

○ Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Intercultural Studies

(Established on April 1, 2004)

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(Purpose)

Article 1 The purpose of these Rules is to provide for the necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Faculty of Intercultural Studies (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty") in accordance with the Kobe University General Rules for Students (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "General Rules").

(Education and Research Purposes)

Article 1-2 The purpose of the Faculty is to carry out academic research pertaining to cross-cultural interaction, cultural transformations and communication stemming from globalization in the modern world, as well as to cultivate human resources equipped with a wealth of knowledge who are able to address these problems based on sound intercultural understanding and good communication skills.

(Departments)

Article 2 The Faculty will have a Department of Intercultural Studies.

(Major Fields)

Article 3 The Department of the Faculty will have the following majors:

Human Communication and Information Science, Contemporary Culture and Society, Intercultural Communication Studies, Area Studies

2 Students shall belong to any of the major fields one year after admission.

3 Students who wish to change their major set forth in the preceding paragraph may be allowed to do so after deliberation by the Kobe University Faculty of Intercultural Studies Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council").

4 Changes to the major field in the preceding paragraph shall be done at the start of the academic year.

(Subjects and Number of Credits)

Article 4 The subjects and the number of credits awarded to each subject at the Faculty are as listed in Appended Table 1.

2 The allocation of subjects in the preceding paragraph in each year shall be prescribed separately.

3 In addition to those subjects prescribed in the paragraph 1, subjects may be established on a temporary basis.

4 Those temporary subjects, the number of credits awarded to them and the annual allocation of subjects set forth in the preceding paragraph will be prescribed at the time of their establishment.

(Credit Standards)

Article 5 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 practical training, one credit shall be granted for 30 hours of class;
- (4) For graduate study, 10 credits shall be granted for the graduation thesis.

(Requirements)

Article 6 Students must attain 136 credits or more as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

2 When foreign students earn credits from subjects established under the provisions of Article 26, paragraph 2 of the General Rules, these credits may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2 pursuant to the provisions set forth separately.

(Upper Limit for Registration of Subjects)

Article 7 The upper limit of the number of subject registrations as prescribed in Article 29, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be 49 credits.

2 Under the provisions of the preceding Article, a student who has acquired the designated credits with an excellent academic record may be allowed to register for subjects in excess of the maximum prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

3 Necessary matters pertaining to the preceding 2 paragraphs shall be prescribed separately.

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 8 Students must submit the required enrollment form to the dean of the Kobe University Faculty of Intercultural Studies (hereinafter referred to as "Dean") by the designated date every semester and obtain the Dean's approval.

2 For the enrollment of graduate study, a student must obtain the approval of the advising teacher of his or her major field in advance.

3 For enrollment in subjects offered by other faculties, students must obtain permission from the Dean of that faculty through the Dean of the faculty to which they belong.

(Taking Subjects at Other Universities)

Article 9 Students may take subjects at other universities (including foreign universities. The same applies hereinafter.) with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, students may take subjects at a foreign university with whom the Faculty has not signed any cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

3 Regarding credits earned for subjects pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs, up to 60 credits may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty and approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Handling of Credits Acquired in a University in a Foreign Country, during a Leave from the University)

Article 9-2 Credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a faculty of a foreign university with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement while on leave of absence under the approval of the Faculty Council may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a faculty of a foreign university or junior college with whom the Faculty has not signed any cooperative agreement while on leave of absence may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty after receiving the approval by the Faculty Council.

3 Out of those credits that can be treated as earned at the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs, up to 60 credits in total with those credits approved as earned at the Faculty pursuant to paragraph 3 of the preceding Article, may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Approval of Credits Attained before Admission to a University)

Article 10 The approval of credits attained before admission to a University as prescribed in Article 36, paragraph 1 of the General Rules 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 within the year of admission.

