

NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

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

Applicable for Students Starting in School Year 102

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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: a master's degree student shall complete a minimum of 30 credits for graduation (including 3 credits for compulsory courses, and 6 credits for courses of other departments may be accounted) and research courses.
 - C. Relevant items for research courses: a master's degree student, after completing 30 credits, or, in the semester in which 30 credits are expected to be completed, shall attend a thesis presentation meeting for master's degree students organized by the institute, and may only fill out a form for confirmation of supervisor after passing the presentation meeting. The student shall select research courses (credits of such courses will not be accounted as credits for graduation) of the confirmed supervisor or the co-supervisor of the institute. If the credits are not completed, the presented thesis will not be accounted and the same thesis may not be presented for a second time.
 - D. 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."

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.