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## The University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology

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### Article 1 Purpose

1. The purpose of these Rules is to stipulate matters prescribed in the University of Tokyo Rules on Graduate Schools (the “Rules on Graduate Schools”) to be determined by each graduate school and matters that the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology at the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School”) deems necessary.
2. The committee of the Graduate School (the “committee”) shall determine the curriculum of, examinations at, admission to and completion of the Graduate School other than those stipulated in these Rules.

### Article 1-2 Educational and Research Purposes

1. The purpose of the Graduate School is to develop human resources who have an advanced education, thinking power and expressive power, and contribute to the development of the human culture by performing education and research with the aim of truly understanding human ideology, history, language and society.
2. The purpose regarding training of human resources at each department and other educational and research purposes shall be prescribed separately.

### Article 2

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### **Article 3 Course Programs and Majors of the Departments**

The course programs and majors prescribed in Appended Table 1 are established in the departments of the Graduate School.

#### **Article 3-2 Terms**

1. The academic year shall be divided into four terms.
2. The duration of each term shall be as prescribed separately in Article 41, paragraph 3 of the Rules on Graduate Schools.

#### **Article 4 Requirements for Completion**

1. The requirements for completing the Master's program shall be as prescribed in Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools. However, a student demonstrating exceptional academic achievements may be permitted to graduate after one year of study as an exception.
2. The application of the exception set out in the proviso of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 5**

1. The requirements for completing the doctorate program senior division shall be as prescribed in Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools, and students must obtain 20 credits or more of the required courses as prescribed by the Graduate School. As an exception, however, a student demonstrating exceptional research achievements may be permitted to graduate after completing the following number of years at the University.
  - (1) One year for students who were enrolled in the Master's program or a professional degree program for more than two years and completed that program.
  - (2) Three years including the enrollment period in a Master's program or a professional degree program for students who were enrolled in a Master's program or a professional degree program for at least one and less than two years and completed that program.
  - (3) One year for students who were admitted pursuant to the provisions of Article 16, paragraph 2, items (7) and (8) of the Rules on Graduate Schools
2. Any matters necessary to the application of the exception in the proviso of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 6 Curriculum**

1. The courses and the number of credits shall be as prescribed in Appended Table 2. However, the committee may determine otherwise by deliberation.
2. In principle, the number of credits per course will be one credit consisting of 15 hours of a class.
3. Courses consist of elective compulsory courses and free elective courses. The elective compulsory courses for each department and course program shall be prescribed separately.
4. If a student requests that they be permitted to complete the educational component of a degree program structured so that the student completes the component during a certain period that exceeds the standard duration of that program, the Graduate School may approve the request upon discussion by the committee.

#### **Article 7 Theme of Research**

Students must, after admission, determine the theme of research under the guidance of an

academic adviser, and report it in the designated form within the prescribed period.

#### **Article 8 Method of Completion**

1. In the Master's program, students must take at least 16 credits of the elective compulsory courses for the departments and course programs in which they are enrolled in accordance with the guidance of an academic adviser.
2. Students may take courses of other course programs, other majors, and other graduate schools, education units and faculties other than those stipulated in the preceding paragraph upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser, and count them as credits towards the free elective courses of the Master's program. However, the maximum number of credits obtained from faculties shall be eight credits.

#### **Article 9**

1. In the doctorate program senior division, students must take at least eight credits of the elective compulsory courses for the majors and course programs in which they are enrolled in accordance with the guidance of an academic adviser.
2. Students may take courses of other courses, other majors, and other graduate schools, education units, Master's program and School of Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine other than those stipulated in the preceding paragraph upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser, and count them as credits towards the free elective courses of the doctorate program senior division.
3. Students who obtain 30 credits or more in the Master's program may count up to eight credits of the credits exceeding 30 credits as credits towards the free elective courses of the doctorate program senior division upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser.

#### **Article 10**

The courses and the number of credits earned at a graduate level of another university in Japan or abroad pursuant to the provisions of Articles 10, 28 or 28-2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools may be counted as credits towards the free elective courses as prescribed in Article 8, paragraph 2 and paragraph 2 of the preceding Article to the maximum of 10 credits through the Master's program and the doctorate program senior division.

