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**ESSAND Policy on Qualifying Examination for D.Phil. in Earth System Science**

All students enrolling in the D.Phil. program in Earth System Science at ESSAND are required to take the Qualifying Examination (QE). The examination is administered by the ESSAND's Qualifying Examination Committee.

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of QE is to measure the student's qualifications as a D.Phil. student. It will evaluate both knowledge and problem-solving ability.

**2. Examination Dates**

QEs are generally arranged twice per year, i.e., in December and April. The dates can be changed appropriately.

**3. Completion Deadline**

Students enrolling in the D.Phil. program in Earth System Science must pass the examination within the first three semesters in the program (discounting approved leave of absence). Each student is allowed to take the exam twice. Under special circumstances, the graduate committee would consider a student's petition to extend the three-semester duration by one additional semester.

**4. Request for Taking Examination**

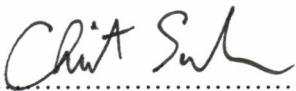
The student must submit the QE request form to ESSAND no later than three weeks prior to the examination date. The student can withdraw the request no later than one week prior to the examination date. Except for medical reasons or family emergencies, failure to take the examination on the assigned date will be counted as failing the examination.

**5. Examination Subjects**

Each student must take two subjects, including 964-101 (Earth System Science) and the other subject related to the student's thesis research area called the research subject. The research subject will be assigned by the student's thesis advisor.

**6. Grading**

Forty points and sixty points of the total score of 100 points are from 964-101 and the research subject, respectively. To pass the examination, the student must get the total score of not less than 80 points.

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(Asst. Prof. Dr. Chinnawat Surussavadee)  
Chair of the Qualifying Examination Committee

Date: January 29, 2016