

NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

Department of Mechanical and Electromechanical Engineering Regulations for Direct Pursuits of Students to Doctoral Degree Programs

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- I. The present regulations are issued in accordance with National Sun Yat-sen University's "Regulations for Direct Pursuits of Students to Doctoral Degree Programs."
- II. The department's bachelor students who are graduating in the year and current master's students who have studied in master's programs for more than a year with outstanding performances and meet one of the following conditions may apply for direct pursuit to doctoral programs.
 - A. A bachelor student graduating in the year
 1. With an average grade being in the top 10% of his/her department and class during his/her studying period and has research potentials
 2. With other conditions recognized as outstanding achievements by the department and has research potentials
 - B. A master's student
 1. With an average grade being in the top third of his/her master's class during his/her studying period and has research potentials
 2. With other conditions recognized as outstanding achievements by the department and has research potentials
- III. Number of places for direct pursuits to the department's doctoral programs each school year is limited to 40% of the number of student recruitment for doctoral programs approved by the Ministry of Education for the respective year; number of places is rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- IV. Applications of bachelor students graduating in the year for direct pursuits to doctoral programs are accepted and processed in October each year; applications of master's students for direct pursuits to doctoral programs are accepted during winter and summer vacations each year. Actual application dates shall be specified in the university calendar.
- V. A student who applies for direct pursuit to a doctoral program shall submit the following information to the department to apply by the specified application date:
 - A. An application form

- B. One copy of all undergraduate or master's transcripts
- C. Two recommendation letters from the department's associate professors or faculty members with higher academic ranks
- D. Supportive information such as reading reports or project research outcomes

The aforementioned information shall be reviewed and approved by the department's teaching committee and general meeting, and then submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs along with meeting minutes. Applicants may direct pursuit to doctoral programs once approved by the president.

VI. Students who are approved for direct pursuits to doctoral programs shall become first year doctoral students of the university starting from the school year of approval. Degree studying regulations for admitted students shall be in accordance with the department's "Regulations for Doctoral Qualification and Degree Examinations of Postgraduate Students."

VII. Bachelor students graduating in the year who are approved for direct pursuits to doctoral programs shall obtain their bachelor degrees in the same school year and begin their doctoral studies in the following school year; retainment of admission is not allowed.

Bachelor students with outstanding grades that allow them to graduate one semester earlier may enter doctoral programs in the semester after they obtain their bachelor degrees.

VIII. Students of direct pursuit who terminate their doctoral studies due to certain reasons or do not pass doctoral candidate qualifying examinations may transfer (back) to master's programs once approved by the department's teaching committee and general meetings, as well as authorized by the president.

After transferring (back) to master's programs, students may not apply for direct pursuits to doctoral programs again.

The aforementioned students may obtain master's degrees once they complete required master's courses, submit theses, and pass exams set out by master's degree examination committees. Study periods in doctoral programs are not accounted for the maximum studying period of master's programs.

IX. Students of direct pursuits to doctoral programs who pass doctoral candidate qualifying examinations but not doctoral degree examinations may obtain master's degrees offered by the department once their theses are approved to meet master's degree standards by doctoral degree examination committees.

X. Master's students who apply for direct pursuits to doctoral programs may not participate in master's degree examinations. A student who passes a master's degree examination and is approved for direct pursuit to a doctoral program at the same time will have his/her direct pursuit qualification cancelled.

XI. The present regulations shall be implemented following approvals of the department's teaching committee and department general meetings. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.