

National Tsing Hua University

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Volume I: General Principles

Article 1 These Regulations are established in accordance with the “University Act”, “Enforcement Rules of the University Act” and the “Degree Conferral Law”.

- Article 2 Unless otherwise specified by law, student status in the university shall be subjected to these regulations.
Post-baccalaureate degree program students shall be subjected to “Guidelines Governing Review of Processing Post-baccalaureate Degree Program by Universities and Colleges” and these regulations.
If major disaster that identified by Ministry of Education occurs, students whom been affected and could not attend the university according to the “Direction for Junior College and Higher Levels to Deal With the Rights of Education of Student Affected by Major Disaster Rights of Education” may be given special consideration on a case by case basis and approved by Academic Meeting.

Volume II: Bachelor’s Degree Students

Chapter I: Admission

- Article 3 Graduates of public or accredited private high schools (or equivalent) or those who hold equivalent academic qualifications may apply to a bachelor’s degree program at NTHU after passing the University’s entrance exam.
Admitted students with an associate degree or higher diploma acquired in Hong Kong may apply for course exemptions and credit transfers or to proceed to another year in accordance with the *Regulations Governing Student Credit Transfer of National Tsing Hua University*.
- Article 4 Undergraduate students who have completed one academic year of study at a university, have graduated from a university with completion of conscription, have been exempted from conscription service, have graduated from a special program of a vocation school, possess equivalent academic qualification, or have completed the required credit points with a national open university, and have passed the entrance examination of the university might be admitted to the relevant year of study in a bachelor degree programs of this university.
- Article 5 Foreign students may apply this university in accordance with the “Regulation for Admission of Foreign Students” of this university which approved by the Ministry of Education.
Students apply for post-baccalaureate degree program shall according to the “National Tsing Hua University Post-baccalaureate Degree Program Student Recruitment Regulation” which approved by the Ministry of Education, yet equivalent education level is not accepted.
- Article 6 Newly admitted students and transfer students shall report and registry to the university on the stipulated date or will be disqualified for admission. Specific students with justifiable reasons should apply for a deferred registration by designated registration day (may be deferred up to 2 weeks) if unable to registry on the due time.
- Article 7 Newly admitted students should prepare the valid documents apply to the Department of Academic Affairs to keep the admission status before the registration date, upon approval free of any surcharge, if he/she meets the situation of serious illness, pregnancy, maternity, nursery care of baby (child under the age of 3), or for other specific reasons

that cannot registry for study in current academic year.

In general, the admission status for students can be preserved for up to 1 year except for students who responded the conscription service call, in which case they may apply for keeping the admission status active until discharge from conscription service with the presentation of proper certification document of conscription service, and register for study in the next academic term. Yet post-baccalaureate degree program student is not able to apply for reservation of admission.

Article 8 Students who used the admission status of another student, or the admission status stolen from another student, counterfeited or modified academic certification documents, or cheated in the entrance examination shall be disqualified from enrollment as a student once proved by the university or under sentence by law. Accordingly, such student will not be issued any certification document for proof of enrollment or study. If such student has already graduated from the university, the degree diploma so conferred shall be revoked and disqualified from graduation status with public notice.

Article 8-1 The government funded students of teacher education shall receive the rights and responsibilities according to “Regulations of Government Funded Students of Teacher Education Scholarship and Grants and Admission by Placement” and related regulations.

Chapter II: Fees, Registration, Course Selection

Article 9 All items and corresponding fees required for each student for the semester shall be announced before the registration of the term.

Article 10 Students shall make the tuition and fee payments on or before that day when each semester starts. A student is deemed to have completed the registration process when s/he completes the tuition and fee payments.

Student who fails to complete the registration process within five days (starting from the second day of the beginning of the semester) shall apply for late registration. The period of late registration shall be two weeks after the semester starts. Student who fails to complete the registration process after the late registration period ends, shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the university unless s/he makes an application for and is approved to further postpone her/his payments.

After the period of course Add-and-Drop Selection, students shall make the miscellaneous fee payments before its due date, student who overdue the payments for two weeks and does not apply for Leave of Absence shall be expelled from school.

Article 11 Students shall follow the supervision of the tutors of the academic departments (sections), degree programs and other requirements in the selection of courses, and enter the code of the tutor before the deadline for add/drop of courses. Students who failed enter the tutor code must complete the entry of the tutor code first in the next term before selection of courses online.

