

Kobe University Graduate School of Maritime Sciences Rules

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(Purpose)

Article 1 These rules stipulate necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Graduate School of Maritime Sciences (hereinafter referred to as "the Graduate School") in accordance with the National University Corporation Kobe University General Provisions (established on April 1, 2004) and the Kobe University General Rules for Students (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "General Rules").

(Program)

Article 2 The program offered by the Graduate School shall be a graduate program.

2 The graduate program shall be divided into a two-year first stage program (hereinafter referred to as "first division" or "Master's Program") and a subsequent three-year program (hereinafter referred to as "Doctoral Program"), and the first division shall be treated as a master's program.

(Departments and Courses)

Article 3 The Graduate School shall have a department of maritime sciences.

2 The courses and educational fields established in the Graduate School are as listed in Appended Table 1.

(Education and Research Goals)

Article 4 The Graduate School shall provide education and conduct research aimed at resolving transportation, information, energy and environmental preservation problems involving global human activities taking place at sea or on boats by using scientific approaches that effectively blend the natural sciences with the social sciences.

2 The human resources development goals of the Master's Program and the Doctoral Program are respectively as follows:

(1) Master's Program

The aim of the Master's Program is to cultivate creative advanced professionals.

(2) Doctoral Program

The aim of the Doctoral Program is to cultivate researchers and advanced professionals who possess creative thinking skills, practical skills and the capacity for research and development.

(Dean of the Graduate School)

Article 5 The Graduate School shall have a dean.

2 The dean shall oversee matters pertaining to the Graduate School.

(Associate Deans)

Article 6 The Graduate School shall have two associate deans.

2 The associate deans shall assist the dean with his or her duties.

3 The necessary matters concerning the selection of associate deans shall be stipulated by the Kobe University Graduate School of Maritime Sciences Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council").

(Master's Program Admission Eligibility)

Article 7 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the Master's Program of the Graduate School:

(1) Persons who have graduated from a Japanese university;

(2) Persons who have received a bachelor's degree pursuant to the provisions of Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Education Act (Act. No. 26 of 1947; hereinafter referred to as "the Act");

(3) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education abroad;

(4) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education of a school in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;

(5) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has university programs of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 16 years of school education of the foreign country);

(6) Persons who have completed a specialized program at a special training college in Japan separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date determined by the Minister (limited to programs of at least four years that satisfy other standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology);

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 5 (1953));

(8) Persons who were admitted to the Kobe University Graduate School pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Act and have been recognized as having sufficient scholastic ability to undertake postgraduate studies at the Graduate School;

(9) Persons who are 22 years or older and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to a university graduate, based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Master's Program Early Admission)

Article 7-2 Notwithstanding the preceding article, the Graduate School may decide to allow admission to a person who falls under any of the following categories and who, after deliberation by the Faculty Council, is recognized as having earned the credits stipulated by the University and achieved excellent grades:

(1) Persons who have been enrolled in a university for at least three years;

(2) Persons who have completed 15 years of school education abroad;

(3) Persons who have completed 15 years of school education of a school in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;

(4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has university programs of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 15 years of school education of the foreign country);

(Advancement)

Article 8 Persons who wish to advance to the Doctoral Program after having completed a master's program, the Master's Program or a professional degree program at the graduate schools of Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") may be permitted to do so if found to be eligible following screening.

(Doctoral Program Admission Eligibility)

Article 9 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School:

(1) Persons who have obtained a master's or professional degree;

(2) Persons on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree has been conferred in a foreign country;

(3) Persons who have completed correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school and on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree was conferred;

(4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has graduate school course of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Sports, Science and Technology, and on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or professional degree was conferred;

(5) Persons who have completed a graduate program at United Nations University, which is the university founded based on a United Nations General Assembly resolution dated December 11, 1972 as stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976), resulting in the conferral of a degree equivalent to a master's degree;

(6) Persons who, having completed an educational program at a foreign school, a designated academic institution as described in Item 4 above or United Nations University, have passed an examination or screening equivalent to those set forth in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 28 of 1974) and have been recognized as having scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to that of someone with a master's degree;

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 (1989));

(8) Persons who are 24 years old and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to someone with a master's degree or professional degree based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Screening Methods)

Article 10 Applicants will be screened by means of academic achievement tests, oral examinations and the like.

(Transfer from Other Graduate Schools)

Article 11 When a student from another graduate school outside of the University submits a transfer request to the dean, it may be approved by the dean after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning transfers shall be stipulated separately.

