

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Regulations for the Direct Pursuit of the Ph.D. Degree

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Article 1 These regulations are set out in accordance with Article 23, Items 3 and 4 of the University Act and the Regulations for the Direct Pursuit of the Ph.D. Degree and the Regulations for the Organization and Operation of Inter University Systems stipulated by the Ministry of Education

Article 2 Applicants for the direct pursuit of a Ph.D. degree should be currently enrolled students in the National Taiwan University System who meet one of the following criteria:

2.1 Undergraduate students who are ready to graduate with outstanding grades and research potential.

2.2 Master's degree students with outstanding grades and research potential. The criteria of "students with outstanding grades and research potential" is determined by each department, graduate institute, college, degree program case by case.

Undergraduate students who are ready to graduate should obtain the bachelor degree before the semester that applicants are permitted to directly pursue a Ph.D. degree; if applicants fail to obtain the bachelor degree before registration, they cannot apply to reserve their admissions place, while their admission for the direct pursuit of a Ph.D. degree will be cancelled.

Article 3 A student that meets the above requirements, after being recommended by two faculty members at the rank of Assistant Professor or above from the currently-enrolled department, graduate institute, college, degree program, or related department, after passage by the appropriate faculty meeting of the department, etc., to which the student is applying and approval by the university president, the applicant will be permitted to directly pursue a Ph.D. degree.

Students of NTUST who enroll to directly pursue a Ph.D. degree at

another university in the NTU System will lose their academic standing at NTUST and will not be permitted to apply to return to NTUST to complete their master's degree.

Article 4 The number of applicants permitted to directly pursue a Ph.D. degree each year (including those applying from another university in the NTU system) will not exceed 40% of the Ph.D. admissions quota for a particular department, graduate institute, college, or degree program set by the Ministry of Education for each school year, and can be transferred within the same college. However, the department, graduate institute, college, or degree program cannot admit all the students of the admission quota with the direct pursuit of the Ph.D. Degree.

If the aforementioned quota has fractional part after calculation, it should be rounded to integer.

The number of applicants permitted to pursue a Ph.D. degree in another university in the NTU system will not exceed 5% of the Ph.D. admissions quota set by the Ministry of Education. If the number of applicants who pass preliminary review exceed the limit, students will be admitted according to the acceptance rate of each department, graduate institute, college, or degree program

These admissions quotas should be included within the overall admissions quota for the university set out by the Ministry of Education for a particular school year.

Article 5 Students directly pursuing a Ph.D. degree who meet one of the following criteria and receive approval from the appropriate faculty meeting of their department, graduate institute, college, or degree program as well as from the university president will be allowed to apply to resume the master's program in their original department, graduate institute, college, or degree program or to be transferred into the master's program of a related department, etc.:

5.1 Students who for any reason have stopped pursuing a Ph.D. degree.

5.2 Students who have failed to pass the qualifying examination for Ph.D. candidates.

5.3 Students who have failed to pass the Ph.D. degree thesis defense examination and who do not meet the requirements set out in Article 6.

Students who return to pursue a Master degree are not allowed to apply for the direct pursuit of the Ph.D. Degree

Students who meet the above conditions and have received permission to pursue a master's degree in their original or a related department, graduate institute, college, or degree program may be awarded a master's degree if they complete the course requirements, submit a master's thesis and pass the master's degree thesis defense examination. The time spent directly pursuing a Ph.D. will not be counted as part of their total time allowed to pursue a master's degree.

Article 6 Students directly pursuing a Ph.D. degree who reach the time limit for their degree program and have passed the qualifying examination for Ph.D. candidates but have failed to pass the Ph.D. degree thesis defense examination, may be awarded a master's degree if their thesis defense examination committee determines that their Ph.D. thesis meets the standards for a master's thesis.

Article 7 These regulations will go into effect after passage by the Academic Affairs Meeting and approval by the president. The same will be true of any subsequent amendments.