Students who have been advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. can apply for a dissertation proposal defense. The proposal defense must be approved by the dissertation adviser and a dissertation proposal defense committee. The committee members should include the dissertation adviser and more than three faculty members or experts in the related fields.

VI. Dissertation Defense Examination

Upon applying for the dissertation defense examination, the Ph.D. candidates must meet the following requirements: <u>have at least two papers presented in domestic or foreign conferences with discussants; have at least one book or one book paper or one formally publication reviewed Scopus paper; give a formal presentation in the seminars held by the Department of Economics or other conferences; have a satisfactory English proficiency level (see table 3) and pass the academic integrity and ethics curriculum.</u>

The starting and ending dates for applying for the dissertation defense examination are marked on the school academic calendar. The application date for a dissertation defense examination must precede the dissertation defense by at least two weeks.

- VII. Graduate students will be granted with a Ph.D. degree when he or she is advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. on schedule and has a satisfactory dissertation defense examination grade and satisfactory conduct.
- VIII. The Ph.D. program requirements including any amendments should be approved in departmental meetings and sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference.