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The University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics

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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Article 1 Purpose of Rules

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”) and the University of Tokyo Rules on Graduate School Professional Degree Programs (the “Rules on Professional Degree Programs”) to be determined by each graduate school and matters that the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics at the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School”) deems necessary.
2. The examination committees of each school that constitutes the graduate school examination committee pursuant to Article 7, paragraph 1 of the University of Tokyo Rules on the Administration and Management of the Graduate School for Law and Politics shall determine upon deliberation the curriculum of, examinations at, admission to and completion of each school of the Graduate School prescribed in Article 1-3 other than those stipulated in these Rules.

Article 1-2 Educational and Research Purposes

1. The purpose of the Graduate School is to develop outstanding human resources by developing a profound knowledge of law and politics from a theoretical and historical viewpoint and by fostering research and practical abilities in the specialized fields, and to develop outstanding legal experts with practical minds who are high-spirited and have a strong sense of responsibility and morality for contributing to the people and

society and who are capable of taking active roles in the advanced field of law and international law.

2. The educational and research purposes for each school shall be prescribed separately.

Article 1-3 Schools of the Graduate School

The School of Legal and Political Studies is established in the Master's program and the doctorate program senior division of the Graduate School, and the School of Law is established in the program for a professional degree at the Graduate School. Course Programs prescribed in Appended Table 1 are established in the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 1-4 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.

Chapter 2 School of Legal and Political Studies

Article 2 Curriculum

1. One course consists of one class for two hours per week, in principle.
2. The number of credits per course will be one credit for 15 class hours.
3. The courses and the number of credits shall be as prescribed in Appended Table 1. However, the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies may determine otherwise upon deliberation.
4. If a student intends to take a course related to their major at a graduate level of another university in Japan or abroad, notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding three paragraphs, the provisions of Article 10, 28 or 28-2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools will apply.
5. 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 program duration of that program, the Graduate School may, pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 7 of the Rules on Graduate Schools, approve such request upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies. The detailed rules shall be prescribed separately.

Article 3

The courses are categorized into the following two courses:

- (1) Compulsory courses
- (2) Elective courses

Article 4 Number of Credits and Method of Completion

1. In the Master's program, students must obtain at least 12 credits of compulsory courses and at least 18 credits of elective courses, and receive the necessary research guidance.
2. Students shall take the compulsory courses from the courses of the course program in which they are enrolled in accordance with the guidance of an academic adviser.
3. Students shall take the elective courses from the courses of the course program in which they are enrolled, or other course programs, other majors or other graduate schools or education units upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser.

4. Students may take up to eight credits of the courses of the faculties as elective courses upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser.
5. Foreign students who have special grounds may change the maximum number of credits prescribed in the preceding paragraph within the course program in which they are enrolled.
6. Students may not take more than eight credits of courses unless under the guidance of the school.

Article 5

1. In the doctorate program senior division, students must obtain at least 10 credits of compulsory courses and at least 10 credits of elective courses, and receive the necessary research guidance.
2. Students shall take the compulsory courses from the courses of the course program in which they are enrolled in accordance with the guidance of an academic adviser.
3. Students shall take the elective courses from the courses of the course program in which they are enrolled, or other course programs or other graduate schools upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser.
4. Students may take the courses of the Master's program or a professional degree program as elective courses upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser.
5. Students who obtain 30 credits or more in the Master's program may count up to 10 credits of the credits exceeding 30 credits as credits towards the elective courses of the doctorate program senior division upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser.
6. Students may not take more than eight credits of courses unless under the guidance of the school.

Article 5-2 Research Advice at Other Graduate Schools 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 examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.
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 6 Course Registration

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

Article 7 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 8 Regular Examinations

Examinations shall be held during the term in which the course was held, at the end of the instruction period. For two-term courses and year-long courses, examinations shall be held during the final term of the course, at the end of the instruction period. However, teachers may replace examinations with regular academic records, a report or other form of assessment.

Article 9 **Makeup Examinations**

In addition to the periodic examinations, a makeup examination may be taken as prescribed separately, if it is deemed particularly necessary and upon deliberation by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 10 **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. However, this provision shall not apply to a student to whom the exception prescribed in Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools applies.
2. Students shall submit a Master's thesis within the designated period under guidance from the academic adviser.