3 Out of the credits approved pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1, excluding cases of transfer from other universities and faculties and cases of readmission, up to 60 credits in total with the credits earned pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 3 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Article may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Examinations)

Article 11 Examinations refer to subject examinations and graduation thesis examinations.

(Subject Examinations)

Article 12 Subject examinations shall be conducted at the end of the semester when classes have ended. However, the examinations may be conducted at times other than the end of the semester when necessary.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, subject examinations may be replaced by students' usual grades.

3 Students must submit the required examination notification to the relevant Dean by the designated date every semester.

4 Re-examinations will not be conducted for subjects that students have failed.

5 Makeup examinations will not be conducted for students who missed the subject examinations. However, this shall not apply where there is deemed to be an extraordinary reason after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

(Graduation Thesis Examinations)

Article 13 Graduation thesis examinations shall be conducted for the persons who submitted their thesis by the designated date.

2 10 credits will be granted as credits for the graduate thesis to students who pass the graduation thesis examination.

3 Students who do not submit the graduation thesis by the designated date or students who have failed may submit the graduate thesis at the end of the semester after the following semester and take the graduate thesis examination.

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 14 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 30 of the General Rules shall be prescribed separately.

(Graduation)

Article 15 Persons who are enrolled for a specified period and who have met the conditions prescribed in Article 6 shall be approved for graduation.

2 Criteria for early graduation set forth in Article 22, paragraph 2 of the General Rules shall be prescribed separately.

Article 16 Deleted

(Special Auditor)

Article 17 Students from another university with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Faculty as special auditors shall submit their requests to the Dean via their universities as prescribed separately.

2 The enrollment period for special auditors shall be the period during which subjects that they take are held.

(Credited Auditor and Auditor)

Article 18 Necessary matters concerning credited auditors and auditors shall be prescribed separately.

(Research Student)

Article 19 Necessary matters concerning research students shall be prescribed separately.

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

Article 20 Persons who wish to acquire the qualifications for obtaining a teacher's license must earn the prescribed credits stipulated in the Education Personnel Certification Act (Act No. 147 of 1949) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Education Personnel Certification Act (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 26 of 1954).

2 The types and subject areas of teacher's license for which qualifications can be obtained in the Faculty are as listed in Appended Table 3.

(Acquiring Curator Qualifications)

Article 21 Persons who wish to acquire the curator qualifications must earn the prescribed credits prescribed in the Museum Act (Act No. 285 of 1951) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Museum Act (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Ordinance No. 24 of 1955).

2 The enrollment of subjects under the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

(ESD Course)

Article 21-2 In order to cultivate talents who will contribute to a sustainable society and have the ability to solve various social problems such as environmental issues, development issues, peace issues and human rights issues, the Faculty will have an ESD course.

2 Necessary matters concerning the ESD Course shall be prescribed separately.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 22 In addition to the provisions in these Rules, necessary matters concerning the implementation of these Rules shall be prescribed by the Dean after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

Supplementary Provisions

- 1 These Rules come into effect from April 1, 2004.
- 2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these Rules (hereinafter referred to as "Enrolled Students" in this paragraph) and persons who transfer from another university or another faculty, or are readmitted in the same year at the Faculty as an Enrolled Student on or after April 1, 2004, the previous Rules shall remain applicable in accordance with the provisions of the Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Intercultural Studies prior to its abolishment under the provisions of Article 2 of the Rules on Abolishing Kobe University Rules, etc. (established on April 1, 2004), notwithstanding the revised provisions of the Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Intercultural Studies (excluding the provisions of Appended Table 1 (c)).

Supplementary Provisions between the original and the latest are omitted.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2015)

- 1 These Rules come into effect on April 1, 2015.
- 2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these Rules (hereinafter referred to as "Enrolled Students") and persons who transfer from another university or another faculty, or are readmitted in the same year at the Faculty as an Enrolled Student on or after April 1, 2015, the previous Rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table 1.

Appended Tables 1 to 3 are omitted.