



**Rangsit University Regulation**  
**Regarding Criteria for Publication of Independent Study Academic Work for Graduation**  
**For Master Degree Programs Plan 2 (Professional Plan)**  
**B.E. 2566 (2023)**

In order to ensure compliance with the regulations specified in Section 13 of the Rangsit University Regulations for Graduate Education Standards as stated in B.E.2566 (2023), the publication of the independent study is a requirement for the completion of the Rangsit University Master's Degree. In order to fulfil the graduation requirements for the level of Master's Degree, Plan 2 (Professional Plan) B.E. 2566 (2023), academic work in accordance with the independent study must be published according to the following criteria:

**Section 1.** This regulation shall come into force on 28 July 2023.

**Section 2.** Rules, regulations, orders, or announcements previously issued or against this Regulation shall be repealed and substituted by this Regulation.

**Section 3.** Definitions of terms used in this Regulation:

“University” refers to Rangsit University.

“Academic work” refers to work according to one of the following:

- (1) An independent study report or portion of an independent study report that has been reviewed for quality prior to publication by the Independent Study Examination Committee or the Thesis Examination Committee, with external committee members initially reviewing it.
- (2) Academic articles or research papers from independent study or part of independent study in Plan 2 (professional) master's programs.

**Section 4.** Academic research shall be published by particular means, as specified below.

4.1 The requirements for publication, or at least acceptance for publication, in a national or international journal are as follows:

4.1.1 National academic journals must be high-quality academic journals accepted by educational institutions in that field of study or related fields of study. The academic publication must be published regularly for at least three years, and the quality of the articles must be examined by at least three external experts (peer review) from different institutions. Academic journals with a well-defined publication schedule may be published in print or electronic media.

4.1.2 International academic journals must be listed in the databases of the Civil Service Commission in higher education institutions, such as ERIC, MathsciNet, PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science (in the SCIE SSCI and AHCI databases only), JSTOR, and Project Muse. Academic journals may be published in print or electronic format (or).

4.2 Presenting academic work at national and international conferences with external committee members participating in the review process, both in the form of academic presentations in lectures or posters. Complete articles must be published in conference proceedings (or).

4.3 Creative works must be published through exhibitions or presentations both nationally and internationally. A minimum of three academic experts in the respective field of study including experts from outside the university serve on a committee to evaluate the quality of the work prior to its publication. Documentation of the event, which may be in printed or electronic format, must be submitted.

4.4 Publication of the full independent study paper must be searchable on the university website. Proof of intent to publish the independent study on the university website is also required.

However, academic work outlined in Sections 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 must include the student's name as either the primary author, corresponding author, or an essential intellectual contributor. In addition, the work must identify Rangsit University as the institution. The academic work must be the outcome of university research and must be published or distributed within one year of acceptance.

**Section 5.** The Graduate School must be provided with one of the proofs of publication or dissemination of the independent study described in item 4 above. All publication requirements for independent study for the master's degree are as follows:

5.1 In cases where the independent study paper has been published in an academic journal, the following must be included:

5.1.1 An independent study publication report form

5.1.2 The cover of a journal or a copy

5.1.3 A title page or page with the names of the editorial team and the names of the experts evaluating the paper

5.1.4 Contents or a copy

5.1.5 Published articles or a copy

5.2 In the case of the independent study being presented at an academic conference and the conference report having been produced, the following must be included:

5.2.1 An independent study publication report form

5.2.2 The cover of an academic conference report or a copy

5.2.3 A page with the names of the experts reviewing the paper or a copy of one

5.2.4 Contents or a copy

5.2.5 Published articles or a copy

5.2.6 A document certifying the presentation of the research at an academic conference on the date and time specified by the conference director.

5.3 In the case that the independent study has already been published as a creative work in the form of exhibitions or presentations, the following must be included:

5.3.1 An independent study publication report form

5.3.2 Documented evidence that the work is a creative work has been published, including the name of the event, the name of the organization organizing the event, the place and time of the event, a table of contents listing the works in the exhibitions or presentations, a list of experts, and published articles describing the study.

5.4 In the case that the independent study has been published as a full independent study paper on the university's website, the following must be included:

5.4.1 An independent study publication report form

5.4.2 Documented evidence that the work is academic and has been published, including the name of the website and the date of publication, along with a list of experts and an abstract of the independent study paper.

5.5 In the cases that the independent study paper has been accepted for publication in an academic journal, presented at an academic conference, or displayed as a creative work in exhibitions or presentations but has not yet been published, the following must be included:

5.5.1 An independent study publication report form

5.5.2 A certificate of acceptance for publication from the editor or publisher of the journal, specifying the journal name, year, issue, publication period, and other details; a certificate of acceptance of the presentation from the organizer of the academic conference, indicating the name of the academic conference, the time period for organizing academic conferences, and other details; or a certificate of acceptance for publication from the show organizer, stating the name of the event, the dates of the event, and other details. In case the certificate is questioned for any reason, the university has the right to have a committee of experts from the university review it.

5.5.3 An article accepted for publication, photocopies, or the description of an article accepted for publication in exhibitions or presentations.

5.5.4 The evidence of the latest issue of the journal to be published, including the front cover of the journal or a copy of it along with a secondary cover page and a page listing the names of the editorial team and the names of the experts reviewing the article, or the evidence with information about academic events and a list of experts reviewing the article, or the evidence of exhibitions or presentations information and the names of experts reviewing the article.

5.5.5 After the completion of the academic journal, the student must submit evidence in accordance with Sections 5.1.2 to 5.1.5 of the journal that published the article to the Graduate School. The Graduate School must receive this evidence within 30 days of the publication schedule mentioned in the acceptance certificate for publication. Alternatively, upon completion of the publication conference report, the student's article must be demonstrated to the Graduate School in accordance with sections 5.2.2 to 5.2.6 of the published academic conference report. This evidence must be delivered to the Graduate School no later than 30 days following the submission deadline indicated in the certificate of acceptance for presentation. Or, when the deadline for publication of the creative work in an exhibition has been completed, evidence according to Section 5.5.2 must be presented to the Graduate School within 30 days from the exhibition schedule specified in the certificate of acceptance for publication of the article. If a creative work is presented as an exhibition or presentations, it is essential to supply the evidence listed in Section 5.3.2 to the Graduate School within 30 days of the scheduled exhibition or performance indicated in the certificate of acceptance for publication of papers. Failure to adhere to the aforementioned principles will result in disqualification of the independent study for publication and failure to fulfill the graduation requirements.

**Section 6.** The amount and type of publication shall be as specified in the program's graduation criteria and Rangsit University's graduate regulations.

**Section 7.** If no criteria or guidelines are specified in this announcement, or if there is an issue with compliance with this announcement, the Dean of the Graduate School will report it to Rangsit University's Academic Committee for judgment. The Academic Committee's decision shall be regarded final.

### **Final Provision**

**Section 8.** For students who enrolled in the recently opened Master's program and the previous Master's program that was revised before September 27, 2022, are required to present the Rangsit University announcement regarding the independent study publication criteria in order to complete the Master's Degree (2021). These criteria shall remain valid during the student's enrollment at the university and continue in determining eligibility for master's level study until the student withdraws from a student status.

Announced on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2023

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