Article 12 Student who complete registration of the semester and does not select courses after Add-and-Drop Selection period shall apply for Leave of Absence unless s/he is approved for studying abroad, exchanging and studying double degree. Student who use all deferred study periods shall be expelled from school, except who extended deferred study that

according to Article 38. Paragraph 2 of National Tsing Hua University Academic Regulations.

From the 1st to the 3rd academic year, students shall register for at least 16 credits but not more than 25 credits for each term, and from 9 to 25 credits for each term in the 4th academic year. Student who according to “The Implementation Rules of Full-time Off-campus Internship” and post-baccalaureate degree program students is not subject to this limitation.

Students who cannot take the minimum credits or want to register for more credits for the term due to specific reasons may take a lesser number or more credits with the consent of the tutor and the chairperson of the department and program director.

Article 13 The university may offer summer courses as needed in compliance with the “Particulars for Opening Summer Courses in Universities” of the university approved with record at the Ministry of Education.

Article 14 Students may take courses from other universities in accordance with the “Regulation Governing the Inter-University Selection of Courses” of the university approved with record at the Ministry of Education.

Article 15 Students may take credit courses from other colleges, departments, and graduate institutes of the university in accordance with the “Guide for Academic Programs” of the university, and will be issued credit certificate upon completion of the courses.

Article 16 Students cannot take overlapping courses and must adjust to avoid it before the deadline of course selection, or the overlapping courses shall deem to be invalid.

Chapter III: Terms of Study, Credit Points, Grades, Reward and Punishment, Leave of Absence

Article 17 The University adopts a credit point system for study within stipulated academic years. In general, degree programs of the departments shall be completed in 4 academic years. Students who cannot complete the required courses and credit points may defer their graduation for 2 years. Physically and mentally impaired students may defer their graduation for 4 years.

Post-baccalaureate degree program shall be completed in 1 to 2 academic years. Students who cannot complete the required courses and credit points may defer their graduation for 1 years. Physically and mentally impaired students may defer their graduation for 4 years.

Degree programs for the departments require at least 128 credit points for graduation, post-baccalaureate degree program require at least 48 credit points for graduation. Respective departments or programs (include post-baccalaureate degree program) may require more credit points for graduation where necessary and could be up to 20 additional credit points for graduation. The required courses of the university and the required courses of specialization of the departments and degree programs (include post-baccalaureate degree program) shall be governed by separate regulations of the university.

Students who take the degree program in education, subordinate major or double major shall be governed by the regulations of the university for degree program in education, subordinate major, or double major at the approval of the Ministry of Education in the duration of study, required courses, and credit points.

Students who graduated from schools in other countries, Hong Kong, or Macao with academic qualifications equivalent to 2nd year of senior high school in Taiwan and who registered in degree programs of the university under equivalent academic qualifications shall take an additional 12 credit points for graduation further to the total number of credit points required in paragraph two. The departments and degree programs shall establish the courses for their study.

The required courses for students who admitted by the Tsing Hua Interdisciplinary Program via individual admission or admissions for extraordinary students program shall be governed by separate regulations of the university.

Article 18 Students who have completed all compulsory courses in their respective departments or degree programs (including post-baccalaureate programs) and have accrued sufficient credits for graduation prior to the final semester or academic year of their studies must continue to enroll for the following semester if they do not meet the requirements for early graduation. Said students must register for at least the minimum number of course credits stipulated in Article 12 herein.

Students who have completed all compulsory courses in their respective departments or degree programs (including post-baccalaureate programs), have accrued sufficient credits for graduation, and are eligible for early graduation may continue to enroll in subsequent semesters if they have been approved for overseas further education, exchanges, internships, or professional training up to the maximum period of study permitted by their respective departments, colleges, or divisions. Said students must register for at least the minimum number of course credits stipulated in Article 12 herein.

Article 19 For students who did not take sufficient required credit point or criteria for graduation and who need to take a second attempt or complete the course in the academic term after the graduation year shall register for deferred study and are not required for registration. Students must take at least one course for registration or shall be deemed withdrawn from study. Students running out of deferred study years, unless the extension of deferred study is allowed in accordance with Article 38-2, students should be withdrawn from school.

Article 20 Students who have already taken related courses before admission, or who have taken related courses in special seminars in the duration of study and passed the courses with credit points with certification may present relevant documents to transfer the credits for graduation in accordance with the “Regulation Governing Student Credit Transfer” of the university approved with record by the Ministry of Education. Yet post-baccalaureate degree program students should still take at least 40 credit points after credit transfer.

Article 21 Credit points for the courses offered by the university are calculated based on the number of hours for classroom study per week. One credit will be given for the completion of one hour of class study in one full term (18 weeks), or for the completion or 2 to 3 hours of practical training or experiment courses per week in one full term (18 weeks).

