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## The University of Tokyo Rules for the Faculty of Law

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### Chapter 1 General Provisions

#### Article 1 Purpose

1. The purpose of these Rules is to set out the matters as prescribed in the University of Tokyo General Rules on Faculties (hereinafter referred to as the “General Rules on Faculties”) to be set by each faculty.
2. All matters regarding the curriculum, and examinations for, advancement to, admission to, and graduation from the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as the “Faculty”) shall be subject to these Rules unless the council of the Faculty of Law (hereinafter referred to as the “council” or the “faculty council”) stipulates otherwise.

#### Article 1-2 Educational and Research Purpose

The purpose of the Faculty is to develop human resources who have a broad perspective and acquire a foundation of legal thinking and political science insights through education and research focused on the study of law and political science.

#### Article 2 Departments

The following three departments are established at the Faculty:

- (1) First Department (Private Law Course Program)
- (2) Second Department (Public Law Course Program)

- (3) Third Department (Political Science Course Program)

### **Article 3 Student Enrollment in Department**

1. Students shall be enrolled in any of the departments. Students may choose the departments they enroll in.
2. Persons who intend to advance or to be admitted to the Faculty must apply for the department in which they wish to be enrolled in advance using the prescribed application form.
3. Students who have been enrolled in the Faculty may be transferred to another department at the beginning of the next academic year after submitting an application for transfer during the period designated by the Faculty and obtaining permission from the faculty council.

### **Article 4 Semesters**

The academic year shall be divided into two semesters:

- (1) Summer Semester: April 1 through September 30
- (2) Winter Semester: October 1 through March 31 of the following year

## **Chapter 2 Curriculum**

### **Article 5 Courses**

Students must complete the following four types of courses:

- (1) Compulsory Courses: Courses that students must complete
- (2) Elective Compulsory Courses: Courses that students must complete by electing certain credits from several courses
- (3) Elective Courses: Courses that students may elect and complete
- (4) Facultative Courses: Courses that may be transferred to the credits required for the elective courses only with respect to the prescribed number of credits when students complete them

### **Article 6 Credits**

A student obtains one credit for any class held for 1 hour per week over a period of 15 weeks.

### **Article 7 Name of Courses and Number of Credits**

The names of, and the number of credits for, compulsory courses, elective compulsory courses and elective courses of each department shall be as prescribed in the Schedule and otherwise determined by the faculty council.

### **Article 8 Allocation of Courses**

1. Courses are allocated to the following semesters:
  - 3rd Semester: Admission to the College of Arts and Sciences, the summer semester of the 2nd academic year
  - 4th Semester: Admission to the College of Arts and Sciences, the winter semester of the 2nd academic year
  - 5th Semester: Advancement to the Faculty, the summer semester of the 1st academic year
  - 6th Semester: Advancement to the Faculty, the winter semester of the 1st academic year
  - 7th Semester: Advancement to the Faculty, the summer semester of the 2nd academic year

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8th Semester: Advancement to the Faculty, the winter semester of the 2nd academic year
2. The council shall determine the allocation of the courses prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

#### **Article 8-2 Course Registration**

1. Students must register for the courses they intend to take using the prescribed application form within the period designated by the Faculty.
2. Students may not take courses for which they fail to register.

#### **Article 9 Courses of Other Faculties**

1. Students may take courses of other faculties as facultative courses.
2. Students who intend to take courses of other faculties must obtain permission from the dean of the Faculty and other deans of the relevant faculties in advance.

#### **Article 10 Qualification for Graduation**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 26 and 27 of the General Rules on Faculties, students must complete the following courses and pass examinations therefor during the enrollment period prescribed in Article 3 of the General Rules on Faculties to graduate from the Faculty and obtain a Bachelor's degree (Bachelor of Laws).
  - (1) First Department
    - Compulsory Courses: All of the compulsory courses (46 credits)
    - Elective Compulsory Courses: Four credits or more from Anglo-American Law, French Law or German Law
    - Elective Courses: Credits that together with the credits for the compulsory courses and the elective compulsory courses amount to 90 or more credits
  - (2) Second Department
    - Compulsory Courses: All of the compulsory courses (42 credits)
    - Elective Compulsory Courses: Four credits or more from Anglo-American Law, French Law or German Law, and four credits or more from International Law II, Japanese Politics, Public Administration, International Politics, Basic Economics or Public Finance
    - Elective Courses: Credits that together with the credits for the compulsory courses and the elective compulsory courses amount to 90 or more credits
  - (3) Third Department
    - Compulsory Courses: All of the compulsory courses (46 credits)
    - Elective Compulsory Courses: Four credits or more from Basic Economics, Public Finance or Financial Theory
    - Elective Courses: Credits that together with the credits for the compulsory courses and the elective compulsory courses amount to 90 or more credits
2. Students may transfer a maximum of 12 credits for facultative courses to credits for elective courses prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