Article 11

1. 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 currently enrolled for at least two years (or, for a student who have completed programs at graduate school of laws as prescribed in Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools, one year) and obtain at least 10 credits.
2. Students shall submit a doctorate thesis within the designated period under guidance from the academic adviser. However, this provision shall not apply to a student to whom the exception prescribed in Article 6, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Rules on Graduate Schools applies.

Article 12 **Final Examinations**

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

Article 13 **Degree Conferral**

A Master of Laws 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.

Article 14

A Doctor of Laws 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.

Article 15 **Change of Course Programs**

Only students who have been enrolled in the Graduate School for at least one year and who have special grounds may be permitted to change the course program in which they are currently enrolled, based on deliberation by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 16

The program duration for students who change course programs shall be determined upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 17

Credits obtained before such change by students who change course programs may be included in the number of credits prescribed in Articles 4 or 5 upon approval by an academic adviser.

Article 18 Change of Majors

The provisions of the preceding three Articles apply *mutatis mutandis* to students who intend to change majors within the same course program.

Article 19 Qualifications for Admission to Graduate School

1. Persons who are eligible to enter the Master's program shall be 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 are as set out in each item of Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools.
3. In the case of the preceding paragraph, the criteria for applying the provisions regarding the qualifications for admission to graduate school in item (7) and item (8) of Article 16, paragraph 2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools and approving the qualifications therefor shall be prescribed separately.

Article 20 Readmission

Any person who withdrew or was ordered to withdraw from the Graduate School during the Master's program or the senior division of the doctorate program and who applies for readmission to the same program may be permitted to be readmitted upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies only at the beginning of the academic year.

Article 21

Persons who are readmitted shall be enrolled in the course programs in which they were enrolled before withdrawal.

Article 22

The program duration of the person who is permitted to be readmitted shall be determined upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 23

The credits a re-admitted person obtained from the course program before his/her withdrawal may be counted towards the credits stipulated in Article 4 or Article 5 hereof upon approval by the academic adviser.

Article 24 Admission to Master's Program

The screening of persons who have obtained a Master's degree at the 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 examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 25

The enrollment period for persons who are admitted to the Master's program under the preceding Article may be one year upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 26

The credits that persons admitted to the doctorate program senior division under Article 24 attained at the course program at which the person was enrolled may be counted towards the credits stipulated in Article 4 hereof upon approval by the academic adviser.

Article 27 Admission to Doctorate Program Senior Division

The provision of Article 24 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the screening of persons who have obtained a Master's degree at the graduate level of the University of Tokyo and who then apply for admission to a doctorate program senior division.

Article 28

The enrollment period for persons who are admitted to the doctorate program senior division under the preceding Article may be two years upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.

Article 29

The credits that persons admitted to the doctorate program senior division under Article 27 obtained at the course program at which the person was enrolled may be counted towards the credits stipulated in Article 5 upon approval by the academic adviser.

Article 30 Exceptions to Proviso of Article 5, Paragraph 1 and Article 6, Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Rules on Graduate Schools

1. The exception as prescribed in the proviso of Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools applies to the Master's program of the Graduate School.
2. The exception as prescribed in Article 6, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Rules on Graduate Schools applies to the doctorate program senior division of the Graduate School.
3. The details of the preceding two paragraphs shall be prescribed separately.

Article 30-2 Specially Registered Graduate Students

1. Admission of specially registered graduate students as prescribed in Article 31-2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools may be permitted based on their application upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, any matters necessary to the acceptance of the specially registered graduate students shall be prescribed separately.

Article 31 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 examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies 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.

Chapter 3 School of Law

Article 32 Courses

Students must complete the following three types of courses:

- (1) Compulsory Courses: Courses students must complete
- (2) Elective Compulsory Courses: Courses students must choose for a certain

- number of credits
- (3) Elective Courses: Courses that students may elect and complete

Article 33 Names and Number of Credits for Courses

The names and number of credits for courses other than those stipulated in Appended Table 2 that are the compulsory courses, elective compulsory courses and elective courses shall be as determined by the examination committee of the School of Law upon deliberation.