#### **Article 10-2 Approval of Credits Obtained Before Enrollment**

1. According to the provisions of Article 10-3 of the Rules on Graduate Schools, the number of credits students obtained at a graduate school of the University of Tokyo before enrollment may be counted as credits towards the free elective courses as prescribed in Article 8, paragraph 2 to a maximum of 10 credits combined with the number of credits included under the provisions of the previous Article.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, necessary items regarding the approval of credits obtained before enrollment shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 11 Research Advice at Other Graduate Levels or Research Institutes**

1. Research advice received at other graduate levels or research institutes, etc. set out in Article 12 of the Rules on Graduate Schools will be approved based on an application by the academic adviser after discussion by the committee.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, any matters of importance on the research advice received at other graduate levels or a research institutes, etc. shall be prescribed separately.

## **Article 12 Course Registration**

Students must, at the beginning of each semester, determine the courses that they intend to take under the guidance of an academic adviser, and register for the courses in the designated form within the prescribed period.

## **Article 13 Application for Examinations**

If any student intends to obtain credits for the courses completed, the student shall submit an application in the designated form within the prescribed period.

## **Article 14 Examinations**

1. Examinations are held at the end of each academic year and semester. However, academic staff may replace examinations with regular academic records, a short thesis or other form of assessment.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, an early examination or makeup examination may be taken if it is deemed particularly necessary and after deliberation by the committee.

## **Article 15 Thesis**

1. A student who intends to submit a Master's thesis in the Master's program must enroll in the course program in which they are enrolled for at least one year and obtain at least 16 credits in the beginning of the academic year they will submit the Master's thesis. However, this provision shall not apply to a student to whom the exception prescribed in Article 4 applies.
2. A student who intends to submit a doctorate thesis in the doctorate program senior division must enroll in the course program in which they are enrolled for at least two years and obtain at least 10 credits in the beginning of the academic year they will submit the doctorate thesis. However, this provision shall not apply to a student to whom the exception prescribed in Article 5 applies.

## **Article 16**

The due date for submission of a thesis shall be announced at the beginning of each academic year.

## **Article 17**

A student who intends to submit a thesis for a degree must submit the notification of the theme of the thesis for the degree to the dean of the Graduate School in advance. The due date for submission of the notification of the theme of the thesis for the degree shall be announced at the beginning of each academic year.

## **Article 18 Final Examinations**

1. The final examination will be taken by students who have obtained the required credits, received necessary academic advice and submitted a thesis.
2. The date and method of final examinations shall be announced in advance.

## **Article 19 Degree Conferral**

1. A Master Arts is conferred on the students who have satisfied the requirements for completing the Master's program set out in Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools pursuant to the provisions of Appended Table 3.
2. A Doctor of Letters, a Doctor of Psychology, a Doctor of Sociology or a Doctor of Social Psychology is conferred on the students who have satisfied the requirements for completing the doctorate program senior division set out in Article 6 of the Rules on

Graduate Schools pursuant to the provisions of Appended Table 3.

**Article 20 Transfer to Another Department**

1. In principle, students shall not be permitted to transfer from their current department to another department. However, in circumstances where students have been enrolled in one department for at least one year and have special reasons, students may be permitted to transfer departments at the beginning of an academic year, upon deliberation by the committee.
2. The program duration for students who transfer departments shall be determined upon discussion upon deliberation by the committee.
3. Credits obtained before such transfer by students who transfer departments may be included in the number of credits prescribed in Articles 8 and 9 upon approval by an academic adviser.

**Article 21 Change of Course Programs**

The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to change of course programs in which students have been enrolled within the same department.

**Article 22 Change of Majors**

Change of majors in which students have been enrolled within the same course programs shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 23 Qualification for Admission to Master's Program**

Persons who are eligible to enter the Master's program are as set out in Article 16, paragraph 1 (excluding item (8)) of the Rules on Graduate Schools.

**Article 24 Qualification for Admission to Doctorate Program Senior Division**

1. Persons who are eligible to enter the doctorate program senior division shall be as set out in Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools.
2. In the case of the preceding paragraph, the provisions for qualification for admission as prescribed in Article 16, paragraph 2, items (7) and (8) of the Rules on Graduate Schools will apply, and the standards for certifying the requirements for such qualification shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 25 Readmission**

1. Persons who discontinue their studies in the Master's program or the doctorate program senior division before graduating and apply for readmission to the Graduate School may only be permitted to be readmitted at the beginning of an academic year upon discussion by the committee. However, if the committee considers by deliberation that a person has special grounds, the committee may permit such person to be readmitted at the beginning of a semester.
2. Persons who are readmitted shall be enrolled in the departments and course programs in which they were enrolled before withdrawal.
3. The program duration for persons who are readmitted shall be determined upon discussion by the committee.
4. Re-admitted persons' credits obtained in the department and course programs before their withdrawal may be included in the number of credits as prescribed in Articles 8 and 9 upon approval by an academic adviser.