Article 22 Students’ academic performance and conduct shall be assessed in a letter grade method,

the passing grade of which shall be C– or above.

Instructors may submit an application to the Office of Academic Affairs for special courses that require pass-fail basis grading before the first stage of course selection opens for the semester prior to the one in which the course is to be offered. Upon approval of the Vice President of Academic Affairs, courses may adopt pass-fail basis grading in which students who receive a passing grade receive the stipulated number of credits while those with a failing/unsatisfactory/incomplete grade do not receive credit. Students may not retake a course for which they have previously received a passing grade, and selection for any such courses shall be deemed invalid. To facilitate the overall curriculum development at the University, certain courses must adopt pass-fail basis grading, in which case the Office of Academic Affairs may request approval of the University Course Committee before the grading scheme takes effect.

Matters regarding the grading system shall be processed in accordance with the NTHU *Student Grading Guidelines*.

Article 23 Teachers of relevant courses shall grade the performance of students in the courses for the academic term and shall submit the grading results within 2 weeks after the conclusion of the term via on line entry or delivery to Registration Division of the university, which shall sign for receipt of the results and enter the result into the system. In case specific teachers cannot present the grading results for the courses on due time for specific reasons, they shall submit the “Application For Deferred Submission of Grading Report” to the person in charge of course registration and the director of the college for consent, and forwarded the application to the vice president of academic affairs for final approval. An extension will be granted and the grading report shall be submitted no later than the beginning of the next academic term.

Teachers who fail to apply for late submission of grading reports but submit the grading reports beyond the required deadline will be referred to the department of academic affairs’ meeting.

Article 24 Teachers may apply to revise the grades for specific students in the performance of specific course no later than 1 week after the beginning of the next academic term with written request specifying the reasons for the revision and present the application to the chairperson of the department (graduate institute, degree program, center), and shall be subject to the approval by 3/4 of the faculties who attend the meeting of the department (graduate institute, degree program, office, center). The resolution will be made known to Registration Division basing on which the grade of the student will be revised accordingly.

Article 25 Students may inquire their own grade points for the term, and shall proceed to the “Procedure for Query or Objection of Students on Grading of Academic Performance”.

Article 26 The regulation governing the reward and punishments as well as the grading of conduct of students shall be stated in the *code of academic performance*.

Article 27 The grade point average of students shall be calculated as follows:

- I. The cumulative scoring of the sum of the grade points of each course and the number of course credits shall be the total scoring.
- II. The total number of credits taken in the term (excluding summer term) divided by

the total scoring of the term shall be the grade point average of the student in the term.

- III. The total number of credits taken in all terms (including summer term) divided by the total scoring shall be the overall grade point average of the student.
- IV. The overall grade point average of the student shall be the grade points for graduation.
- V. For courses graded by either “PASS” or “FAIL” will not be included in the calculation of grade point average but only course credits.
The aforementioned scoring of academic performance includes the scores for the failed subjects.

Article 28 Students who fail half of their course credits for two semesters cumulatively shall be expelled from the University unless they are:

- I. Foreign students admitted under the *NTHU Regulations Governing Admissions of Foreign Students*
- II. Students recognized by the Joint Board of College Recruitment Commission as overseas Chinese, ethnic Mongols or Tibetans, Taiwan indigenous peoples, or children of government officials stationed in a foreign country
- III. Overseas Chinese students assigned to the University by the Joint University and University Preparatory Program Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students
- IV. Students with physical or mental disabilities holding a government-issued disability card or those who have been classified as students with disabilities in need of specialized academic placement by a local government Special Education Assessment and Academic Counseling Committee
- V. Students with notable achievements in sports tournaments at the high school level or above who were assigned to the University by the screening committee.

Article 29 Students who have taken less than 9 course credits for the term shall be exempted from the application of Article 28.

Article 30 Students who fail in all courses in the term of the 4th academic year in school shall take a deferred pass and continue studies for another term. If the failed courses accounted for more than 1/2 of the total course credits for two terms cumulatively, the student will be ordered to withdraw from study.

Article 31 If specific student was found cheating in the examination, a zero mark will be given (equivalent to grade X) for the examination and also be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the regulation governing the reward and punishment of students depending on the severity of the offense.

