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**The University of Tokyo Rules for  
the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies**

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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 (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules on Graduate Schools”) to be determined by the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies at the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School”) and matters that the Graduate school deems necessary.
2. The committee of the Graduate School (hereinafter referred to as the “committee”) shall determine upon deliberation, the curriculum of, examinations at, admission to and completion of the Graduate School other than those stipulated in these Rules.

**Article 1-2 Educational Purpose**

The purpose of the Graduate School is to provide an interdisciplinary and practical learning environment through organic cooperation between the information-related educational and research organizations university-wide and to develop personnel equipped with information processing skills required in various fields of the advanced information society and broad and advanced knowledge about social meaning and function of such information. The Graduate School aims to offer personnel development and recurrent education to help adults acquire practical information literacy and at the same time to cultivate researchers and scientists who pioneer information sciences by integrating the fields of humanities and science.

**Article 2 Course Programs**

1. The course programs prescribed in Appended Table 1 are established in the Department of Interdisciplinary Information Studies of the Graduate School.
2. The purpose regarding training of human resources at each course program and other educational purposes shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 2-2 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 2-3 Standard Program Duration**

1. The standard program duration shall be as prescribed in Article 2, paragraph 5 of the Graduation School Rules.
2. 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 set out in the preceding paragraph, the Graduate School may approve the request upon discussion by the committee.

### **Article 3 Requirements for Completion of Master's Program**

1. The requirements for completion of 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. Any matters necessary to the application of the exception set out in the proviso of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

### **Article 4 Requirements for Completion of Doctorate Program Senior Division**

1. The requirements for completion of 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.
  - (1) One year for students who were enrolled in the Master's 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 the Master's program or the professional degree program for one or more years but 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 5 Curriculum**

1. The courses and credits of each department shall be as prescribed in Appended Table 2. However, upon deliberation by the committee, it may be determined otherwise.
2. With respect to the number of credits for a course, one credit will be conferred for 15 instruction hours of a lecture course, 30 instruction hours of an exercise course, 45 hours of an experiment or practical course.

### **Article 6 Academic Adviser**

1. A student's academic adviser must be an academic staff member of the student's department and the student's assistant academic adviser may be another academic staff member of the Graduate School or an academic staff member of another graduate school, education unit or research institution of the University of Tokyo under the instruction of the academic adviser.
2. Any matters regarding the assistant academic adviser shall be prescribed separately.

### **Article 7 Method of Completion**

Students must take courses in accordance with the instruction from an academic adviser, and receive necessary research guidance.

#### **Article 8**

In the Master's program, students who take the following courses may count them towards the credits for the Master's program within the maximum number of credits separately prescribed with the approval of the academic adviser.

- (1) Courses of the faculty
- (2) Courses of another department or an education unit

#### **Article 9**

1. In the doctorate program senior division, the students who have completed the following courses may count them towards the credits of the doctorate program senior division within the maximum number of credits separately prescribed with the approval of the academic adviser.

- (1) Courses of the Master's program
- (2) Courses of another department or an education unit

2. In the Master's program, the credits exceeding the credits necessary for the completion may be added up to 10 credits to the number of the credits in the doctorate program senior division with the approval of the academic adviser.

#### **Article 10 Research Advice at Other Graduate Levels or Research Institutes, etc.**

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 upon discussion by the committee.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, any matters necessary to the research advice received at other graduate levels or a research institutes, etc. shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 11 Course Registration and Application for Examinations**

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

#### **Article 12 Examinations**

1. Examinations shall be held at the end of the semester or the academic year. However, academic staff may replace examinations with regular academic records or reports.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, when particularly necessary, a makeup examination may be given upon deliberation by the examination committee.

#### **Article 13 Thesis**

Students shall submit a thesis to the dean of the Graduate School within the designated period upon guidance from the academic adviser.

#### **Article 14 Final Examinations**

1. The final examination will be taken by students who have attained 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 15 Degree Conferral**

1. A Master of Arts and Sciences in Interdisciplinary Information Studies or Master of Arts in Socio-information and Communication Studies 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 provision of Appended Table 1.

2. In the case defined in the preceding paragraph, the screening of research results for the specific topic may replace the screening of the Master's degree thesis for students who applied therefor upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser. In such case, the term "thesis" in the two preceding Articles shall be read as "results of research regarding a specific assignment".

#### **Article 16**

A Doctor of Philosophy 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 provision of Appended Table 1.

#### **Article 17 Qualification for Admission**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. In the case of the preceding paragraph, the standards for certifying the requirements for the qualification as prescribed in Article 16, paragraph 2, items (7) and (8) of the Rules on Graduate Schools shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 18 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 program may only be permitted to be readmitted at the beginning of an academic year or a semester upon discussion by the committee.
2. Persons who are readmitted shall be enrolled in the course programs in which they were enrolled before withdrawal.
3. The duration of courses for persons who are readmitted shall be determined upon discussion by the committee.
4. Credits obtained by person who are readmitted before withdrawal may be included in the number of credits as prescribed in Article 5 upon approval by an academic adviser.

#### **Article 19 Admission to Master's Program**

1. The screening of persons who have obtained a Master's degree at a graduate level 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 5 hereof upon approval by an academic adviser.

#### **Article 20 Admission to Doctorate Program**

1. The provision of Article 19, paragraph 1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the screening of persons who have obtained a doctorate degree at a graduate level 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 5 hereof upon approval by an academic adviser.

#### **Article 21 Transfer from another University and Transfer to another Graduate School**

The acceptance of a transfer student from another university set out in Article 23 of the Rules on Graduate Schools and transfer to another graduate school set out in Article 24 of the Rules on Graduate Schools shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 22 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 necessary to the acceptance of the special research students shall be prescribed separately.

#### **Article 23 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.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2004.
2. With regard to persons who were admitted 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 April 20, 2004.

#### **Supplementary Provisions (abstracts)**

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

#### **Supplementary Provisions (abstracts)**

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

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

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

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

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

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

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

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on October 3, 2008 and the revised provisions of Appended Table 1 and Appended Table 2 shall be applicable from April 1, 2008.

**Supplementary Provisions**

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

**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 October 1, 2012.
2. With regard to persons who were admitted on or before September 30, 2012 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on October 1, 2014.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Appended Table 2 of the revised Rules for the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, with regard to persons who were admitted to the ITASIA Program on or before September 30, 2014 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2015.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Appended Table 2 of the revised Rules for the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, with regard to persons who were admitted on or before March 31, 2015 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2016.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Appended Table 2 of the revised Rules for the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, with regard to persons who were admitted on or before March 31, 2016 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

**Supplementary Provisions**

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

**Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2018.