

NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

Institute of Philosophy Regulations of Degree Conferrals for Master's Degree Students

Applicable for Students Starting in School Year 110

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- I. This set of regulations is issued based on the Ministry of the Education Degree Conferral Law and its enforcement rules, "National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) Academic Regulations," and "NSYSU Enforcement Rules of Postgraduate Students Degree Examinations."
- II. Relevant items during study periods:
 - A. Degree-studying periods: One to four years in accordance with regulations of the Ministry of Education (excluding periods of retainment of student status and suspensions).
 - B. Credit System and Course Requirements: Master's program students should complete a

minimum of 30 credits and specialized courses within the specified period of study. The minimum graduation credits must include 3 credits for required courses and at least 2 foundational courses (6 credits) from the course structure diagram. It can also include 6 credits from courses offered by other departments.

- C. Specialized Course-related Matters: After completing 30 credits, master's program graduate students must fill out the "Advisor Confirmation Form" and enroll in specialized courses under the guidance of their advisor or co-advisor within the department (these credits are not included in the graduation credit calculation).
- D. Research Ethics Education Workshop for Graduate Students: Graduate students must adhere to the regulations of the academic research ethics education workshop of this university. It is a principle to complete the workshop before the end of the first academic year. Those who do not pass the workshop are not eligible to apply for the degree examination.
- E. Appointment of supervisors:
 - 1. Supervisors shall be faculty members academically ranked above assistant professors and eligible as degree examination committee members specified in the Degree Conferral Law.
 - 2. Thesis supervisors of master's students shall in general be faculty members of the institute. If a supervisor from another department (university) is selected, joint supervision with at least one current faculty member of the institute is required in accordance with regulations of NSYSU.
 - 3. If a master's degree student for some reasons needs to change the supervisor, he/she shall obtain written consents from the original supervisor and the new supervisor prior to the change.

III. Master's degree examinations

- A. Definitions of semesters: a fall semester shall be from August 1 each year to January 31 in the following year. A spring semesters shall be from February 1 each year to July 31 in the following year.
- B. Relevant provisions for thesis outline examinations: a master's degree student may only apply for thesis outline examination after passing application for research courses and obtaining the supervisor' approval. Only one application per student is allowed in each semester. After passing the thesis outline examination, a student shall wait at least two months before taking the degree examination.
- C. Relevant provisions for degree examinations: master's students shall pass thesis outline examinations and be recommended by supervisors before applying for degree examinations. A student that fails the degree examination whose period of study is not yet completed may take the degree examination again in the next semester or next school year. Only one re-sit of examination is allowed. Students who fail for the second time will face expulsions in accordance with "NSYSU Academic Regulations."
- D. Academic Ethics Quality Assurance Mechanism for Master's Theses (Applicable to students admitted before the academic year 110):

All graduate students' theses must undergo a two-stage check using the academic thesis originality comparison system (for both the oral and final theses). The check excludes the introduction, references, table of contents, attachments, etc. The total similarity index of the check results should not exceed 12% as a principle. If it exceeds, the advisor's signature confirming no suspicion of plagiarism is required for approval.

- 1. One week before the thesis defense, graduate students must provide the advisor and thesis committee members with the results of the thesis originality check conducted by the library and information office (including the abstract). The similarity should not exceed 12% as a principle.

2. When graduate students leave the school upon graduation, they must submit the “Originality Report of the Thesis (excluding cited materials and bibliography, with a similarity not exceeding 12% as a principle)” and the “Declaration of Compliance with Academic Ethics Standards for Graduate Theses” to the department office for storage before graduation. Only then can they graduate and leave the school.
- IV. Graduation: students that fulfill each aforementioned requirement may apply for graduation.
 - V. This set of regulations shall be implemented following approvals of the institute general meeting and the college general meeting as well as authorization of the president. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.