Article 32 Students shall request leave from the teachers for absences from class. Students may take leave in the afterward under special circumstances with proper proof. For sick leave of more than 3 days, the certification of the campus clinic or a public hospital is required. Students who are absent from class without permission to take leave or without request to extending the leave upon expiration shall be deemed absent without permission, and thereby the course teacher may deduct grade points from the student depending on the actual situation. No deduction of grade points for students approved for taking leave (personal leave or sick leave) due to pregnancy, delivery of an infant, or nursery care of young child under the age of 3. If the absence exceeds 1/3 of the overall course hours for

the term, the student shall take the examination specially arranged or other flexible plans for the examination. The scoring of such examination shall be counted as the scoring for normal course credits.

Chapter IV: Inter-department transfer (field of specialization, degree program), minor subjects, double majors, double registration and double degree

- Article 33 Students may apply to transfer to another department before their second year of study begins. Third-year students may apply to transfer to a department in a similar academic discipline, or to a department in a different academic discipline as a second-year student, before their third year of study begins. Fourth-year students may, with justifiable cause, be permitted to transfer to a department in a similar academic discipline, or to the department they minor in as a third-year student. Students in their fifth year of study or later may, with justifiable cause, be permitted to transfer to a department in a similar academic discipline or the department they minor in at the appropriate level.
- Each student may only apply for a transfer once during their period of study. Transferring students must complete the academic requirements stipulated by the new department in order to graduate.
- The preceding two paragraphs shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to students changing divisions within the same department.
- Periods of study repeated by students transferring to a dissimilar department (or degree program) shall not count towards the maximum period of study permitted by the new department (or degree program).
- Students transferring from another institution under the University System of Taiwan alliance may not transfer to a different department, division, or degree program at the University.
- Students admitted under a post-baccalaureate bachelor's degree program for a second field of specialization may neither transfer to another department, division, or degree program, nor declare a double major.
- Article 34 Students intending to transfer to another department (including another field of specialization, degree program) shall apply with the Division of Registration by the deadline as stated in the academic calendar subject to the review of the related department and degree program meetings or meetings as authorized and the final approval of the review committee. Once approved, the students cannot apply for further change nor return to the original department.
- Article 35 Undergraduate students of all departments (including interdisciplinary undergraduate degree programs) may declare a minor beginning in their second year of study pursuant to the NTHU *Regulations for Declaring a Minor* approved by the Ministry of Education on record and the *University System of Taiwan Regulations Governing Intercollegiate Minor Degree Programs*.
- Article 36 Undergraduate students of all departments (including interdisciplinary undergraduate degree programs) may apply to pursue a double major with another department in accordance with the "Regulations for Students Taking Double Major of Study" of the university approved by the Ministry of Education on record from the 2nd academic year

onwards. Students also can pursue a interschool double major in accordance with the “Regulations for Students of University System of Taiwan Taking a Double Major of Study”.

Article 37 Students with double (concurrent) enrollment at NTHU and another institution must file an application for review prior to the first day of class of the semester in which their student status at said institution takes effect. The aforementioned application shall be submitted to said students’ department or degree program. Students found to have double enrollment who fail to submit an application or whose application is rejected shall be expelled from the University. The standards for approval of double enrollment shall be determined at the sole discretion of each department and degree program.

Credit transfers and exemptions for students with double enrollment shall be processed in accordance with the *Credit Exemption Regulations of National Tsing Hua University* as approved by the Ministry of Education.

NTHU students as well as eligible students registered at foreign institutions may pursue a joint degree or dual degrees in accordance with the *Regulations for Joint/Dual-Degree Programs between National Tsing Hua University and Overseas Universities* as approved by the Ministry of Education.

Chapter V: Suspension, Reinstatement, Transfer, Withdrawal

Article 38 Students may apply for deferred study for one term, one academic year or two academic years. Students under 18 years old need the consent of the parents or the guardian. Students may proceed to leave school upon approval.

In general, deferred study may be allowed for up to 2 years. For students who are critically ill with proof from regional hospital or due to special reasons with proper proof may petition for an extended deferred study for up to 4 academic years accumulatively and subject to the department meeting and the finalization of the President of the university.

Students who respond to the call of conscription service in the duration of deferred study may petition to extend the deferred period with the presentation of the photocopy of the conscription order until discharged from service. The period of conscription is not counted as a part of the period for deferred study. Students can apply for reinstatement of study after discharge from conscription with proper order of discharge.

Students may petition for deferred study due to pregnancy, delivery of an infant or taking nursery care of a child under the age of 3 with proper proving documents. Such period is not counted as a part of the period for deferred study.

Students applying for deferred study in the middle of the term shall complete the petition procedure no later than the starting day of the final examination for the term.