**Article 26 Admission to Master's Program**

1. The screening of persons who have obtained a Master's degree at a Graduate School of the University of Tokyo and who apply for admission to another Master's program is performed in the same manner as for persons who newly apply for admission to a Master's program. However, in such case, the applicant may be exempt from a part of the entrance examination upon discussion by the committee.
2. The enrollment period for persons who are admitted to the Master's program under the preceding paragraph may be one year upon discussion by the committee.
3. The credits that persons admitted to the Master's program under paragraph 1 obtained at the department at which the person was enrolled may be counted towards the credits stipulated in Article 8, paragraph 1 upon approval by the academic adviser.

#### **Article 27 Admission to Doctorate Program Senior Division**

1. The provision of Article 26, paragraph 1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the screening of persons who have obtained a doctorate degree at a Graduate School of the University of Tokyo and who then apply for admission to a doctorate program senior division.
2. The enrollment period for persons who are admitted to the doctorate program senior division under the preceding paragraph may be two years upon discussion by the committee.
3. The credits that persons admitted to the doctorate program senior division under paragraph 1 obtained at the department at which the person was enrolled may be counted towards the credits stipulated in Article 9, paragraph 2 upon approval by the academic adviser.

#### **Article 28 Special Research Students**

1. The acceptance of the special research students set out in Article 32 of the Rules on Graduate Schools shall be permitted upon discussion by the committee based on an application from the graduate level or graduate school of the university to which the student belongs.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, any matters of importance on the acceptance of the special research students shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 29 Graduate Research Students**

In addition to the provisions in the Rules on Graduate Schools and the University of Tokyo Rules on Graduate Research Students, the details of the handling of graduate research students shall be prescribed separately at the Graduate School.

#### **Article 30 Specially Registered Graduate Students**

1. The acceptance of specially registered graduate students set out in Article 31-2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools may be permitted upon discussion by the committee based on an application from the student.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, any matters of importance on the acceptance of specially registered students shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

##### Effective Date

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 1995.

##### Abolishment of the University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate School of Sociology

2. The University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate School of Sociology (established on April 23, 1963) shall be abolished.

#### Transitional Measures

3. Following the transition from the Graduate School of Sociology to the Graduate School, the maximum period of enrollment and period of a leave of absence of students who were transferred to the Graduate School are included in the period starting from when such students were admitted to the Graduate School of Sociology.
4. The credits obtained by the students described in the preceding paragraph that were earned while they were enrolled in the Graduate School of Sociology shall be considered credits earned at the Graduate School.
5. The committee shall separately prescribe the transitional measures associated with the transition from the Graduate School of Sociology to the Graduate School other than those stipulated in the preceding two paragraphs and the Rules on Graduate Schools.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 1996.
2. Persons admitted to the 2-year Master's program or the 3-year doctorate program on or before March 31, 1996 and are still enrolled shall be enrolled in the Master's program or the doctorate program senior division from April 1, 1996.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

##### Article 1 Effective Date

These Rules shall come into force on April 01, 2004.

##### Article 2 Transitional Measures for Graduate Schools of Humanities and Sociology

With regard to persons who entered a Master's or a doctorate program senior division of socio-cultural studies at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology on or before March 31, 2004 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on January 18, 2005.

#### **Supplementary Provisions (Abstracts)**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2005.

#### **Supplementary Provisions (Abstracts)**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2006.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2007.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

##### Effective Date

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2008.

#### Transitional Measures

2. With regard to persons who entered a Master's program or doctorate program senior division of Korean studies at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology on or before March 31, 2008 and are still enrolled, the provisions then in force shall remain applicable.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

#### Effective Date

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2009.

#### Transitional Measures

2. With regard to persons who entered a Master's or a doctorate program senior division of General Culture and Asian Studies at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology on or before March 31, 2009 and are still enrolled, the provisions then in force shall remain applicable.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2011.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on June 1, 2011.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on June 28, 2012.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2015.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Appended Tables 1 and 2 of the revised Rules of the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, with regard to persons who entered a Master's program or doctorate program senior division of Cultural Resource Studies at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology on or before March 31, 2015 and are still enrolled, the provisions then in force shall remain applicable.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2016.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on June 23, 2016.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2017.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2018.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Appended Table 2 after the revision, the provisions before the revision shall apply to students who were admitted on or before March 31, 2018, and continue to study at the graduate school.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2020.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2021.