## **Chapter 3 Examinations**

### **Article 11 Regular Examinations**

Regular examinations are held at the end of the semester in which the classes were held. However, examinations for the courses for which classes are held in the 3rd semester and the courses for which classes are held all year round are held at the end of the winter semester of that academic year.

### **Article 12 Makeup Examinations**

1. Makeup examinations are held in June and December of each year.
2. Persons who fall under any of the following items due to an accident or for other reasons may take the makeup examination for that period as prescribed in each of the following items:
  - (1) Persons who did not pass all of the regular examinations for the courses required for graduation at the end of the winter semester that are given at the end of that winter semester: Makeup examinations to be given in June of the following academic year;
  - (2) Persons who did not pass all of the regular examinations for the courses required for graduation at the end of the summer semester that are given at the end of that summer semester: Makeup examinations to be given in December of that academic year; or
  - (3) Persons who failed the regular examinations that are held at the end of the summer semester for the courses that are required for graduation at the end of the academic year to which that summer semester belongs to: Makeup examinations to be given in December of that academic year.
3. Persons may take makeup examinations for a maximum of two courses.
4. Persons may be allowed to take makeup examinations for the following courses:
  - (1) Compulsory course or elective compulsory course for which the persons failed to pass the examinations; and
  - (2) Courses for which persons are recognized to be unable to take examinations due to objective causes such as accidents or diseases
5. Makeup examinations for courses for which part-time lecturers are responsible are not given. In addition, a makeup examination is not given if the teaching staff who conducted the classes leaves before the time of the makeup examination is announced.
6. Credits obtained through makeup examinations will only be applied to approve graduation in the following cases:
  - (1) In the case of paragraph 2, items (1) and (2): Approval of graduation through makeup examinations; and
  - (2) In the case of paragraph 2, item (3): Approval of graduation at the end of the relevant academic year.

### **Article 13 Credits for Courses with Examinations**

Examinations for courses with more than four credits will be held with the credits being divided into units of four credits. However, examinations for courses with six credits are held with the credits being divided into units of four credits and two credits.

### **Article 14 Examinable Courses**

Students may only take examinations each academic year for courses for which they applied as prescribed in Article 8-2.

### **Article 15 Examinations by Academic Staff**

Academic staff members who have conducted classes of the course shall give examinations for the course. However, if an academic staff member resigns or is unable to hold an examination, another academic staff may hold examinations on his or her behalf upon discussion by the faculty council.

### **Article 16 Deleted**

### **Article 17 Deleted**

### **Article 18 Examination Grades**

1. Examination results shall be graded as A+, A, B, C and F. The grades A+, A, B and C represent a pass, and F represents a fail.
2. The criteria for A+, A, B, C and F are as follows:
  - (1) A+: A student shows achievements in the course to an extremely advanced level.
  - (2) A: A student shows achievements in the course to an advanced level.
  - (3) B: A student shows achievements in the course to a reasonable level.
  - (4) C: A student shows minimum achievements in the course, and is required to make more reasonable efforts.
  - (5) F: A student shows achievements in the course to a significantly low level.
3. Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 14-2, 14-3 and 14-5 of the General Rules on Faculties, except for the grades prescribed in paragraph 1 hereof, the examination results for courses taken at a university abroad may be graded as pass or fail.
4. Students will be notified of the grades prescribed in paragraphs 1 and 3 in a grade report.

## **Chapter 4 Advancement and Admission**

### **Article 19 Courses Required for Entrance**

Students who will advance to the Faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences must complete the courses separately designated by the faculty council and pass the examinations therefor.

