

PROCESS OF PHD

Acceptance

- Students who meet the application requirements and are successful in the written/oral interviews are entitled to register.
- In order to receive a scholarship, students are expected to meet the scholarship conditions.
- The duration of the program is at least 8 semesters and at most 12 semesters.

Course Registration

- Course selection is made from the OBS system with the approval of the Academic Advisor assigned during registration.
- During the program, at least 7 courses and seminar courses must be taken, with a total of not less than 21 credits.

Advisor & Thesis Topic

- Thesis Advisor is determined by the end of the 1st semester at the latest.
- Thesis Topic is determined by the end of the 2nd semester at the latest.

Course Process

- Compulsory courses of the curriculum must be completed by the end of the 4th semester at the latest.
- PhD students who will take the proficiency exam in the following semester or semester after completing the seminar and lessons should be enrolled in the course "XXXX 56XX Guided Research/Focused Study/Proficiency" in the following semester.
- The lowest grade to be successful in graduate courses is B-.
- The seminar course is compulsory, its grade is S or U.
- It is compulsory to take courses in Research and Ethics. If an equivalent course is documented in the Master's Degree, another elective course can be taken with the decision of the Board of Directors.
- A maximum of 2 courses can be taken from other programs. Undergraduate courses are not counted towards the credit load.

Qualification Process

- Students who successfully complete their courses and seminar courses can take the qualifying exam at the end of the 5th semester at the latest.
- A qualifying exam jury consists of five faculty members, one of whom is the advisor, including at least two instructors from outside Yaşar University.
- The qualifying exam consists of two parts, written and oral. Students who are successful in the written exam are taken to the oral exam.
- Students are considered successful if they get at least 60 points out of 100 from each of the written and oral exams and the total grade, which is calculated as the weighted average of both exams with the equal weights, is at least 70 points out of 100.
- The decision and relevant forms are forwarded to the graduate school within 3 workdays by the department.

Thesis Proposal, Thesis Monitoring Process

- A thesis monitoring committee is formed within 1 month for the student who is successful in the proficiency exam. The relevant form is forwarded to the Graduate School through the head of the department.
- The student who is successful in the proficiency exam defends her/his thesis proposal orally in front of the thesis monitoring committee within 6 months at the latest from the proficiency exam.
- For the student whose thesis proposal is accepted, the thesis monitoring committee convenes at least twice a year, once between January-June and July-December. If the student fails 2 times in a row, or 3 times in total, she/he will be dismissed.

To Enter The Thesis Defense

- At least 3 Successful Thesis Monitoring Committee meetings are required to enter the thesis defense.
- GPA should be 3.00 and above.
- Publication condition, if any, must be met.

Thesis Defense Application

- The thesis, which is prepared in accordance with the thesis writing rules and approved by the advisor, is sent to the Graduate School by the head of the department with the Thesis Defense Application Form and the publication, if any.
- If the thesis is in compliance with the thesis writing rules and within the limits accepted for similarity scanning,
- If the student meets the conditions to make theses defense,
- If the jury is appropriate, the Graduate School decides on the Thesis Defense meeting and makes the announcements.
- The student and the advisor submit the thesis and the meeting date/location to the juries.

Thesis Defense

- The student defends her/his thesis to the jury.
- The defense report and individual jury evaluation forms are submitted to the Graduate School within 3 days.
- If successful, she/he gets an S grade and submits her/his thesis within 1 month.
- If correction is requested, she/he gets an I grade and defends her/his thesis again in 6 months before the same jury.
- If it is found unsuccessful, he/she receives a U grade and is dismissed from the program.

Thesis Delivery

- Theses that meet the requirements specified in the GS Thesis Writing Guide and are suitable in terms of format are delivered to the Graduate School (GS) in 3 copies with white cardboard hardcover (without spiral). One copy must be signed by the jury.
- "Thesis data entry form" should be obtained from the Council of Higher Education Thesis Center and submitted to the GS.
- The PDF thesis, saved with the reference number found in the thesis data entry form, should be submitted to the Graduate School with 3 CDs. The file should not contain any personal data.
- The Thesis Submission Form signed by both the student and the advisor must be submitted to the Graduate School.