The University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

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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 each graduate school and matters that the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School”) deems necessary.

2. Both the examination committee of the Graduate School (hereinafter referred to as the “examination committee”) and each department shall determine upon discussion, 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 train human resources who aim to establish wisdom through cross-disciplinary research based on a deep understanding of specialized fields of study through interdisciplinary- and internationality-focused education and research, have an ability to address various challenges in modern society and scientific techniques through a comprehensive ability to judge supported by a steadfast education and are able to play an international leadership role not only in educational and research fields, but also in the practical field of society.

2. The purpose regarding development of human resources in each department and other educational and research purposes shall be prescribed separately.

Article 2  Academic Program
1. The Graduate School implements the following academic programs:
   (1) “Human Security” Program;
   (2) European Studies Program;
   (3) Global Humanities Program;
   (4) Program on “Integrated Human Science Program for Cultural Diversity;”
   (5) Program on “Global Society”; and
   (6) Program on “Environmental Sciences”.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, the Graduate School implements the following academic programs.
   (1) Science Interpreter Training Program
   (2) Internationales Graduiertenkolleg: IGK
   (3) University of Tokyo English Education Program

2. Any matters necessary to the implementation or operation of the academic programs in the preceding two paragraphs 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 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 in the proviso of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

Article 4 Requirements for Completion of Doctorate Program Senior Division
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 compulsory 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 two years or more and completed that program.
   (2) Three years including the enrollment period in a Master’s program for students who were enrolled in a Master’s program for the period of enrollment as set out in the proviso of Article 3, paragraph 1 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.

Article 5 Special Screening
1. If the examination committee deliberates on the application of the exception in the proviso of the preceding Article, it will establish a special screening committee under the following article and conduct a screening thereof.
2. The special screening described in the preceding paragraph will be proposed for the examination committee by the head of the department.

Article 6 Special Screening Committee
The special screening committee consists of the members of the examination committee set out in Article 7 of the Rules on Academic Degrees and several members required to be designated by the dean of the Graduate School.

**Article 7  Curriculum**

1. The courses and credits shall be as prescribed in the Appended Tables 1 and 2. However, the examination committee may determine otherwise upon deliberation.

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.

3. 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, pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 7 of the Rules on Graduate Schools, approve the request upon discussion by the examination committee. The detailed rules shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 8  Method of Completion**

1. Students in the Master’s program shall obtain 16 credits or more from courses offered by the department to which the student belongs in accordance with instruction from the academic adviser.

2. Students may take academic programs prescribed in Article 2, paragraph 1, courses of other departments, graduate schools and faculties/college other than those stipulated in the preceding paragraph upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser, and count them as credits towards the courses of the Master’s program. However, the maximum number of credits obtained from faculties shall be eight credits.

3. The method of completion for students who take an academic program set out in Article 2, paragraph 1 hereof shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 9**

1. Students in the doctorate program senior division shall obtain eight credits or more from courses of the department to which the student belongs in accordance with instruction from the academic adviser.

2. Students may take academic programs prescribed in Article 2, paragraph 1 (excluding item (2)), courses of other departments, graduate schools, and the 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 courses of the doctorate program senior division.

3. Students whose number of obtained credits exceeds 30 in the Master’s program may count up to eight credits of the credits exceeding 30 credits as credits towards the courses of the doctorate program senior division upon obtaining approval from an academic adviser.

4. The method of completion for the students who take an academic program set out in Article 2, paragraph 1, (excluding item (2)) hereof shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 10  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 upon discussion by the examination 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
Students must determine the courses that they intend to take under the guidance of an academic adviser, and register for the course in the designated form within the prescribed period.

Article 12  Application for Examination
If any student intends to obtain credits for the courses completed, the student shall submit an application for examination in the designated form within the prescribed period.

Article 13  Examinations
1. Examinations are held at the end of each semester and academic year. 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, when particularly necessary, a makeup examination may be given upon deliberation by the examination committee.

Article 14  Thesis
Students shall submit a thesis to the dean of the Graduate School within the designated period upon guidance from the academic adviser.

Article 15  Final Examinations
The final examination will be taken by students who have obtained the required credits, received necessary academic advice and submitted a thesis.

Article 16  Degree Conferral
1. A Master of Arts or Master of Science 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.
2. In the case of the preceding paragraph, the following degree is conferred on the students who have completed the respective academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1 hereof.
   (1) A Master of Arts in Human Security Studies is conferred on students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (1) hereof. However, the screening of the thesis for the Master’s program may be replaced with the screening of the result of research regarding a specific assignment. In such case, the term “thesis” in the two preceding Articles shall be read as “result of research regarding a specific assignment”.
   (2) A Master of Arts in European Studies is conferred on students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (2) hereof.
   (3) A Master of Arts in Global Humanities is conferred on students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (3) and (5) hereof. However, the screening of the thesis for the Master’s program may be replaced with the screening of the result of research regarding a specific assignment. In such case, the term “thesis” in the two preceding Articles shall be read as “result of research regarding a specific assignment”.
   (4) A Master of Arts is conferred on students who have completed the academic program under Article 2 paragraph 1, item (4) hereof. However, the screening of the thesis for the Master’s program may be replaced with the screening of the result of research regarding a specific assignment. In such case, the term “thesis” in the two preceding Articles shall be read as “result of research regarding a specific assignment.”
A Master of Science in Environmental Sciences is conferred on students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (6) hereof.