### **Article 20 Persons Advancing to the Faculty**

Persons who have been enrolled at the College of Arts and Sciences for a prescribed period and wish to advance to the Faculty shall advance to the Faculty following the screening process in accordance with the criteria and in the method designated by the faculty council.

### **Article 21 and Article 22 Deleted**

### **Article 23 Post-baccalaureate Admissions for A Second Bachelor's Degree**

Persons who fall under any of the following items are permitted to be admitted to the Faculty as determined by the faculty council under Article 10 of the General Rules on Faculties:

- (1) Persons who have graduated from one department of the Faculty and who apply for admission to another department;
- (2) Persons who have graduated from another faculty of the University of Tokyo and who apply for admission to the Faculty;

- (3) Persons who have graduated from another university with the program duration of 4 years or more and who apply for admission to the Faculty; or
- (4) Persons on whom a Bachelor's degree has been conferred in accordance with Article 104, paragraph 4 of the School Education Act.

#### **Article 24 Screening of Post-baccalaureate Students**

Entrance examinations will be held to screen persons who apply for admission to the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of the preceding article as determined by the faculty council. However, persons who fall under the preceding article, item (1) are permitted to be admitted to the Faculty following the screening process in other methods as determined by the faculty council.

#### **Article 25 Period of Enrollment for a Post-baccalaureate Student**

The period of enrollment for any students who are admitted to the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of Article 23 (hereinafter referred to as "Post-baccalaureate Students") shall be as follows:

- (1) Persons who fall under Article 23, item (1): one year; and
- (2) Persons who fall under Article 23, item (2), (3) or (4): two years

#### **Article 26 Courses for Post-baccalaureate Students**

1. Post-baccalaureate Students who fall under Article 23, item (1) may be exempt from courses they have completed with the Faculty and for which they have passed the examinations.
2. Post-baccalaureate Students who fall under Article 23, item (2), (3) or (4) must take the courses for the department in which they are enrolled, and pass the examinations therefor.

#### **Article 27 Readmission**

1. Persons who have discontinued their studies with the Faculty and who apply for readmission to the Faculty may be permitted to be admitted to the Faculty upon discussion by the faculty council under Article 9 of the General Rules on Faculties.
2. Students who are permitted to be readmitted pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall be enrolled in the department before withdrawal, and the period of enrollment after readmission shall be aggregated with the period before withdrawal.
3. The provisions of the preceding article, paragraph 1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the courses to be taken by the students who are permitted to be readmitted pursuant to paragraph 1.
4. The provisions of the preceding two paragraphs shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the students who have been ordered to be expelled from the University of Tokyo pursuant to the provisions of Article 24 or 25 of the General Rules on Faculties and who are permitted to be readmitted.

#### **Article 28 Deleted**

#### **Article 29 Exceptions to Admission of Foreign Students**

Foreign students who fall under the provisions of Article 45 of the General Rules on Faculties shall be screened and handled in accordance with the provisions of Article 46 of the General Rules on Faculties and as determined by the faculty council from time to time.

### **Article 30 Research Students and Auditors**

In addition to the provisions of Chapters 10 and 11 of the General Rules on Faculties, the faculty council shall determine the details of the treatment of research students and auditors.

## **Chapter 5 Graduation**

### **Article 31 Graduation**

The faculty council shall approve graduation by students.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on November 18, 1975.
2. With regard to persons who entered the undergraduate program Junior Division of the University of Tokyo in or before April 1974, the provisions then in force shall remain applicable after these Rules come into force. However, this provision does not apply to persons who entered the undergraduate program Junior Division in or before 1974 and graduated in or after 1979 (excluding the case where the graduation was delayed due to a leave of absence) and who newly apply for admission for a Bachelor's degree.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 1979.
2. With regard to the transfer of persons who advanced or were admitted on or before March 31, 1979 and are still enrolled, the provisions then in force shall remain applicable only in the academic year of 1979.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 1992.
2. The revised provisions of Article 10 shall apply to persons advancing to the Faculty in, and Bachelor's Degree Students of, 1993. However, with regard to persons who advanced to or were admitted for a Bachelor's degree on or before March 31, 1993 and who were readmitted after withdrawal, the provisions then in force shall remain applicable.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2003.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2005.

#### **Supplementary Provisions**

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2006.

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

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These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2014.