



Announcement

Qualifying Examination for Academic Year 2025 for Ph.D. Chemical Sciences Student

GENERAL RULES (according to the student guideline)

1. A Ph.D. student must take his/ her Ph.D. qualifying examinations in his/ her fourth semester at the latest. Students who fail the qualifying examinations are asked to retake the exam. Students are eligible to take the qualifying examination only twice; those who fail will be dismissed from the doctoral program.
2. Ph.D. qualifying examinations are conducted entirely in English.
3. The qualifying examinations may include a written and/or oral exam.
4. Eligibility requirements for the qualifying examinations:
 - For Ph.D. students, they must follow the announcements set out by their respective Program Management Committee. (if required)
 - For Master's students who have been transferred to a Ph.D. degree program
 - (1) For plan A (1), students must have completed research work which can be further developed as a Ph.D. thesis. Additionally, they must have been approved by the respective Program Management Committee and have notified the Division of Academic Support.
 - (2) For plan A (2), students must enroll for at least 2 semesters and have completed not less than 12 credits of coursework with a cumulative GPA (i.e., GPAX) not less than 3.50 or must have been approved for eligibility by the Program Management Committee.
5. The time, dates and venues of the qualifying examinations will be announced annually.

For Academic Year 2025:

The qualifying examinations consist of two separate parts i.e., fundamental and specialized examinations. Students are required to take both.

5.1 The Fundamental examination for each study track covers materials from the following courses;

Chemical Biology

0402502 Spectroscopy for Chemical Sciences

0102501 Principles of Applied Biosciences: Systems Biology

0102502 Experimental Strategies and Methods for Biological Problems

Organic Chemistry

0402502 Spectroscopy for Chemical Sciences

0402501 Advanced Organic Chemistry

0402602 Medicinal Chemistry

5.2 The Specialized examination for each study track covers materials from the following courses;

Chemical Biology

0403505 Natural Products Chemistry

0402602 Medicinal Chemistry

Organic Chemistry

0403504 Organic Synthesis 1

0403505 Natural Products Chemistry

PASS/FAIL CRITERIA

Scores from the fundamental and specialized examinations contribute equally to the final scores. A student must obtain at least 60% to pass the qualifying examinations. Should the student fail to attain 60%, the student must secure at least 40% to qualify for the subsequent oral examination. Those who fail to attain 40% will have to retake the examination.

EXAMINATION DATE

Date / Venue	Chemical Biology	Organic Chemistry
16 th March, 2026 at Seminar Room 3, 3 rd Floor, Chulabhorn Graduate Building	- 0402502 Spectroscopy for Chemical Sciences - 0402602 Medicinal Chemistry	- 0402502 Spectroscopy for Chemical Sciences - 0402501 Advanced Organic Chemistry - 0402602 Medicinal Chemistry
23 rd March, 2026 at Seminar Room 3, 3 rd Floor, Chulabhorn Graduate Building	- 0403505 Natural Products Chemistry	- 0403505 Natural Products Chemistry - 0403504 Organic Synthesis 1
To be announced examination date from ABS & ET Program	- 0102501 Principles of Applied Biosciences: Systems Biology - 0102502 Experimental Strategies and Methods for Biological Problems	

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