

National Tsing Hua University Directions Governing Direct Admission of Current Bachelor's Program Graduates to Doctoral Programs

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1. Current bachelor's program graduates of NTHU and the University System of Taiwan ("UST") with excellent academic performance and research potential are allowed to apply with any department, institute, college or degree program of NTHU for direct admission to doctoral programs.

The criteria for excellent academic performance and research potential referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be set forth by the various departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs and then posted on the webpages of the departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs.

Current bachelor's program students of the UST who apply for cross-university direct admission to a doctoral program shall follow the "Regulations for Direct Admission of Students of the University System of Taiwan to PhD Programs" and the Directions.

2. Students who wish to apply for direct admission to a doctoral program shall file an application with their desired department, institute, college or degree program within the announcement period. Any application filed beyond this period will not be accepted.
3. Any student who applies for direct admission to a doctoral program shall submit the following documents:
 - (1) One copy of the application form for direct admission to the doctoral program;
 - (2) One copy of the full academic transcript of the bachelor's program;
 - (3) Two recommendation letters from assistant professors or above;
 - (4) Submissions designated by the department, institute, college or degree program.
4. Students from any department, institute, college or degree program who apply for direct admission to a doctoral program shall be subject to approval per the resolution of the department, institute, college or degree program meeting or authorized meeting. The list of admitted students shall be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs and subject to authorization by the President. The total of quota admitted and those for direct admission of graduate students authorized by NTHU and UST to doctoral programs (including domestic students and foreign students) shall be no more than 40% of the admission quota authorized to the doctoral program of the department, institute, college or degree program for the current academic year, unless the direct admission quota of the doctoral program are transferred by another department, institute or degree program of the same college.

The admission quota authorized for various departments, institutes, colleges and degree programs shall not be met through direction admission to doctoral programs in whole, except in

any of the following circumstances:

- A. Only one person is authorized as the admission quota of the doctoral program of the department, institute, college or degree program.
- B. A talent cultivation plan or project authorized by the Ministry of Education.

The quota referred to in the preceding paragraphs shall be included in the total number of students approved by the Ministry of Education for admission to the NTHU in each academic year.

The number of students approved by the UST for cross-university direct admission to doctoral programs shall not exceed 5% of the admission quota of the school.

- 5. Any bachelor's program student who is admitted to a doctoral program directly shall earn the bachelor's degree in the academic year when he/she is admitted to the doctoral program directly; otherwise, his/her eligibility for the direct admission to the doctoral program shall be revoked.
- 6. Students who pass the qualification assessment but fail to pass the doctoral degree examination upon expiration of the study years may be conferred the master's degree, if their doctoral degree papers are held by the doctoral degree exam committee to satisfy the master's degree criteria.
- 7. If any student directly admitted to the doctoral program fails to pass the qualification assessment, ceases his/her study in the doctoral program for any reason or fails to pass the doctoral degree examination and comply with the requirements referred to in Article 6 herein, he/she may submit an application form for transfer back to the original master's degree program upon approval of the current doctoral program and that of the meeting of the department, institute, college or degree program of the master's program, and authorization by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and President.

The study period of the graduate student referred to in the preceding paragraph in the doctoral program shall be excluded from the maximum study period for the master's program. For graduate students who transfer back to the original master's program in the middle of a semester, that semester will be regarded as the first semester of his/her master's study.

Those who complete the courses and credits required by the master's program of any department, institute, college or degree program may apply for the master's degree examination in the semester when they are transferred back, subject to approval of their advisors, free from the restriction on the minimum study years for the master's program.

Students who transfer to the master's program from the doctoral program may not apply for direct admission to a doctoral program again.

- 8. In addition to current bachelor's program graduates of NTHU and the UST who may apply for admission to the doctoral programs of NTHU, NTHU may offer to current bachelor's program graduates from other schools' direct admission to its doctoral programs, if necessary. Application qualifications include excellent academic performance and research potential during the study years and recommendation by more than two assistant professors of the student's original or related departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs. Those who are admitted to the doctoral program directly shall earn the bachelor's degree in the academic year when they are admitted to the doctoral program directly; otherwise, their eligibility for direct admission to the doctoral program shall be revoked. Other conditions and selection or examination methods shall be set forth by various doctoral programs independently or governed by NTHU's related admission regulations.
- 9. The direct admission quota of each doctoral program applicable to the current bachelor's program graduates from the other schools shall be included into the quota referred to in Article 4 herein.
- 10. Those who are admitted to more than two doctoral programs (inclusive) of NTHU or the UST at the same time shall choose one of them in which to study, or apply for dual student status.

11. The Directions shall be enforced upon approval of the faculty meeting.