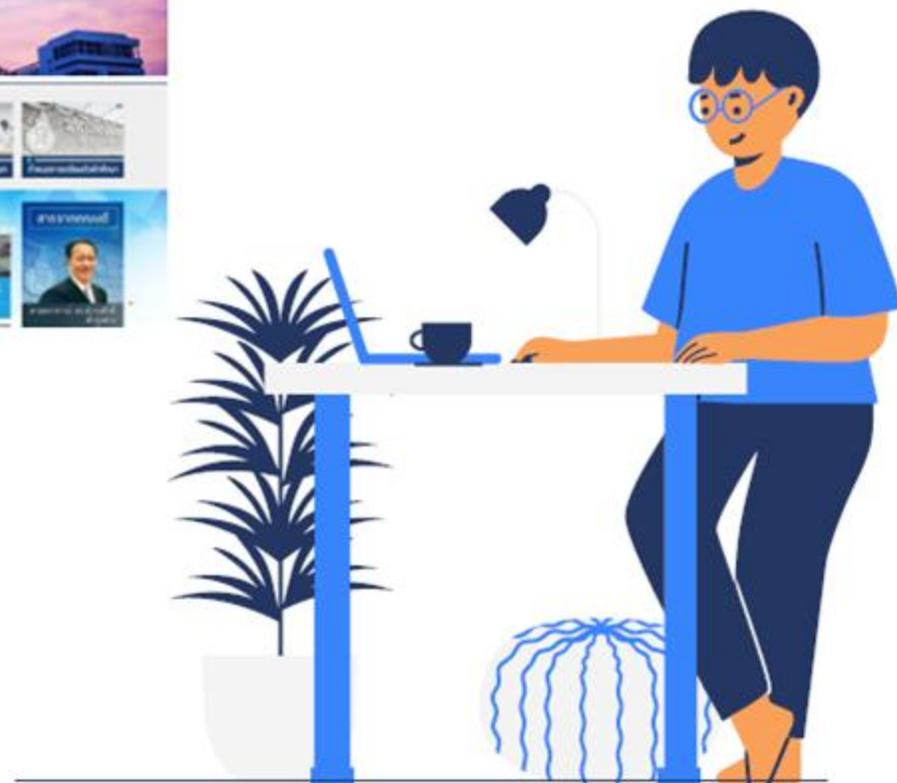
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Study Guide for
Master's Degree Program

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1st Semester

1. Report for enrollment
2. Tuition fee payment
3. Register for the courses and/or thesis according to your study plan
4. Attend the orientation event for new students
5. Develop a study plan in accordance with the program syllabus
6. Familiarize yourself with the regulations and relevant standards
7. Submit English test result to your program to fulfil proficiency requirement
8. Submit form for appointment of thesis advisor (GS1)*

2nd Semester

1. Register for the courses and/or thesis according to your study plan
2. Have the thesis committee appointed and pass the thesis/minor thesis proposal defense exam (GS2)* (The timing of the exam depends on the faculty)

3rd Semester

1. Register for the courses and/or thesis according to your study plan
2. Have the thesis committee appointed and pass the thesis/minor thesis proposal defense exam (GS2)* (The timing of the exam depends on the faculty)
3. Conduct your research project
4. Submit manuscript(s) based on your thesis work to journals and/or present at research conferences (GS 4/1)*

4th Semester

Master's Thesis

1. Register for the thesis courses according to your study plan
2. Submit manuscript(s) based on your thesis work to journals and/or present at research conferences (GS 4/1)*
3. Request the appointment of the Thesis Examination Committee and the thesis examination date (GS 3 & GS 4)* and exam report
4. Check your thesis for plagiarism via Turnitin (GS 14)*
5. Submit relevant pages for Thesis Format Inspection by One Stop Service (GS 6)**
6. Submit a copy of the completed thesis together with the required documents (GS 8)*
7. Submit a request for completion of study online at https://reg.psu.ac.th/isr/index.aspx

Minor Thesis

1. Register for the coursework and/or minor thesis according to your study plan
2. Pass the comprehensive exam (Plan B) (date and time are determined by the program)
3. Request the appointment of the minor thesis examination committee and the minor thesis examination date (set by the faculty and minor thesis exam report)
4. Submit the completed minor thesis and Check your minor thesis for plagiarism via Turnitin (GS 14/1)*
5. Submit a request for completion of study online at https://reg.psu.ac.th/isr/index.aspx

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*** Other criteria and guidelines as applicable

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2nd Semester

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   (The timing of the exam depends on the faculty)

1st Semester

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4th - 5th Semester

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   (The timing of the exam depends on the faculty)
3. Conduct your research project
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2nd - 3rd Semester

1. Register for the coursework and/or thesis according to your study plan
2. Pass the Qualifying Exam (at a time determined by the faculty, but within the first 4 semesters of study)
3. Have the thesis committee appointed and pass the thesis/minor thesis proposal defense exam (GS2)*
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6th Semester

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Requirements for graduation

Requirements for graduation depends on your plan of study

What is your plan of study?

