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**Requirements for the Publication of Papers as a Prerequisite for  
Applying for Master's or Doctoral Degrees**

This document sets forth the requirements for the publication of papers by graduate students at the College of Foreign Languages and Cultures (CFLC) as a prerequisite for the conferral of an Master's or Doctoral degree. These Requirements have been established in accordance with the Xiamen University's *Guidelines for the Conferral of Master's and Doctoral Degrees* and *Academic Publication Requirements for Master's and Doctoral Degrees*, as well as the actuality of CFLC's graduate education.

**I. Academic Publication Requirements for a Doctoral Degree**

1. In the period between admission to the doctoral program and the conferral of the doctoral degree, a doctoral candidate should publish a paper either in one of the highest-rated academic journals in liberal arts or in a Tier-A core academic journal recognized by Xiamen University, or publish three papers in Tier-B core academic journals in liberal arts recognized by Xiamen University. Of the three papers required to be published in Tier-B core academic journals, one can be substituted by a monograph, a textbook, or a translation of an academic work relevant to the candidate's doctoral dissertation (a minimum length of 30,000 words is required for a monograph, and a minimum length of 50,000 words for a textbook or a translation). Such academic journals do not include supplemental editions, special editions, or collections.

2. A paper published by a doctoral candidate in fulfillment of his or her research output requirement for a doctoral degree should be no less than 3,000 words, and the paper should be relevant to the candidate's doctoral dissertation. Moreover, "Xiamen University" should be cited in the paper as the primary affiliation of the author and the candidate should be cited as either the correspondent author or the principal author (if the candidate's supervisor is cited as the principal author and the candidate as the co-author, the candidate will be regarded as the principal author). If a paper has been accepted by an SCI, SSCI, or EI-indexed journal for publication, a letter of acceptance will suffice for this requirement. For papers published in other journals, the actual journal in which the paper is published should be presented when the applicant is applying for a doctoral degree. An academic paper published in an EI-indexed journal should be a journal article.

3. The foregoing research output requirements also apply to XMU doctoral candidates from foreign countries, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

4. A doctoral candidate should submit his or her application for a doctoral degree within six years of the successful defense of his or her dissertation. Late applications will not be accepted.

## **II. Academic Publication Requirements for a Master's Degree**

1. In the period between admission to the master's degree program to the conferral of the master's degree, a master's student should publish at least one paper in the relevant discipline (in either a paper-based or electronic journal bearing an official serial number or internal periodical registration number/printing permit number), or publish a compiled work(s), translation(s), textbook(s) and/or other scientific work(s) in the relevant discipline (with a combined total of 30,000 words). For any of these publications, the master's degree candidate should be cited as the principal author (if the candidate's supervisor is cited as the principal author and the candidate as the co-author, the candidate will be regarded as the principal author), and "Xiamen University" should be cited as the primary affiliation of the author.

2. Candidates in the Master of Translation and Interpreting (MTI) program are

not required to publish papers to earn their degrees. To these candidates, the relevant national guidelines will apply.

3. Master's degree candidates from foreign countries, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan are not required to publish papers to obtain their degree.

4. A master's student should submit his or her application for a master degree within four years of the successful defense of his or her thesis. Late applications will not be accepted.

### **III. Miscellaneous**

1. For in-service master's and doctoral candidates applying for their degrees on the strength of equivalent educational attainment, a different set of guidelines is applicable to their research output requirement.

2. The recognized core journals are listed in the *List of Core Academic Journals Recognized by Xiamen University*. In the event of a new list, the old one will remain valid for another full year following the release of the new one.

3. These Guidelines should take immediate effect upon the release of this document. To maintain internal policy consistency, this document should only apply to students admitted in or after 2014, while CFLC's previous *Guidelines for the Publication of Papers as a Prerequisite for Applying for MA or Doctoral Degrees (CFLC Postgraduate (2011) No. 002)* should remain applicable to graduate students admitted in and before 2013. The CFLC Academic Degree Evaluation Committee is responsible for interpreting these new guidelines.

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