

Graduation Project

At Tishk International University, compulsory graduation studies may include a thesis, project, seminar, internship, research, fieldwork, elective courses, or other academic activities that demonstrate that students have reached the required professional level according to their educational program.

The requirements for graduation studies, including their submission, examination, and evaluation, are determined by the authorized committee of the relevant department or academic program. Graduation studies are generally scheduled within the last two semesters of the program, although a graduation study may also be included within a single course. Topics may be assigned to students in earlier years according to the applicable regulations.

Graduation Project Evaluation

The Graduation Project evaluation consists of three main components:

- Academic Level of the Thesis/Project
- Progress Evaluation
- Presentation and Defense

Passing the Presentation and Defense Session is a mandatory condition for passing the Graduation Project course. A student who does not pass the Presentation and Defense Session is considered to have failed the course.

Evaluation Criteria

The academic level of the Graduation Project may be evaluated according to criteria including:

- Project or research aims
- Academic level of the literature review
- Project or research methodology
- Practical work or data collection
- Analysis of results
- Conclusions and recommendations
- Academic quality of references

The student's progress may also be evaluated based on:

- Commitment to meetings
- Teamwork, where applicable
- Responsiveness
- Academic ethics

The Presentation and Defense is evaluated according to:

- Quality of the presentation
- Ability to communicate and deliver ideas
- Ability to answer questions

Departments may use equivalent criteria and may add further criteria where appropriate.

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

A plagiarism test must be conducted before the defense. The acceptable similarity percentage is determined and benchmarked by the scientific committee of the relevant department.

It is recommended to conduct the plagiarism check approximately two weeks before the final submission deadline, allowing students sufficient time to reduce the similarity percentage if it exceeds the permitted level. The project supervisor is responsible for reviewing the plagiarism report and assessing the identified areas of similarity.

Evaluation Rubric and Feedback

The evaluation criteria and performance levels must be clearly stated in the project's evaluation form, rubric, or thesis manual and should be shared with students during the early stages of the project.

Suggested corrections and recommendations resulting from the evaluation should be provided to students in written form.

Group Graduation Projects

Where a Graduation Project is completed by a group of students, a significant part of the final grade must be based on individual assessment.

Individual performance must be assessed during both the Progress Evaluation and the Presentation and Defense Evaluation. The handbook specifically states that purely collective scoring is not acceptable.

Graduation Project Examination

The Graduation Project examination is conducted during the final examination period.

The followings are the steps of the Graduation Project Process at TIU:

1. The Head of the Department directs each lecturer to propose a minimum of three research directions or subtopics that align with his/her research interests and area of expertise.
2. The student, in consultation with academic advisors, selects a relevant and feasible topic for the graduation project. The topic should align with the student's academic interests and the guidelines provided by the department.
3. The student is assigned a project supervisor by the Departmental Scientific Committee based on the research directions indicated by the lecturers in step 1.
4. The supervisor assists in refining the project scope, defining objectives, and setting milestones.
5. The Head of Department announces the titles of the projects on TIU official platforms: PIS/SIS, Webpage, Lecture notes
6. The supervisor and the students sign the "Graduation Project Supervision Agreement"
7. The Department fills in the "4/5th Year Supervision List" and announces it to students on TIU official platforms: PIS/SIS, Webpage, Lecture notes.
8. Graduation Research Project Committee is established in the department with supervisors to be the members. The Head of Department assigns one of the members to be the Graduation Research Projects Committee Chair.
9. The Graduation Research Projects Chair arranges seminars for the 4TH/5TH Grade Students about how to conduct and write the graduation project to tackle the most crucial topics related to the research project and to demonstrate the Graduation Research Project Manual.
10. The student meets regularly with the project supervisor (minimum twice a month) for updates and feedback. The supervisor provides guidance, addresses challenges, and monitors the overall progress of the project. The supervisor documents the meetings using "Supervision Log and Progress Sheet."
11. By the end of the academic year, the department prepares a list of GP Defense Committees for all the projects.

12. As the project progresses, the student begins preparing the thesis document. The thesis includes sections such as introduction, literature review, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion.
13. The student submits the draft thesis to the GP Defense Committee for review. The committee evaluates the quality of research, methodology, and adherence to academic standards.
14. The student incorporates feedback from the GP Defense Committee and revises the thesis accordingly. The final version of the thesis is prepared for submission.
15. The student defends the thesis in front of GP Defense Committee. The defense includes a presentation of key findings, methodology, and responses to questions from the committee.
16. The GP Defense Committee evaluates the thesis and defense performance. The student is graded based on the quality of the research, adherence to academic standards, and the effectiveness of the defense.