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Before applying for a degree thesis defense, a student must publish (or have accepted) at least one academic paper related to the main content of the degree thesis. The academic paper must be published (or accepted) in a publicly published or distributed academic journal. The calculation method for the paper is:

1. A paper co-authored (signed as the second or third author) and published (or accepted) in CSSCI/SCI/SSCI indexed journals (except for the pre-warning journals of the Chinese Academy of Sciences or the Ministry of Science and Technology), or in one of the four journals hosted by our institute (the first author must be their supervisor), or a paper co-authored (signed as the second author) and published (or accepted) in the aforementioned journals (where the first author is not the supervisor, but the supervisor is the corresponding author), counts as one paper.
2. As a participant in a project, involvement in the successful application (listed as a participant at the time of application) or completion (listed as a participant at the time of completion), a national-level project led by the supervisor, as well as projects from the Ministry of Education's Philosophy and Social Sciences branch and the Shanghai branch of Philosophy and Social Sciences, counts as one paper.
3. Participating as the first author in well-known domestic or international academic conferences, submitting papers, and delivering conference speeches (if the supervisor is the first author, the individual can be the second author), counts as one paper.
4. Being the second contributor (with the supervisor as the primary contributor) and receiving approval or adoption from provincial or ministerial level leadership (either principal or deputy level or above), counts as one paper.
5. A Master's student participating as a core member in the National MPA Case Competition and winning a National Third Prize or above, counts as one paper.
6. A Master's student who, as the second author (with the supervisor as the first author), has contributed to an MPA case that is included in the National MPA Education Steering Committee's case database, counts as one paper.
7. A Master's student participating as the top-ranked member in a national student academic competition and winning a Third Prize or higher, counts as one paper.
8. As a participant in a project that has won a scientific research award at the provincial or ministerial level or above (with the supervisor as the primary awardee), it counts as one paper.

For all of the above achievements, the student's signing unit must list Shanghai Jiaotong University as the primary institution. When submitting a graduation thesis, you need to provide the cover, table of contents, and the first page of the paper; if it is an accepted paper, you need to provide an acceptance notice and the full text of the paper. For all award-winning results, you must provide award certificates or official publicity information; for approved or adopted achievements, you need to provide proof of approval or adoption; for case database inclusion achievements, you need to provide proof of case database inclusion or official publicity information. For academic conference participation achievements, you need to provide the conference schedule containing author signing information, the full text of the conference paper submitted, and conference attendance photos; for project application approval achievements, you need to provide the project application and project approval certification; for project completion achievements, you need to provide project completion reports and project completion certification.

Each student will be asked to work under the guidance of a supervisor who is usually also a faculty member of the SIPA to prepare his/her thesis. Every thesis will be