(Readmission)

Article 12 When a student who withdrew or was removed from the Graduate School submits a request for readmission, he or she may be permitted by the dean to reenter the Graduate School after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning readmission shall be stipulated separately.

(Methods of Instruction)

Article 13 Education in the Graduate School shall consist of lectures by subject and supervised research for a dissertation (hereinafter referred to as "research supervision").

2 The lectures and research supervision in the preceding paragraph may be offered at night or during other specified times or time periods.

(Subjects etc.)

Article 14 The subjects offered by the Graduate School and the number of credits awarded for each subject are as listed in Appended Tables 2 and 3.

2 In addition to those subjects stipulated in the preceding paragraph, subjects may be established on a temporary basis; however, such temporary subjects and the number of credits awarded to them will be stipulated at the time of their establishment.

(Credit Standards)

Article 15 Credits for each subject shall be calculated according to the following standards:

(1) For lectures, one credit shall be granted for 15 hours of class;

(2) For seminars, one credit shall be granted for 15 or 30 hours of class; and

(3) For laboratory experiments and practical training, one credit shall be granted for 30 or 45 hours of class.

(Supervisors)

Article 16 Faculty members in charge of research supervision (hereinafter referred to as "supervisors") shall be professors employed by the Graduate School and visiting professors; however, when deemed necessary, associate professors, or assistant professors employed by the Graduate School or visiting associate professors may serve as supervisors when approved by the Faculty Council.

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 17 To enroll in subjects, students must receive the approval of their supervisor and submit the prescribed registration form to the dean at the beginning of the semester.

2 When students wish to take subjects offered by another graduate school within the University, they must receive permission from the dean of said graduate school after receiving approval from their supervisors and the dean of the Graduate School.

3 When students enrolled in the Master's Program wish to take subjects offered by an undergraduate faculty within the University, they must receive permission from the dean of said faculty after receiving approval from their supervisors and the dean of the Graduate School.

4 Credits earned for subjects taken at another graduate school pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2 may be approved as credits as stipulated in Article 29 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Enrollment in Subjects at Another Graduate School Outside the University)

Article 18 Students may take subjects at a graduate school of another university (including foreign universities. Hereinafter the same shall apply.) with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Regarding credits earned for subjects pursuant to the provisions of the preceding Paragraph, up to 10 credits in the Master's Program and up to four credits in the Doctoral Program may be approved as credits as stipulated in Article 29 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Admission)

Article 19 In accordance with the stipulations in Article 75 of the General Rules for Students, the approval of credits earned prior to admission shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Persons who wish to have previously earned credits approved must submit the necessary documents to the dean by the designated date.

3 Regarding the approval of credits pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1, out of those credits earned outside of the University, excluding cases of transfer and readmission, no more than 10 credits in the Master's Program and no more than four credits in the Doctoral Program may be approved as credits as stipulated in Article 29 after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Research Supervision at Other Graduate Schools Outside of the University)

Article 20 With approval of the Faculty Council, a student may be permitted to receive research supervision at a graduate school or research institution at another university (including a foreign research institution) with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement; however, the period for which they can receive said research supervision shall not exceed one year for Master's Program students or two years for Doctoral Program students.

2 Notwithstanding the stipulations of the proviso in the preceding Paragraph, Doctoral Program students may be permitted to receive research supervision for more than two years where special circumstances are deemed to exist.

(Natural Science Program Education Course)

Article 21 A natural science program course (hereinafter referred to as "Program Course") shall be established in the Master's Program to cultivate graduates who possess a broad knowledge of the natural sciences and an interdisciplinary perspective.

2 Necessary matters concerning the Program Course shall be stipulated separately.

(Industry-University Cooperative Education)

Article 22 To enhance project planning and execution skills, industry-university cooperative education, including internships and other mutually collaborative projects, will be offered.

(Study Abroad)

Article 23 In accordance with the stipulations in Articles 18 and 20, students must obtain permission from the dean when they wish to study abroad at a foreign graduate school or research institution.

2 The period of study abroad set forth in the preceding paragraph will be included in the standard period of enrollment.

(Leave of Absence)

Article 24 The period of a leave of absence shall be set at no more than one year; however, the dean may allow an extension of the period of leave of absence of up to one year when there are special circumstances.

The same shall apply to students who would like another extension upon the conclusion of said period of extension.

2 The cumulative leave of absence period may not exceed two years for Master's Program students or three years for Doctoral Program students.

(Awarding of Credits)

Article 25 A prescribed number of credits shall be conferred on students who have completed a subject and passed the examinations.