The scoring of students in the duration of deferred study will not be counted.

Article 39 If for specific reasons that a student cannot join the final examination and supplementary examination either. The student cannot have the academic score registered by the add/drop deadline of the new term, he or she may present valid proof and petition with

the chairperson of the department, upon approval, the student can refer the case to the Department of Academic Affairs and take the term that the student did not take the final examination as a term for deferred study.

Article 40 In case specific student is suffered from a disease announced for prevention by the public authorities and such disease may jeopardize the health and safety of all on campus, and is determined for quarantine by the health authorities, such student must be excused and take deferred study or order by the university so take deferred study.

The deferred study of such period due to above paragraph is not included as a part of the duration of deferred study.

Article 41 Students who have taken deferred study shall petition for reinstatement of study in the beginning of next term (no reinstatement in the middle of the term), Students who want to continue the leave of absence should make the application before the school starting day. Later than that, students need to pay the tuition fee before applying leave of absence. Reinstatement students shall complete the study in the original college and department (field of specialization), degree program in the next academic year or continue from the grade of deferred study. For students applying for deferred study in the middle of the term shall continue the study in the grade in which deferred study started.

Students who did not apply for reinstatement of study shall be deemed withdrawn from school.

Article 42 Students may apply for automatic withdrawal from study and transfer to another university. Upon the completion of related procedure, the students will be issued a certificate of study completion. Once the certificate of study completion is issued, students cannot request to return to the university for study.

Article 43 Students could apply for automatic withdrawal from study and should withdraw from study when meet the condition of following:

- I. Academic performance meets the conditions set forth in Article 28.
- II. Failure in reinstatement of study at the end of deferred study.
- III. Failure in registration by the deadline.
- IV. Not qualified for admission or transfer.
- V. Failed in conduct.
- VI. Withdrawal under disciplinary action of the university in accordance with the regulation governing the reward and punishment of students.
- VII. Failure to complete the required courses and credits in the extended terms of study.
- VIII. Students who have double student status as disagreed by the department and degree program of the university.
- IX. Any other situations where this regulation is applicable.

Article 44 Students may apply for withdrawal by themselves from study. Students under 18 years old need to get the consent of the parents or guardians and complete the procedure at the Department of Registration.

Article 45 Students who withdraw from study may be issued a certificate of completion upon application if the student status is approved by the university with completion of relevant scoring on courses taken in the duration of study. No certificate of any kind will be issued if the student is disqualified from study pursuant to Article 8 of this regulation or any

other regulations of the university.

- Article 46 Pursuant to the Regulations Governing the Tuition of Tertiary Educational Institutions of the Republic of China, students who suspend or terminate their studies at the University on or before the day of registration as designated in the University's academic calendar shall be exempt from all tuition and fees for the semester. After the designated day of registration, however, students may only apply for suspension or termination after paying all tuition and fees in full, which shall then be partially refunded to said students in accordance with the same regulations.

Chapter VI Graduation, Degrees

- Article 47 Students who have completed their period of study, taken all compulsory courses, accrued all necessary credits, satisfied all other requirements set forth by their respective departments/divisions/degree programs, and passed the final grade review shall be eligible to graduate. Students in programs with residency requirements must also complete the residency in order to graduate.

- Article 48 Students who demonstrate outstanding performance or who violate school regulations during deferred study shall be subject to reward or punishment in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the university depending on the severity of offense or excellence of performance.

- Article 49 Students who meet all of the following requirements may apply for early graduation one semester or one academic year early:

- I. Completion of all compulsory courses and accrual of sufficient credits for graduation;
- II. A grade point average (GPA) of 3.40 or above in every semester OR a GPA of 3.80 or above for all semesters combined OR a GPA that ranks in the top 10% of the department, division, or degree program for all semesters combined;
- III. An A- grade or above for academic conduct in every semester.

Students classified as third-year undergraduates (or above) at the time of admission may not apply for early graduation.

- Article 50 The regulations governing the name of the bachelor's degree (in both Chinese and English), the criteria for conferral, and the awarding and registration of the associated degree diploma shall be implemented after adoption by each department, degree program (including post-baccalaureate degree program), and college (including Tsing Hua College) at their respective Academic Affairs Meetings, and details reported to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference.

The University shall issue a bachelor's degree that corresponds with each student's department, degree program, or college to those students eligible to graduate. Only the graduation year and month will be recorded. The date of conferral indicated on the diploma shall be January for those graduating in the first (fall) semester and June for those graduating in the second (spring) semester (including those completing their graduation requirements by taking summer courses).

