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The purpose of this research was to determine variables which would be able to discriminate the success in conducting thesis between Social Sciences graduate students of Chulalongkorn University completing the program within 4 semesters and 5-6 semesters. The sample were students who enrolled in 1992. There were 163 students completing the program within 4 semesters. The rest of 94 students completing the program within 5-6 semesters. Data were collected by mailed questionnaire and interview and were analyzed by using percentage, mean, standard deviation, z-test of proportion, and discriminant analysis.

The major findings of this research were as follows : there were two main factors discriminating the success in conducting thesis. The factors related to themselves were : (1) full-time conducting thesis versus part-time, (2) student's Thai and English language ability and ability in choosing statistical analysis methods, (3) personal character, and (4) age. The factors related to the process in conducting thesis were : (1) thesis advisor's time for advice and the motivation given to student to do research, (2) time management and continuity in conducting thesis, (3) availability of budgets in conducting thesis, (4) the assistance searching research document and related literature, data collection, data analysis, correcting the research report, (5) availability of library resources in conducting thesis, (6) cooperation from the subjects, (7) the expert's time spending to comment in validity of instrument, and (8) the punctuation of thesis typist.

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