The University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life 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 (the “Rules on Graduate Schools”) to be determined by each graduate school and matters that the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School”) deems necessary.
2. The examination committee of the Graduate School (the “examination committee”) shall determine the curriculum of, examinations at, admission to and completion of the Graduate School other than those stipulated in these Rules upon discussion by each department meeting.

Article 1-2 Educational and Research Purposes
1. The purpose of the Graduate School is to promote world-class education and research of various sciences that form a foundation of agriculture and to develop professional human resources who address various challenges faced by humankind with respect to food and environment.
2. The purpose regarding training of human resources at each department and other educational and research purposes shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 2 Course Programs**
The departments of the Graduate School offer the following course programs:
(1) Wooden Architecture Course Program (Master’s program of the Department of Biomaterials Science)
(2) International Program in Agricultural Development Studies (Master’s program and doctorate program senior division of the Department of Global Agricultural Sciences)

**Article 3 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, the exception in the proviso of Article 5, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools may apply to the period of enrollment.
2. The requirements for completing the doctorate program senior division are as set out in Article 6, paragraph 1 of the Rules on Graduate Schools and 20 credits or more of the required courses stipulated by the Graduate School must be obtained. However, the exception in Article 6, paragraph 2, items (1) and (2) and Article 6, paragraph 3 of the Rules on Graduate Schools may apply to the period of enrollment.
3. The requirements for completing the doctorate program in veterinary medicine (the “Veterinary Medicine Doctorate Program”) shall be as prescribed in Article 7 of the General Rule, and students must obtain 32 credits or more of the required courses as prescribed by the Graduate School. However, the exception in the proviso of Article 7 of the Rules on Graduate Schools may apply to the period of enrollment.
4. Any matters necessary to the application of the exception in the proviso of the preceding three paragraphs shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 4 Curriculum**
1. The courses and credits of each department shall be as prescribed in the Appended Table.
2. With respect to the number of credits for a course, one credit will be conferred for the course hours of 15 weeks of one hour per week for lecture courses, two hours per week for exercise courses or three hours per week for experiments or practical courses.
3. If a student requests that he or she 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 examination committee.
4. Any matters necessary to the application of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 5 Method of Completion**
Students must take courses in accordance with the instruction from an academic adviser, and receive necessary research guidance.

**Article 6**
In the Master’s program, the students who have completed the following courses may count them towards the credits of the Master’s program after obtaining approval from the academic adviser.
(1) Courses of the faculty
(2) Courses of another department, another graduate school, or a Master’s program or professional degree program of an education unit

Article 7
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 after obtaining approval from the academic adviser.
   (1) Courses of the Master’s program, the Veterinary Medical Sciences Course of the Faculty of Agriculture and the School of Medicine of the Faculty of Medicine
   (2) Courses of another department, another graduate school or an education unit
2. In the Master’s program, the credits exceeding the credits necessary for the completion may be added to the number of the credits in the doctorate program senior division with the approval of the academic adviser. The number of credits that may be added shall not exceed 10 credits.

Article 8
In the doctorate program in veterinary medicine, the students who have completed the following courses may count them towards the credits of the doctorate program in veterinary medicine after obtaining approval from the academic adviser. The number of credits that may be counted shall not exceed four credits.
(1) Courses of the faculty
(2) Courses of another department, another graduate school or an education unit

Article 9 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 10 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 11 Examinations
1. Examinations are held at the end of each semester and academic year. However, academic staff may replace examinations with regular academic records or reports.
2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, a makeup examination may be taken if the examination committee deems it particularly necessary.

Article 12 Thesis
Students shall submit a thesis to the dean of the Graduate School within the designated period upon guidance from the academic adviser.

Article 13 Final Examinations
1. The final examination will be taken by students who have obtained the required courses and credits, received necessary academic advice and submitted a thesis.
2. The date and method of final examinations shall be announced in advance.
Article 14  Degree Conferral
1. A Master’s degree (Master of Science or Master of Agricultural and Life Sciences) is conferred on the students who are enrolled in the Master’s program and 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 screening of the thesis for the Master’s program of a student who completes the Wooden Architecture Course 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”.

Article 15
A Doctor of Philosophy is conferred on the students who are enrolled in the doctorate program senior division and have satisfied the requirements for completing the doctorate program senior division set out in Article 6 of the Rules on Graduate Schools.

Article 16
A Doctor of Philosophy is conferred on the students who are enrolled in the doctorate program in veterinary medicine and have satisfied the requirements for completing the doctorate program in veterinary medicine set out in Article 7 of the Rules on Graduate Schools.

Article 17  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 (7)) 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. Persons who are eligible to enter the doctorate program in veterinary medicine are as set out in Article 16, paragraph 3 (excluding item (7)) of the Rules on Graduate Schools.
4. In the case of the preceding two paragraphs, the criteria for applying the provisions regarding the qualifications for admission to the 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 18  Readmission
1. Persons who discontinue their studies in the Master’s program or the doctorate program senior division and the doctorate program in veterinary medicine during the period of enrollment and apply for readmission to the program may only be permitted to be readmitted at the beginning of an academic year upon discussion by the examination committee.
2. Persons who are readmitted shall be enrolled in the departments in which they were enrolled before withdrawal.
3. The program duration and approval of credits for the person who is permitted to be readmitted shall be determined upon discussion by the examination committee.

Article 19  Transfer from another University
1. The transfer as prescribed in Article 23 of the Rules on Graduate Schools of students may only be permitted for a student who is enrolled in the doctorate program senior division and the doctorate program in veterinary medicine of a graduate level of another
university and whose academic adviser becomes an academic staff member of the Graduate School.

2. In addition to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the acceptance of the transfer shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 19-2  Transfer to another Graduate School**
The acceptance of a transfer to another graduate school set out in Article 24 of the Rules on Graduate Schools shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 20  Minors System**
1. The system for taking a course as a minor (the “Minors System”) shall be established in the Graduate School pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools.
2. The election of a minor may be permitted based on a recommendation by a senior academic staff member of the major (department) upon discussion by the examination committee.
3. In order to complete a minor, a student must complete its major (department) and obtain the required credits that are designated to the major (department) that is permitted to be elected as minor.
4. The dean of the Graduate School may issue a certificate of completion of a minor with the approval of the examination committee to a student who has satisfied the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

**Article 21  Special Research Students**
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.
In addition to the preceding paragraph, any matters necessary to the acceptance of the special research students shall be prescribed separately.

**Article 22  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 as prescribed separately at the Graduate School.

**Supplementary Provisions**
1. These Rules shall come into force on April 21, 1981 and shall be applicable to students who were admitted from April 1, 1981.
2. With regard to persons who entered the Graduate School on or before March 31, 1981 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

**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.
3. Persons admitted to the 4-year doctorate program on or before March 31, 1996 and are still enrolled shall be enrolled in the Veterinary Medicine doctorate Program from April 1, 1996.
Supplementary Provisions
1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 1996.
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, 1997.
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, 1999.
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, 2000.
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, 2001.
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, 2002.
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, 2003.
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
These Rules shall come into force on October 1, 2004.

Supplementary Provisions
1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2005.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions (Abstracts)
1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2005.

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 January 27, 2006 and the provisions of the University of Tokyo Rules for the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences revised by these Rules shall be applicable from December 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 October 1, 2006.

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. 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
1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2011.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provisions (Abstracts)
1. These Rules shall come into force on June 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
1. These Rules shall come into force on June 28, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions
1. These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2013.
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, 2014.
2. The transitional measures associated with the revision shall be as prescribed separately.