Students who have applied for an extension of the period of study but whose reason for extension is no longer valid may file an application for graduation under special circumstances to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for approval. The date of conferral indicated on the diploma shall be the actual month and year in which the application is processed.

Volume III Graduate students at master and doctoral levels

Chapter I Admissions

- Article 51 Individuals who graduated from a university of a country registered with the Ministry of Education or a university in a foreign country recognized by the Ministry of Education and hold a bachelor degree or have equivalent academic qualification and have passed the entrance examination for admission to the master's programs of the university may pursue a master's degree in the degree programs of the university.
- Article 52 Individuals who graduated from a university of the country registered with the Ministry of Education or a university in a foreign country recognized by the Ministry of Education and hold a master's degree or have equivalent academic qualification, passed the entrance examination for admission to the doctoral programs of the university may pursue a doctoral degree in the degree programs of the university.
- Article 53 Students who graduated straight from a bachelor degree program or graduate students in a master's degree program who meet the criteria for direct pursuit of the doctoral program may proceed to the study in a doctoral programs with the recommendations of at least 2 assistant professors of the original or relevant department, institute, college, and degree program, passed by the review meetings of the department, institute, or degree program, and at the approval of the President of the university. The detail of the procedure shall be established separately.
- Graduate students at the master's level and who meet the "criteria of the University System of Taiwan in direct pursuit of the doctoral degree" may be admitted to the doctoral program under its procedures.
- Article 54 Foreign students may apply for admission to a degree program for pursuit of the master or doctoral degrees of the university in accordance with the "Regulation Governing the Admission of Foreign Students" of the university approved by the Ministry of Education on record.
- Article 54-1 The doctoral and master's students admitted by application and recommendation who are graduated or eligible to early graduation are able to apply early registration upon the approval of departments, institutes, and degree programs.

Chapter II Course Selection, Academic Advisors

- Article 55 Graduate students shall take at least one course (including thesis/dissertation, thesis/dissertation study), or shall be deemed withdrawal from study. Students running out of deferred study years, unless the extension of deferred study is allowed in accordance with Article 38-2, students should be withdrawn from school.
- Article 56 Graduate students shall select an academic advisor as per the requirement of the department, institute, and/or degree program, and shall propose a thesis/dissertation under the consent of the academic advisor before graduation, and register the thesis/dissertation with Academic Affairs at the consent of the person in charge of the department, institute, and degree program.
- The spouse, kindred within the 3rd tier under the civil law, or relatives from marriages to

the graduate students shall not act as the academic advisor.

The academic advisor shall be qualified as a member of the degree examination board under the *Degree Conferral Law*, and shall meet the requirements set forth by individual departments, institutes, and degree programs. At least one of the academic advisors shall be a full-time assistant professor or higher position of the university.

Before full-time professors retired from school, if professors have instructed the doctoral students for 3 years (included) or master's students for 3 semesters (included), the former regulation is not applicable.

Chapter III Terms of Study, Credit Points, Grades

Article 57 The period in which a master's degree program must be completed is between one year and four years, but graduate students admitted as working professionals may apply for an extension of no longer than one year.

The period in which a doctoral degree program must be completed is between two years and seven years, but graduate students admitted as working professionals may apply for an extension of no longer than two years.

The period of study for in-service master's degree teacher training programs approved by the Ministry of Education and offered during summer breaks shall be between two years and eight years, but students with justifiable cause may apply for an extension of no longer than one year.

Master's and doctoral students with double majors who complete all graduation requirements for the first major but not the second may apply for an extension of the period of study with justifiable cause. The application shall be reviewed by the General Meeting of the relevant departments (institutions, divisions) and approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The maximum extension shall be for a period of one year for master's students and two years for doctoral students.

Article 58 Master's degree students must complete at least 24 course credits (excluding thesis credits).

Doctoral degree candidates must complete at least 18 course credits (excluding dissertation credits), of which no fewer than 12 course credits shall be accrued from professional courses related to their field of study. Graduate students in direct pursuit of a doctorate must complete 30 course credits, of which no fewer than 24 course credits shall be accrued from professional courses related to their field of study.

Thesis and dissertation credits shall be counted separately from course credits.

Each department, institution, or degree program may set higher course credit requirements or designate additional compulsory courses/credits where necessary.

Where applicable, the compulsory graduate credit requirements for master's and doctoral degree students admitted under the *Regulations for Joint/Dual-Degree Programs between National Tsing Hua University and Overseas Universities* shall be processed in accordance with the separate contracts or memorandums signed by the University and its partner institutions. However, the aforementioned credit requirements must be at least one third of the current requirements applicable to regular departments, institutions, and colleges of the University at the master's and doctoral levels.

