

Regulations for Students Who Apply for Directly Studying in Ph. D Degree Program in National Yunlin University of Science and Technology

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Article 1. These applications were stipulated according to the “Regulations for Students Who Apply for Directly Studying in Ph. D Degree Program” from Ministry of Education and Item 4, Article 23 in University Act

Article 2. Students who apply for directly studying in Ph. D degree program should be qualified for the items listed below:

1. Graduating student in the current year

- (1) Students who with total rank of academic grades within top 10% in their department or class during study period and regarded as being potential to do researches or with other special performances evaluated as excellent and with potential for doing researches by the department or institute that said students planned to apply for directly studying in Ph. D Program may apply.
- (2) Recommended by at least 2 of professors or associate professors in either related department or institute in our university or the original department or institute that students study in

2. Graduates in master degree program

- (1) Graduates in master degree program who has already study for more than 1 semester with total academic grade rank within top 1/3 or with other special performances (for instance, publishing papers, publications, or inventions in journals with review systems,) evaluated as excellent by said master degree program
- (2) With proposed research plan(s) identified as showing potential for further investigation
- (3) Recommended by at least 2 of professors or associate professors in either related department or institute in our university or the original department or institute that students study in

Article 3. The quota of students who apply for directly studying in Ph. D degree program should be no more than 40% of the enrollment quota of said Ph. D degree program. If the enrollment quota is less than 5, the quota for students who apply for directly studying in Ph. D degree program should be at most 2, which also included in the total enrollment approved by ministry of education in that

academic year.

Article4. Students who apply for directly studying in Ph. D degree program are required to submit the following credentials to the Ph. D degree program they plan to apply to.

1. Application for Directly Studying in Ph. D Degree Program (Application sheet and recommendation letters conforming to the formats unified by office of academic affairs)
2. Transcripts of the past study periods (with the certificates for ranks) or the proof for special performances
3. Research proposal
4. Recommendation letters from at least 2 professors or associate professors
5. Assigned documents by the Ph. D program planned to apply to

Article5. Students Who Apply for Directly Studying in Ph. D Degree Program should apply to the Ph. D program planned to apply for directly studying in Ph. D degree program before April 30 in each year. After passing the preliminary trials in the department or institute affairs meetings of said Ph. D program, the accepted applications and minutes of meetings of said department or institute will be submitted to office of academic affairs to collect and organize into archives. After passing the review of admissions committee and approved by the principal, said students may directly study in Ph. D degree program.

Article6. After approved by principal, said students then will become the matriculated students in the Ph. D program of our university. The registration, check-in, reserved admission affairs, and etc. should be dealt with according to the related stipulations for admission of freshmen in Ph. D program.

Article7. Department or institute with insufficient graduate admission number in summer vacation period may accept applications in winter vacation period subject to availability and reviewed by department/institute affairs meeting before the beginning of the second semester of that academic year to signoff for principal to approve. After completing the procedures above, registration and change of identity to Ph. D program would be allowed within 2 week after starting of the semester.

The approved quota of mentioned in previous paragraph should be no more than the shortfall of Directly Studying in Ph. D Degree Program said department or institute in that year.

Article8. If student who apply for directly studying in Ph. D degree program stop studying in Ph. D

program for some reason or not passing the qualification examination for Ph. D degree candidate, he or she may submit application sheet to apply for going back to study in master degree program. After approved by the Ph. D degree program and passing the reviews of the department/institute affairs meetings of original master degree program as well as approved by principal, said student may go back to study in master degree program. The study period and records for leave of absence in Ph. D degree program would not be taken into account in the study period and records for leave of absence if master degree program. The study situation after re-join back to master program degree should follow the study regulations of original master degree program. If the application for going back to the original master degree program is approved in the semester, said semester would be counted as studying in the original master degree program.

The fact that said graduates who apply for directly studying in Ph. D degree program go back to study in master degree program has changed their identities should be informed by office of academic affairs to the life coaching group in student affair office.

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Students about to graduate in current academic year approved to study in Ph. D degree program are required to get bachelor's degree before register in Ph. D degree program, or the qualifications for directly study in Ph. D program would be canceled.

After transferring back to master degree program, said students are not allowed to apply for directly study in Ph. D degree anymore.

Article9. After graduates who complete the period of directly studying in Ph. D, if all the required credits and the stipulated examination or qualifications of that department / institute are completed but not pass Ph. D degree examination, master degree will be conferred under the circumstance that the proposed thesis is referred as conforming to the standard of master degree.

Article10. These regulations were approved by University Senate and submitted to principal for approval. Implementations were allowed after principal's approval. Any amendment is thereto.