Master: A1, A2, B

PhD   : 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2

Requirement on thesis and coursework

Master degree: at least 36 credits of study

- Plan **A1** : Research only--Thesis ≥36 credits.

  may take some course works as AUDIT (grading: S or U)

- Plan **A2** : course work ≥ 18 credits (grading as A-E)

  thesis ≥ 12 or 18 credits.

- Plan B : course work ≥ 30 credits (grading as A-E)

  minor thesis: 3-6 credits

Doctor of Philosophy

- Plan 1.1: research only program for those with Master degree

    ≥ 48 credits for thesis

- Plan 1.2: research only program for those with Bachelor degree

    ≥72 credits for thesis

- Plan 2.1: for those with Master degree

    ≥12 credits of course work+ ≥ 36 credits for thesis

- Plan 2.2: for those with Bachelor degree

    ≥24 credits of course work + ≥ 48 credits for thesis

Duration of Study

Master: **2 years** (official length of program)

max duration: not more than 5 years

Doctor of Philosophy: **3 or 4 years** (official length of program)

not more than 6 years (those with a master's degree: Plan 1.1+2.1)

not more than 8 years (those with a bachelor's degree: Plan 1.2+2.2)

Number of Credits Per Semester: not more than 15 credits (with the consent of academic or thesis advisor, > 15 credits are allowed)

Six major requirements for graduation

Master program:

1) Completion of all courses as required by the program with GPA ≥ 3.00

   (except for plan A1: research only, no GPA)

2) Pass the English proficiency test

	Testing institute	Master's Degree Level	Master's Degree (International Program) and Ph.D. Level
1.	(New) PSU-TEP	Score of Reading and Structure only depends on program	An average of at least 60% in Reading and Structure, Listening and Writing
2.	CU-TEP	Depends on the program	At least 60 score in Reading, Listening and Writing
3.	TOEFL (Paper Based)	Score of 450	Score of 500
4.	TOEFL (revised Paper-delivered Test)	Score of 34	Score of 46
5.	TOEFL (Institutional Testing Program)	Score of 450	Score of 520
6.	TOEFL (Computer Based)	Score of 133	Score of 173
7.	TOEFL (Internet Based)	Score of 45	Score of 61
8.	IELTS	Score of 4.5	Score of 5

3) Pass the thesis proposal examination

4) Pass thesis examination + submit thesis

5) Publish research work from thesis (more on next slide)

-Research article with findings from your thesis as main components

-Not a review article

-Time consuming process: **Well-planned on this with your advisor**

6) Other conditions as required by the programs. (consult your program director or advisor)

Minimum requirement for publication: General requirement for master program

A1: one article in an accepted peer review journal

A2: publish thesis work as one full paper (not just abstract) in conference proceedings or

   publish 1 article in an accepted peer reviewed journal

Note:

1. Some programs may have a higher requirement (such as inter publication)

2. If you got scholarships with a higher requirement on publication (such as inter publication), it will become graduation requirement.

Official regulation in Thailand for **accepted journals**

1. International journals: Journals indexed in the following databases

- ERIC, MathSciNet

- Pubmed,

- Scopus,

- JSTOR,

- Project Muse

- Web of Science (only SCIE, SSCI, AHCI), not ESCI

2. National Journals: indexed in TCI (Thai citation index) group 1 and 2

Six major requirements for graduation PhD Study:

1) Completion of all courses as required by the program with GPA ≥ 3.00 (except for plan 1.1 and 1.2)

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3) Pass the **Qualifying Exam****

• Assess student's competency to become a PhD candidate (ability to conduct doctoral research)

4) Pass proposal examination+thesis examination + submit thesis

5) Publish research work from thesis**

-Research article with findings from your thesis as main components

-Not a review article

6) Other conditions as required by the programs **(consult your program director or advisor)**

Minimum requirement for publication: General requirement: PhD. study

1.1 and 1.2: two publications in accepted peer reviewed journals

2.1 and 2.2: one publication in accepted peer reviewed journals

Note:

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(definition of accepted peer reviewed journals: same as that of Master program)

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Core courses offered by graduate school

Course: 950-500 research methodology by Graduate School

Regularly offered modules (courses)

- module 4 (statistics for research) 1 credit (R-program)

- module 5 (experimental design) 2 credits

- **Language:** offered in English

- **No prerequisite courses**

- No extra tuition fee for taking the courses.

- can register for "audit" or "credit"

- Those in research only program, please register for "audit" (grading is in S or U)
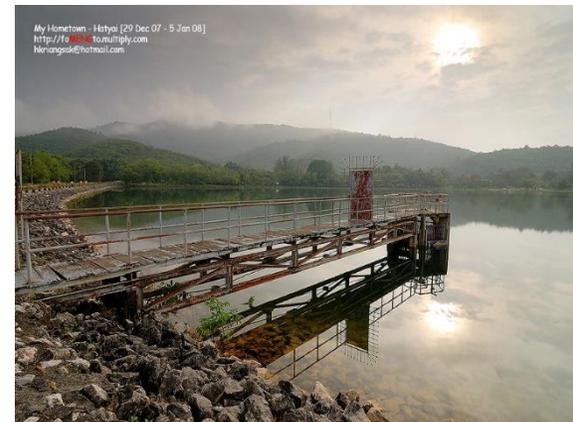
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