



Tunghai University Operation Directions Governing Students' Study for Direct PhD Programs

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Article 1. The Directions herein are stipulated in accordance with provisions of Paragraph 3, Article 23 of the University Act and the “ Regulations for Students to Study for Doctoral Degrees Directly ” stipulated by the Ministry of Education.

Article 2. The Bachelor graduating students at school (including students applying for early graduation) or Master graduate students at school who have completed one year of study with outstanding performance and research potential, recommended by two or more associate professors of the former or related department (institution, college), may apply for study for direct PhD programs.

Affirmation on outstanding performance standards and research potential mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed by each department (institution).

Article 3. Bachelor graduating students applying for study for a direct PhD program shall make an application to the department (institution) to be enrolled in before October 31, and each department (institution) shall convene a meeting of department (institution) affairs to review and may hold an admission examination, if necessary. Approved roster of study for a direct PhD program together with the letter of meeting minutes and related documents shall be signed and submitted before the end of December to the President for approval and then sent to the Registration Office of the Office of Academic Affairs by the department (institution).

Master graduates applying for study for a direct PhD program shall make an application in the second semester of an academic year to the department (institution) to be enrolled in, and each department (institution) shall convene a meeting of department (institution) affairs to review and may hold an admission examination, if necessary. The outcome of review together with the letter of meeting minutes and related documents shall be handed over to the Registration Office before the end of July. Graduates reviewed and approved by the meeting of department (institution) affairs shall be signed and submitted by the Registration Office to the President for approval.

Graduates approved to study for a direct PhD program may enroll in to study for doctoral degrees directly after reported to the Ministry of Education for future reference by the Registration Office.

Article 4. Students applying for study for a direct PhD program shall produce the following



documents and make an application to the department (institution) to be enrolled in.

4-1. an application form for study for a direct PhD program. 4-2. a copy of Bachelor's program transcript of previous years or Master's program transcript of more than one year.

4-3. letters of recommendation provided respectively by two associate professors (or higher level).

4-4. required documents prescribed by the department (institution) to be enrolled in.

Article 5. Number of places available for students of each department's (institution's) direct Doctoral programs shall be limited to 40% of such department's (institution's) Doctoral program quota assigned by the Ministry of Education. But if the number of places allowed is lower than five, quota of students for study for direct Doctoral programs shall be limited to two.

The quota mentioned above should be included in the total quota of that very year's Doctoral program enrollment the Ministry of Education assigns to our School.

Article 6. A student of Bachelor's program approved to pursue a doctorate directly shall obtain a Bachelor's degree in that very academic year, and shall enroll in the Doctoral program in the ensuing academic year and shall not be retained admission.

Article 7. The study term, required courses, performance evaluation etc, of graduates approved to study for a doctorate directly shall be handled according to provisions of the Regulations Governing Newly Admitted Students of Doctoral Programs. And the graduates shall earn credits in conjunction with master's at least thirty (excluding thesis credits) before they may apply for a Doctoral examination.

Article 8. Students of study for doctoral degrees directly who meet one the following circumstances and reviewed and approved by relevant meetings and ratified by the President, may apply for a return to the former department (institution) to continue the study of a master's degree or apply for transfer to the relevant department (institution) pursuing a master's degree:

8-1. stop pursuing a master's degree because of certain reasons.

8-2. failed the Doctoral candidacy examination.

8-3. failed the Doctoral examination and did not meet the requirements prescribed in Article 9.

The graduates as mentioned in the preceding paragraph reviewed and approved by the former department (institution) or related department (institution), and completed master's required courses, prepared papers, approved to have passed the



examination by the master's degree examination committee, shall be granted a Master's degree. The length of pursuing a doctoral degree shall be aggregately counted in maximum study term of pursuing a master's degree.

Article 9. A graduate of study for a doctorate directly having passed the doctoral candidacy examination but failed the doctoral examination and his or her doctoral dissertation having affirmed to have met the master's degree standards, shall be granted a Master's degree.

Article 10. Affirmation on outstanding performance standards and research potential or documents assigned to prepare or methods of holding an examination when necessary, shall be approved by the meeting of department (institution) affairs and sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference.

Article 11 .The Regulations herein shall be approved by the meeting of Academic Affairs and implemented after public announcement. Amendments shall be approved in the same fashion.