

“Long Term Study” for doctoral course students

A student who requests that he/she be permitted to take courses and complete the degree program in a planned manner during a certain period that exceeds the standard duration of that program for reasons of employment or for other reasons, the Graduate School of Public Policy may approve the request upon discussion by the Education Council.

The Education Council makes decision of “Long-Term Study” after thorough consideration in terms of the situations of the student’s work, childbearing, means or plans of childcare or nursing-care, or, extent of disabilities or rehabilitation, and the applicant's study plan.

■ Who can apply?

1. Full-time workers, including persons who work for public offices, private companies, etc. (excluding persons who receive salaries and are exempted from work) and self-employed persons. Part-time workers are also eligible; however, those persons who engage in light-duty part-time work that does not influence their studies are excluded.

*Please also refer to the “When you can apply?”

2. Persons who are expecting a baby, or who have to care for a child or relative.

3. Persons whose study is considered to be significantly limited for a long period of time due to their visual, hearing, physical or other disability.

■ When you can apply?

A. At the time you are newly admitted to the doctoral course.

Or,

B. At the time you have been studying in the course basically less than two years after your enrollment in the doctoral course, excluding the period of leave of absence.*

*An applicant who has a job at the time of enrollment can apply for the "Long Term Study" ONLY AT THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT.

■ Maximum period of enrollment and number of years required for course completion

(1) Maximum period of enrollment shall be six years.

(2) Number of years required for course completion can be decided according to the applicant’s study plan, however, never be allowed to exceed the maximum period of enrollment set out in the preceding paragraph.

■ Important note

Those who plan to apply for the “Long Term Study” at the time of enrollment, please notify to the PhD Desk via email before or at the same time of application.

■ Inquiry about "Long Term Study"

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