Article 17
1. 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.
2. In the case of the preceding paragraph, the following degrees will be conferred on the students who have completed the academic programs under Article 2, paragraph 1 hereof.
   (1) A Doctor of Philosophy is conferred on the students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (1).
   (2) A Doctor of Philosophy is conferred on the students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (3) and (5).
   (3) A Doctor of Philosophy is conferred on the students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (4).
   (4) A Doctor of Philosophy is conferred on the students who have completed the academic program under Article 2, paragraph 1, item (6).

Article 18 Transfer to another Department
1. Only those students who have been enrolled in one department for at least one year and have special reasons approved by the examination committee may be permitted to transfer departments.
2. The program duration for students who transfer departments shall be determined upon discussion by the examination 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 19 Qualifications for Admission to Graduate School
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 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 20 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 21 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 upon discussion by the examination committee.
2. The program duration for persons who are readmitted shall be determined upon discussion by the examination committee.
3. The credits that the person who is permitted to be readmitted obtained at the department to which the person belonged before withdrawal may be counted towards the credits stipulated in Article 8 or Article 9 upon approval by the academic adviser.

**Article 22 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 examination 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 examination 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 upon approval by the academic adviser.

**Article 23 Admission to Doctorate Program Senior Division**

1. The provision of Article 22, 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 examination committee.
3. The credits that persons admitted to the doctorate program senior division under paragraph 1 obtained at their former departments may be counted towards the credits stipulated in Article 9 upon approval by the academic adviser.

**Article 24 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 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 25 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 19, 1988 and shall be applicable from April 1, 1988.
2. The enrollment period and period for leave of absence of any student who has transferred to the Graduate School from the Graduate School of Sociology shall be calculated from the time when such student was admitted to the Master’s program or the 3-year doctorate program of the Department of Cultural Anthropology of the Graduate School of Sociology.
3. The credits that a student who has transferred to the Graduate School from the Graduate School of Sociology attained when the student was enrolled at the Graduate School of Sociology shall be deemed to have been attained at the Department of Cultural
Anthropology of the Graduate School.

4. In addition to the preceding two paragraphs and the provisions in the Rules on Graduate Schools, the transitional measures in relation to the transfer to the Graduate School from the Department of Cultural Anthropology of the Graduate School of Sociology shall be prescribed separately by the committee.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 19, 1994 and shall be applicable from April 1, 1994.

2. The enrollment period and period for leave of absence of any student who has transferred to the Graduate School in connection to a transfer of the Department of Correlative Study of Physics and Chemistry of the School of Science and the Department of History and Basics of Science to the Graduate School shall be calculated from the time when such student was admitted to the School of Science.

3. The credits that a student described in the preceding paragraph attained when the student was enrolled at the School of Science shall be deemed to have been attained at the Department of General Systems Studies of the Graduate School.

4. In addition to the preceding two paragraphs and the provisions in the Rules on Graduate Schools, the transitional measures in relation to the transfer of the Department of Correlative Study of Physics and Chemistry of the School of Science and the Department of History and Basics of Science to the Graduate School shall be prescribed separately by the committee.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 1996.

2. Students who were admitted to the 2-year Master’s program or the 3-year doctorate program on or before March 31, 1996 and are still enrolled in such program shall belong to 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, 1996.

2. The transitional measurements in relation to the revision shall be prescribed separately.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2000.

2. The transitional measurements in relation to the revision shall be prescribed separately.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2001.

2. The transitional measures in relation to the revision shall be prescribed separately.

**Supplementary Provisions**

1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2002.

2. The transitional measures in relation to the revision shall be prescribed separately.

**Supplementary Provisions**

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

2. The transitional measures in relation to the revision shall be prescribed separately.

**Supplementary Provisions**
1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2004.
2. The transitional measures in relation to the revision shall be prescribed separately.

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

**Supplementary Provisions**
These Rules shall come into force on October 1, 2007.

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

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

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These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2010.

**Supplementary Provisions**
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**Supplementary Provisions**
These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2012.

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

**Supplementary Provisions**
These Rules shall come into force on October 1, 2012.

**Supplementary Provisions**
These Rules shall come into force on November 29, 2012 and the provisions of the University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences revised by these Rules shall be applicable from April 1, 2012.
Supplementary Provisions
These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2013.

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These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2015.

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