Article 34 Credits

The number of credits per course will be one credit consisting of a class for one hour per week and for a period of 15 weeks in principle.

Article 35 Year in University

1. A year in university shall be based on the year in which the compulsory courses are allocated.
2. The year in university in which the compulsory courses are set shall be as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

Article 36 Persons Who Have Completed Legal Studies

1. Students who were admitted as persons who have completed legal studies shall be deemed to have been enrolled in the Graduate School for one year and have obtained 30 credits of the compulsory courses for one year as designated by the examination committee of the School of Law upon deliberation.
2. Persons who are admitted as persons who have completed legal studies shall commence study at the Graduate School as second-year students.

Article 36-2 Students Awarded Program Extension

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 program duration of that program, the Graduate School may, pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 7 of the Rules on Graduate Schools, approve such request upon discussion by the examination committee of the School of Legal and Political Studies. The detailed rules shall be prescribed separately.

Article 37 Limit of Credits

Students may only obtain up to 34 credits in the first year, up to 36 credits in the second year and up to 44 credits in the third year.

Article 38 Courses of Other Graduate Schools and Schools

Students may obtain up to 12 credits of courses of other graduate schools, the Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies, the Graduate School of Public Policy and other schools of the Graduate School in place of credits for the elective courses. However, students who intend to take those courses must obtain permission from the dean of the School of Law.

Article 39 Credits for Requirements for Completion

Students must complete the credits prescribed in the requirements for completion set out in Appended Table 2 to graduate from the School and obtain Juris Doctor pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 of the Rules on Professional Degree Courses.

Article 40 Advancement to the Next Educational Level

1. If a student who is in the first year or the second year fails to obtain more than two-thirds of the number of credits necessary for that school year or if the grades, etc. of the compulsory subjects do not meet the requirements set upon deliberation by the examination committee of the School of Law, they will not advance to the next school year. In this case, all of the credits that are obtained in the current academic year by the student who fails to advance to the next school year become invalid.
2. A student who fails to advance for two consecutive years shall lose their status as a student.
3. The provisions prescribed in the latter part of paragraph 1 and in paragraph 2 do not apply if the student is studying abroad at an overseas university under the provisions of Article 28 of the Rules on Graduate Schools, and when the student's study abroad is deemed appropriate by the examination committee of the School of Law upon deliberation.

Article 41 Course Registration

Students shall determine the courses to complete and submit an application in the prescribed form within the designated period.

Article 42 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 43 Regular Examinations

Regular examinations shall be held during the term in which the classes were held, at the end of the instruction period. For two-term courses and year-long courses, examinations shall be held during the final term of the course, at the end of the instruction period. However, this shall not preclude the University from providing detailed grades by replacing examinations with regular academic records, a report or other form of assessment.

Article 44 Makeup Examinations

Written makeup examinations shall be given to students who are unable to take examinations for the courses for the relevant academic year due to sickness, an accident or other unavoidable reasons.

Article 45 Qualifications for Admission to Graduate School

Persons who may be admitted to the School of Law shall be as prescribed in Article 16, paragraph 1 (excluding item (8)) of the Rules on Graduate Schools to which Article 16 of the Rules on Professional Degree Courses applies *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 46 Readmission

Articles 20, 22 and 23 apply *mutatis mutandis* to readmission.

Article 47 Specially Registered Graduate Students

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

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

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2002.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

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1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2004.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on April 20, 2004.

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

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2006.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2007.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2008.
2. With regard to persons who entered the professional degree program of the School of Law on or before March 31, 2008 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2009.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2010

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2012.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2013.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on February 18, 2014 and the provisions of the University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics revised by these Rules shall be applicable from April 1, 2013.
2. Persons admitted to the program for a professional degree in the School of Law as a person who has not completed legal studies on or before March 31, 2013 and were registered to be in the second year or higher on April 1, 2013 or persons admitted to the program for a professional degree in the School of Law as a person who has completed legal studies on or before March 31, 2013, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.
3. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2015.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

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, 2019.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions

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