Each department, institution, or division may designate different compulsory courses and set different graduation credit requirements for double-major students at the master's and doctoral

levels as appropriate. However, the requirements must be at least one third of the regular graduation credit requirements.

Article 59 The scoring system for graduate students is based on 100 marks whereby 70 is the passing marks for the courses and 60 is the passing mark for conduct. Graduate students admitted in 2010 academic year and onwards shall be subject to the grading method for scoring where B- is the passing mark for courses and C- is the passing mark for conduct. Courses with special nature shall be subject to the review and final approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs whereby the grading will be either a "PASS" or "FAIL". Students who get a "PASS" shall be deemed successfully passing the course with course credits given. Students who get a "FAIL" shall be deemed failed in the course and no course credit will be given. Taking the same course for a second instance or course that has been passed is not permitted or shall be deemed invalid without the consent of the department, institute, and degree program. To facilitate the overall curriculum development at the University, certain courses must adopt pass-fail basis grading, in which case the Office of Academic Affairs may request approval of the University Course Committee before the grading scheme takes effect.

Article 60 The average scoring in each term and the scoring in the degree examination shall be the scoring of graduate students at the master and doctoral levels for graduation. The calculation of the average scoring in academic performance as mentioned shall be identical with the requirements set forth in Article 27 of this regulation.

Chapter IV Transfer to another department, institute (field of specialization, degree program), minor subjects, double majors

Article 61 Graduate students who have completed at least one semester of study may apply to transfer to another department or institution with the approval of both the original and new advisors (thesis/dissertation supervisors) as well as the chairs (deans) of both departments (institutions).

Graduate students applying for a transfer must submit the application to the Office of Academic Affairs, the original department/institution, and the new department/institution for approval by the deadline designated on the academic calendar. Once the transfer is approved, a student may not transfer back to the original or any other department/institution. Students may only apply for a transfer once during their period of study at the University, and they must satisfy the graduation requirements of the new department/institution in order to graduate.

The preceding two paragraphs shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to students changing their division or field of specialization within the same department/institution.

Students transferring from another institution under the University System of Taiwan alliance may not transfer to another department, institution, or degree program at the University.

Chapter V Withdrawal

Article 62 Further to the application for automatic withdrawal from study, graduate students shall withdraw from study if any of the following applies:

- I. The qualification for admission is found irrelevant.
- II. Failure in registration on due time or petition for reinstatement at the end of

- deferred study.
- III. Failed in conduct.
 - IV. Disciplinary action for withdrawal from study under the regulation governing the reward and punishment of students.
 - V. Failure to complete all the required courses and credits required of the department, institute, or degree program at the expiration of the duration of study.
 - VI. Failed in the evaluation required under the Enforcement Rules of the University in Degree Examination.
 - VII. With double student status at the same time without the consent of the department, institute, or degree program.
 - VIII. Failed in the scoring of all courses taken in all terms except the thesis/dissertation, and resolved by the meeting of the department, institute, or degree program for withdrawal from study.
 - IX. The thesis/dissertation is founded copying of the work of a third party, stealing from a third party, or fabricating the data concerned after a degree is conferred.
 - X. Withdrawal from study is necessary under other rules and regulations of the university.

Chapter VI Graduation, Degrees

Article 63 The regulations governing the name of the graduate degree (in both Chinese and English), the criteria for conferral, and the awarding and registration of the associated degree diploma shall be implemented after adoption by each department (institution or degree program) and college (including Tsing Hua College) at the Academic Affairs Meeting, and details reported to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference.

Matters regarding graduate degree examinations shall be processed in accordance with the University's *Master's Degree Examination Measures* and *Doctoral Degree Exam Statutes* on file with the Ministry of Education.

Article 64 Graduate students who complete all compulsory courses, accrue all necessary credits, and pass the degree examination and final thesis (dissertation) review within the stipulated period of study shall be issued a master's or doctoral degree diploma corresponding to the department, institute, or degree program they are in. The date of conferral indicated on the diploma shall be:

- I. The actual month and year in which the doctoral student passes the degree examination and final dissertation review
- II. The actual month and year in which the master's student passes the degree examination and final thesis review. Master's diplomas are processed on a monthly basis.

The date of conferral indicated on diplomas issued to graduate students in the Teacher Education Program shall be dealt with in accordance with the University's *Regulations Governing Student Enrollment in the Teacher Education Program* on file with the Ministry of Education.

