

National Taiwan University Guidelines for Direct Admission into Ph.D. Program

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Article 1 These guidelines are established in accordance with article 23 item 4 of the *University Act* and the *Direct Admission into Ph.D. Program Guidelines for Students Graduating with a Bachelor's Degree and Graduate Students in the Master's Degree Program* as established by Ministry of Education.

Article 2 Departments, Colleges, and Ph.D. Degree Programs of this university may recruit Direct Admission into Ph.D. Program students based upon these guidelines.

Article 3 Students graduating with a Bachelor's degree and students who have completed at least one year of the Master's program may apply for the Direct Admission into the Ph.D. Program through the department of the original major or related major by providing letters of recommendation from at least two faculty members of the original program and satisfying one of the following criteria:

I. The academic grade point average during the term of the study is within the first one-third standing of the entire class in the department, institute, or degree program. Each department, institute or degree program may use the average grade of the required courses as the criteria for placement or may use other stricter rules.

II. Under special circumstances, the student has been evaluated to be an outstanding candidate by the department, institute or degree program.

Article 4 Each department, institute or degree program shall use the total number of students in the entire class to determine the placement. For those departments, institutes or degree programs that have been approved by the Ministry of Education of formal academic groups, they shall consider the entire group when determining the placement.

Article 5 The number of Direct Admission into Ph.D. Program students recruited each academic year by each department, institute or degree program shall not exceed 40% of the quota for the Ph.D. program's recruits for every academic year as approved by the Ministry of Education for each department, institute or degree program.

In computing the number of recruits for the previous paragraph, the number shall be rounded to the nearest decimal place.

The number of Direct Admission into Ph.D. program recruits shall be

included in the total number of recruits for the university as approved by the Ministry of Education for that particular year.

Article 6 Bachelor program students applying for Direct Admission into the Ph.D. program may begin to turn in the application in early September; each department must send the approved list by the end of November to be reviewed by the university.

Master program students applying for Direct Admission into the Ph.D. program may turn in the application between July 20th and July 31st in the first semester and turn in the application between January 20th and January 31st in the second semester. Each department, institute and degree program may also set up an application period ahead of the already established application period.

Article 7 Students applying for Direct Admission into the Ph.D. program must turn in the following documentation together with the application form to the desired department, institute and degree program. The department, institute or degree program in turn shall send the approved list to the Dean of Academic Affairs and the President for approval. Once the process is completed, the applicants may directly enter the Ph.D. program.

- I. Application form for Direct Admission into Ph.D. program.
- II. Academic transcript of the Bachelor program or transcript of at least one year of study in the Master program.
- III. Minimum of 2 recommendations from the faculty.
- IV. Other materials as requested by the particular department, institute or degree program.

Article 8 Undergraduate students who have been accepted into Direct Admission into the Ph.D. program must graduate in that particular academic year and enroll in the Ph.D. program in the subsequent academic year; the students may not reserve the enrollment status.

Students in the previous paragraph who graduate one semester ahead with outstanding academic records may enroll in the Ph.D. program in the subsequent semester after obtaining the Bachelor's degree.

Article 9 Students in the Direct Admission into Ph.D. program who discontinue the Ph.D. program study or who do not pass the Ph.D. degree qualifying examination may transfer into the Master program if approved by the department, institute or degree program's evaluation meetings and by the Dean of Academic Affairs. The students may be conferred a Master's degree upon completion of all required courses, thesis and upon passing the Master degree examination through the examination committee. The term

of study in the Ph.D. program shall not be included in calculating the term of study in the Master program.

Article 10 Students in the Direct Admission into Ph.D. program who have passed the Ph.D. candidate's qualifying exam but fail the Ph.D. degree examination shall be conferred a Master's Degree if his or her Ph.D. dissertation is deemed to satisfy the criteria of Master Degree by the examination committee.

Article 11 Master program students who have been accepted into the Direct Admission into Ph.D. program shall not take the original Master program examination without first withdrawing from the enrollment status for the Direct Admission into Ph.D. program.

Article 12 The application form for the Direct Admission into Ph.D. program shall be prepared by Academic Affairs Division and the recommendations shall be specified by each institute.

Article 13 These guidelines shall be implemented after being approved by the Administrative Affairs meeting and the Academic Affairs meeting; the same procedure applies to the amendments.