

Universidad de Puerto Rico  
Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez  
SENADO ACADEMICO  
Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

CERTIFICACION NUMERO 72-43

Yo, Gloria A. Viscasillas, Secretaria del Senado Académico del  
Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez de la Universidad de Puerto Rico CERTIFICO:

Que en la reunión celebrada el día 7 de diciembre de 1972 este  
organismo aprobó por unanimidad las NORMAS INSTITUCIONALES SOBRE  
PROGRAMAS DOCTORALES, las cuales se incluyen con esta certificación y se  
hacen formar parte de ella.

Y para que así conste y se pongan en vigor dichas normas, expido y  
remito la presente certificación a las autoridades universitarias correspondientes  
en Mayagüez, Puerto Rico a los trece días del mes de diciembre del año de mil  
novecientos setenta y dos.

  
Gloria A. Viscasillas  
Secretaria

Anejo

# UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

The degree Doctor of Philosophy is conferred for distinguished scholarly attainment and original contribution to knowledge. Only those students showing creative research potential will be considered for admission to the doctoral program.

### ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

#### Qualifying Examination

A written and/or oral qualifying examination as required by the student's academic department will be taken not sooner than after having completed one year of residence by all graduate students in good standing wishing to pursue a doctoral program. Upon recommendation of the Department, however, a student in any field who has received a master's degree in the same or a related field of study from an accredited institution may take the qualifying examination before one year of residence, if he so desires.

The examination will be given by the faculty of the student's academic department and administered by the Office of Graduate Studies. A student who passes the examination may, in addition, be required to make up deficiencies. A student may be allowed to take the qualifying examination a second time. However, failure to pass the examination a second time within two years of residence disqualifies the student from the doctoral program.

Students who have successfully met the departmental qualifying examination requirements may be granted admission to the doctoral program.

### Advisory Committee

After a student has been admitted to a doctoral program, a graduate advisor shall be designated by the department to advise the student until he has obtained the consent of a faculty member to serve as chairman of his Advisory Committee. This committee shall consist of five members, at least two of whom must come from outside the major discipline, and at least one of the latter from another department. The additional committee members will be chosen by the chairman of the student's Advisory Committee in consultation with the student and with the Directors of the Departments of the professors involved. The student's program of study will be determined by his Advisory Committee.

### Residence Requirements

A minimum of three academic years of residence for those entering with a Baccalaureate, or two academic years of residence for those entering with a Master's degree, is required.

An academic year of residence is defined as registration in the University at Mayaguez for not less than 18 credits distributed over a period not less than two semesters. Three summer sessions may be considered the equivalent of one semester for the purpose of fulfilling residence requirements.

### Credit Requirements

A minimum of 72 graduate credits beyond the Bachelor's degree is required. Passing the required number of credits does not automatically qualify a student for the degree.

Course credits transferred from other institutions are subject to approval by the Office of Graduate Studies upon recommendation of the Advisory Committee and the department up to a maximum of 24 credits. All credits transferable need not necessarily be equivalent to credits granted for courses offered at the University, if they are approved as significantly enhancing

scholarship. A minimum of 30 credits, exclusive of the dissertation, must be earned at the University in courses at the 600 level or higher.

A minimum of 12 graduate credits approved by the Advisory Committee must be earned in one or more related fields outside the student's academic department.

A maximum of 12 credits may be granted for 551-599 level course work, of which not more than 6 shall be allowed in the major field. No graduate credit will be granted for courses below the 551 level.

A maximum of 12 credits representing the dissertation will be granted towards the Doctor of Philosophy Degree. A student may, however, be allowed to register for more than 12 dissertation credits during the entire period of his graduate program.

All requirements for the degree must be met within a period of 8 years. Extensions may be granted only in special cases, when recommended by the Department and must be approved by the Graduate Council.

#### Language Requirements

Students in doctoral programs should possess a working knowledge of both English and Spanish, since instruction is given in both languages. A reading proficiency in at least one language other than English and Spanish is required.

The language examination is administered by the Office of Graduate Studies with the cooperation of the language departments of the University.

#### Comprehensive Examination

Before admission to candidacy for the doctorate, the student must pass a comprehensive examination covering his entire doctoral program which may be written, or both written

and oral. This examination will ordinarily be taken after the student has completed most or all of his course work. A student may be allowed to take the comprehensive examination a second time. Failure on this second examination will disqualify the student from the doctoral program.

#### Advancement to Candidacy

After the student has passed the comprehensive examination, the foreign language requirement, and successfully completed all his course work, the Advisory Committee will recommend to the Office of Graduate Studies that the student be admitted to candidacy for the doctoral degree.

#### Dissertation

The doctoral dissertation should be a scholarly presentation which is a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge resulting from independent research, and should be suitable for publication.

#### Final Examination

The final examination shall consist of an oral defense of the candidate's dissertation before his Advisory Committee and a representative from another department appointed by the Office of Graduate Studies. A single negative vote by a member of the Examining Committee will not fail the candidate, except in the case of the Chairman of the Committee, whose negative vote will be decisive.

The student will have satisfied all academic requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree upon passing the final examination and when the dissertation has been approved in its final form by the Advisory Committee and accepted by a Representative of the Office of Graduate Studies.

No course with grades lower than B may be credited toward the doctorate. A maximum of 9 credits with C can be repeated or replaced by credits passed in alternative courses. A total of more than 9 credits with C will disqualify the student from the doctoral program. A grade of D or F, or an Incomplete in courses within his field of study not removed by the student will also automatically disqualify him.

Approved by the Academic Senate

December 7, 1972