Students who have passed the degree examination and final thesis (dissertation) review may continue to enroll in subsequent semesters up to the maximum period of study permitted by their respective departments, institutes, colleges, or divisions if they have been approved for overseas further education, exchanges, internships, or professional training. Said students must register for

at least one course (including thesis/dissertation writing and research) at the University. The date of conferral indicated on the diploma issued to such students shall be the actual month and year in which they return to the country, perform all necessary reporting duties, AND complete the necessary expense filing procedure.

Chapter VII Miscellaneous

Article 65 The procedures for enrollment deferrals, tuition and fees, registration, course selection, exemptions and credit transfers, grade revision, leaves of absence, suspension/resumption of studies, double (concurrent) enrollment, joint degree or dual degrees, and expulsion described in the relevant regulations for undergraduate students herein shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to graduate students.

Doctoral students may only suspend their studies for two years at most as a matter of principle unless evidence of serious illness (issued by NHI regional hospitals or hospitals of a higher level) or other justifiable cause is produced. Extension of suspension beyond two years must be reviewed by the General Meeting of a student's department, institute, or degree program and approved by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The aforementioned extension may not exceed six academic years cumulatively. Periods of absence due to pregnancy, childbirth, and caring for children less than three years of age may be exempted from the preceding calculation with proof stipulating to such effect.

Students enrolling in two graduate institutes concurrently shall submit theses (dissertations) that are materially different in topic and contents to each institute. Graduate degrees awarded to students who are later found by the degree-awarding department, institute, or degree program to have submitted similar theses (dissertations) to both institutes shall be revoked following a review by the Research Ethics Committee, and the associated diploma stripped and announced as void, pursuant to the NTHU *Guidelines for Processing Doctoral Dissertations and Master's Theses Violating Ethical Standards for Academic Research*. Students who have not completed their studies at the University and who are found to be in violation of the preceding regulation shall be processed in accordance with the NTHU *Guidelines for Processing Current Students Violating Ethical Standards for Academic Research*.

The preceding paragraph shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to students enrolling in two (or more) departments, institutes, or degree programs within the University. If the theses (dissertations) submitted are determined to be similar or identical by either of the departments (institutes or degree programs), one of the degrees shall be revoked following a review by the Research Ethics Committee.

Article 65-1 High school graduates participating in the Youth Education and Employment Savings Account Program who are admitted to the University may apply for a deferral of enrollment, or suspend their studies after enrollment, for a maximum period of three years, which shall be counted separately from the maximum period allowed for regular deferrals and suspensions. Matters unaddressed herein shall be addressed in separate rules and regulations.

Article 65-2 The graduated senior high school students joining "Youth Education and Working Saving Account" apply to admission deferral or leave of absence after registration, The period is no longer than 3 years and is not accounted in the leave of absence years that students already have. Also, the reason of admission deferral is an exception. The details and the implemented rules are shown in other related regulation.

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- Article 66 Students being withdrawn from study or disqualified under disciplinary action of the university may appeal in accordance with the due procedure of the university, and may continue their study in the university before the ruling of the complaint. If the ruling is favorable to the student where the original judgment shall be revoked, the courses taken and the grade points earned during the period of complaint shall be recognized. If the ruling suggested the sustenance of the original judgment, the university will not issue any certification documents for proof of study in such period.
- Students under disciplinary action as stated and who have not received any remedial action through filing compliant with the university may instate an administrative appeal or administrative action. If the ruling is favorable to the student that the university shall take action to permit the student to reinstate the study, such student shall reinstate the study within 2 years thereafter, and may petition for deferred study if unable to reinstate for study on time for specific reasons. This period of deferred study is not included as the period of deferred study as defined in Article 38 of this regulation.
- Article 67 New students and transfer students need to submit personal information form and other valid documents.
- Students' names and dates of birth should be the same with the one shown on the identity card. If the person information shown on the qualification certificate is different from the identity, it needs to be corrected. If students or alumni change their names or the dates of birth, they need to provide valid Household Certificate.
- The preserved deadline of any personal information forms and valid documents is regulated by the Office of Academic Affairs in other regulation.
- Article 67-1 Students admitted to the National Hsinchu University of Education (NHCUE) in or before the academic year in which it was merged with the University shall refer to the Academic Regulations of NTHU–Nanda Campus for Former NHCUE Students instead.
- Article 68 This regulation shall come into force under the resolution of the Administrative Affairs Meeting of the university with announcement, and reported to the Ministry of Education for record.