2 Examinations may be written examinations, oral examinations or research reports.

(Research Progress Presentations in the Master's Program)

Article 26 Research progress presentations shall be held in the Master's Program with Master's Program students who have completed the separately stipulated number of credits as presenters.

2 Master's Program students cannot submit their master's theses until the prescribed period of time has elapsed after receiving approval for giving a research progress presentation.

(Research Progress Presentations and Research Results Presentations in the Doctoral Program)

Article 27 Research progress presentations shall be held in the Doctoral Program with Doctoral Program students as presenters.

2 Research results presentations shall be held in the Doctoral Program with Doctoral Program students who have completed the separately stipulated number of credits as presenters.

3 Doctoral Program students cannot submit their doctoral dissertations until the prescribed period of time has elapsed after receiving approval for giving a research results presentation.

(Dissertation Screenings and Final Examinations)

Article 28 Dissertation screenings and final examinations shall be governed by the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2004).

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 28-2 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 73-2 of the General Rules for Students shall be stipulated separately.

(Completion of the Program)

Article 29 Students who have remained enrolled in the Master's Program for at least two years, who have earned at least 30 credits from the subjects as set forth in Appended Table 2, and who have passed the master's thesis screening and final examination having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the program. However, a student who has demonstrated excellence in their academic work may be permitted to graduate after one year of study in the Master's Program.

2 Students who have remained enrolled in the Doctoral Program for at least three years, who have earned at least 10 credits from the lecture subjects set forth in Appended Table 3, and who have passed the doctoral dissertation screening and final examination having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the [graduate] [doctoral] program. However, a student who has achieved exemplary research results may be permitted to graduate after one year of study in the Doctoral Program (or a total of three years for a student who has completed a master's program, the Master's Program or professional degree program within two years).

3 Certification of program completion as described in the preceding two paragraphs shall be conducted by the Faculty Council.

(Conferral of Degrees)

Article 30 Master's degrees will be conferred to persons who have completed the Master's Program.

2 Doctoral degrees will be conferred to persons who have completed the Doctoral Program.

3. When conferring the degrees listed in the preceding two paragraphs, the title of the field of study will be indicated as listed below:

Master's Program	Master of Maritime Sciences
Doctoral Program	Doctor of Maritime Science, Doctor of Engineering or Doctoral of Philosophy

(Special Auditors)

Article 31 Students from a graduate school at another university with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Graduate School as special auditors shall submit their requests to the dean via their graduate schools as provided for separately.

2 The intake period for a special auditor shall be the beginning of the semester in which the subject he or she wishes to take is being offered, and the period of auditorship shall be the period for which said subject is offered.

(Special Research Students)

Article 32 Students from a graduate school at another university with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Graduate School as special research students shall submit their requests to the dean via their graduate schools as provided for separately.

2 The research period of special research students shall be no longer than one year; however, the period may be extended when deemed necessary by the Faculty Council.

(Non-Degree Students)

Article 33 Persons who wish to enroll in specific subjects in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as non-degree students after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning non-degree students shall be stipulated separately.

(Auditors)

Article 34 Persons who wish to audit specific subjects in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as auditors after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning auditors shall be stipulated separately.

(Research Students)

Article 35 Persons who wish to research a specific topic in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as research students after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Research students shall conduct research under the supervision of a faculty member working in the Graduate School.

3 Necessary matters concerning research students shall be stipulated separately.

(Acquisition of Qualifications for Obtaining a Teacher's License)

Article 36 Persons in the Master's Program who wish to acquire the qualifications for obtaining a teacher's license must earn the prescribed credits stipulated in the School Teacher's License Act (Act No. 147 of 1949) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Teacher's License Act (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 26 of 1954).

2 The types and subject areas of teacher's license for which qualifications can be obtained in the Master's Program are as listed in Appended Table 4.

(Acquisition of a Maritime Pilot's License)

Article 27 Matters concerning the acquisition of a maritime pilot's license shall be stipulated separately.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 38 In addition to the stipulations in these rules, the Faculty Council shall stipulate any other necessary matters.

Supplementary Provisions

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2008)

These rules come into effect on March 31, 2008, but the stipulations in the revised Article 7, Items 2 and 8 shall apply from December 26, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (March 11, 2009)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2009.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2009, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 18, 2010)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2010.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2010, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Tables 2 and 3 (excluding the provisions to delete subjects).

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2011)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2011.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2011, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 21, 2012)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2012.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these Rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2012, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table 2.

Supplementary Provisions (March 27, 2013)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2013.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2013, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 26, 2014)

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2014.