

National Chengchi University Regulations for Direct Admission to Ph.D. Programs

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- I. The National Chengchi University Regulations for Direct Admission to Ph.D. Programs (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") are established by National Chengchi University (NCCU) in accordance with Paragraph 4, Article 23 of the University Act and the Direct Pursuit of Ph.D. Degree Regulations.
- II. NCCU students and students of other institutions within the University System of Taiwan (UST) are eligible to apply for direct admission to Ph.D. programs with the following qualifications:
 - (I) Undergraduate students in the current graduating class with excellent academic grades and who show research potential.
 - (II) Master's students who have completed their first semester of study with excellent academic grades and who show research potential.Standards and criteria for the aforementioned excellent academic grades and research potential shall be designated by the respective department, institute, college, or degree program of NCCU.
- III. Ph.D. direct admission applicants should submit their application within the period designated by the respective department, institute, college, or degree program of NCCU. Applicants should submit recommendations from two referees (at the level of assistant professor or above) of the department, institute, college, or degree program in which they are enrolled or a relevant department, institute, college, or degree program, and any other relevant documents stipulated by the respective department, institute, college, or degree program.
- IV. The quota of students who may be admitted directly to NCCU Ph.D. programs shall not exceed 40 percent of the admission quota of doctoral students for the corresponding academic year designated by the Ministry of Education (MoE) for the respective department, institute, college, or degree program; such quota may be shifted between Ph.D. programs under the same college. MoE regulations that direct admission to Ph.D. programs in other universities shall not exceed 5 percent of the admission quota shall also apply.

The designated quota for Ph.D. programs of each department, institute, college, or degree program specified in the preceding paragraph shall not be filled entirely by students enrolled through direct admission. However, this restriction does not apply in either of the following circumstances:

(I) The designated quota for the Ph.D. program of the department, institute, college, or degree program is one student.

(II) Talent cultivation program or project approved by the Ministry of Education.

The quotas in the two preceding paragraphs shall be included in the total enrollment quota for the university approved by the Ministry of Education for the given year.

- V. All departments, institutes, colleges, and degree programs of NCCU shall convene relevant meetings to assess the procedures and, if necessary, organize selection examinations after receiving applications.

Upon confirming the applicants' eligibility to apply for direct admission to Ph.D. programs, all departments, institutes, colleges, and degree programs of NCCU shall submit relevant procedural resolutions of meetings, the list of new students admitted, and relevant documents for verification by the President. The aforementioned shall be delivered to the Office of Academic Affairs before July 31 every year for processing of applicants' status so that they are successfully enrolled in the Ph.D. program.

- VI. Students approved for direct admission to Ph.D. programs shall become first-year students of the program. Upon admission, students shall comply with regulations as stipulated by each department, institute, college, or degree program.

As mentioned in Item 1, Paragraph 1, Article 2, undergraduate students in the current graduating class shall earn their Bachelor's degree in the academic year they are granted direct admission to a Ph.D. program. Should applicants fail to acquire their Bachelor's degree on time, they shall no longer be eligible for direct admission to such Ph.D. program.

- VII. Should students admitted directly to Ph.D. programs of NCCU apply for termination of study during their study period, fail to pass the doctoral candidates qualifying examination, fail to pass the graduate degree examination, or fail to comply with Article 8 of these Regulations, and intend to enroll in a Master's program instead, they can do so upon submitting application documents and seeking the consent of the relevant review committee of the department, institute, college, or degree program in which they are coursing the Ph.D. program and of the department, institute, college, or degree program which offers their desired Master's program, as well as receiving approval by the President.

Upon transferring to a Master's program as stated in the paragraph above, the period during which students coursed the Ph.D. program shall not be counted towards the study period of the Master's program.

- VIII. At the expiration of the maximum period of study, students admitted directly to Ph.D. programs who have passed their doctoral candidates qualifying examination but failed to

pass their graduate degree examination shall be conferred a Master's degree if their dissertation is deemed by the Ph.D. Degree Examination Committee as conforming to the standards of a Master's degree dissertation.

- IX. These Regulations shall be approved by the Academic Affairs Meeting before taking effect. The same shall apply to all subsequent amendments.