

○ Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Agriculture

(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 Agriculture (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 of the Faculty)

Article 1-2 The education and research purpose of the Faculty is to impart a wide range of knowledge and create technologies and intellectual foundations required to build a sustainable society by exploring various agricultural issues as typified by food, the environment and health and wellbeing.

(Departments)

Article 2 The Faculty will have the following departments:

Department of Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics

Department of Bioresource Science

Department of Agrobioscience

(Education and Research Purposes of each Department)

Article 2-2 The human resources development purposes and other educational and research purposes of each department are as follows.

(1) Department of Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics

The purpose of the department is to impart a wide range of knowledge; to provide education and research pertaining to the creation of food and environmental systems that encompass natural and artificial environments, crops and food, human and regional international communities and production technology in accordance with interdisciplinary perspectives and methodologies drawn from the fusion of agricultural engineering and agricultural economics; as well as to cultivate human resources who have cultural understanding and ethics, and possess the expert knowledge to deal with a wide variety of issues pertaining to the production, processing, distribution and consumption of food from an agricultural production base, or who possess the skills required for the relevant highly specialized occupations.

(2) Department of Bioresource Science

The purpose of the department is to impart a wide range of knowledge; to provide education and research that capture the various issues pertaining to useful animals, plants, microorganisms and their mutual interaction as a bioresource science which summarizes matters from the genetic level to the ecosystem level and from basic science to its applications; as well as to cultivate human resources who have the cultural understanding and ethics, and possess the expert knowledge to deal with a wide variety of issues from the study, production

and use of bioresources to the development of management techniques, or who possess the skills required for the relevant highly specialized occupations.

(3) Department of Agrobioscience

The purpose of the department is to impart a wide range of knowledge; to provide education and research pertaining to the agrobioscience in order to actively use the wide ranging functions life produces for the production of crops, food, chemistry and medical products, etc.; as well as to cultivate human resources who have the cultural understanding and ethics, and possess the expert knowledge to allow for extensive analysis of the various functions and phenomena pertaining to agriculture and food from the molecular level to the ecological level, or who possess the skills required for the relevant highly specialized occupations.

(Courses)

Article 2-3 Each department of the Faculty will have the following courses:

Department of Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics	Agricultural Engineering Food and Environmental Economics
Department of Bioresource Science	Animal Science Plant Science
Department of Agrobioscience	Applied Chemistry in Bioscience Environmental Biology

(Subjects and Number of Credits)

Article 3 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 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 4 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;
- (3) For laboratory experiments and practical training, one credit shall be granted for 45 hours of class;
- (4) For graduate study, 10 credits shall be granted for the graduation thesis.

(Requirements)

Article 5 Students must attain the designated number of credits 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 6 The upper limit of the number of subject registrations as prescribed in Article 29, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be 54 credits.

- 2 Under the provisions of the preceding Article, a student with an excellent academic record who has acquired the designated credits and a student with special circumstances may be allowed to register for courses in excess of the upper limit prescribed in the preceding paragraph.
- 3 The criteria for students who register for subjects in excess of the upper limit prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 7 Students must submit the required enrollment form to the dean of the Kobe University Faculty of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "Dean") by the designated date in every semester, and obtain his or her approval.

- 2 For the enrollment in graduate study, a student must earn 101 or more credits required pursuant to the Appended Table 2, and obtain the approval of the advising teacher of his or her major field in advance.
- 3 Students shall enroll in the graduate study set forth in the preceding paragraph in the first semester of their 4th year.
- 4 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 or Junior Colleges)

Article 8 Students may take subjects at other universities or junior colleges (including foreign universities or junior colleges. The same applies hereinafter.) with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement after deliberation by the Kobe University Faculty of Agriculture Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council").

- 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, students may take subjects at a foreign university or junior college 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 after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

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

Article 8-2 Credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a faculty of a foreign university or junior college 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.

(Learning at Academic Facilities, etc. Other than Universities)

Article 8-3 The approval of credits as prescribed in Article 35, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Out of the number of credits approved under the provisions of the preceding paragraph, up to 60 credits in total with the credits approved as earned at the Faculty pursuant to Article 8, paragraph 3 and paragraphs 1 and 2 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 9 The approval of credits attained before admission to a University as prescribed in Article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the General Rules shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Persons who wish to have previously earned credits, etc. 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 the credits earned outside of the University, excluding cases of transfer from other universities or faculties and cases of readmission, up to 60 credits in total with the credits approved as earned at the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of Article 8, paragraph 3, Article 8-2, paragraphs 1 and 2 and paragraph 1 of the preceding Article may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Examinations)

Article 10 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 Examinations may be written examinations, oral examination or research reports.

3 Makeup examinations will not be conducted for students who missed the examinations. However, this shall not apply where there is deemed to be an extraordinary reason.

4 For the graduate study, students who passed the overall evaluation of their graduate thesis and usual research process, etc. will be granted 10 credits, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2.

5 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 in or after the following semester.

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 11 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 30 of the General Rules shall be prescribed separately.

(Graduation)

Article 12 Persons who are enrolled for the period prescribed in Article 22, paragraph 1 of the General Rules and have met the conditions prescribed in Article 5 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.

(Transferring to Another Faculty)

Article 13 When a student from another faculty wishes to transfer into the Faculty with the approval of the Dean, the transfer may be permitted after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Transferring of faculties in the preceding paragraph shall be done at the start of the 2nd year.

(Transferring Departments, etc.)

Article 14 If a person wishes to transfer to a different department or subject within the Faculty (hereinafter referred to as "Transfer of Department, etc."), the transfer may be permitted after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Transferring of Departments, etc. in the preceding paragraph shall be done at the start of the 2nd year.

(Special Auditor)

Article 15 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 permitted period for special auditors shall be the beginning of the semester in which the subjects they wish to take are being held, and the enrollment period for special auditors shall be the period during which subjects that they take are held.

(Credited Auditor and Auditor)

Article 16 Necessary matters concerning credited auditors and auditors shall be prescribed separately.

(Research Student)

Article 17 Necessary matters concerning research students shall be prescribed separately.

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

Article 18 Persons who wish to acquire the qualifications for obtaining a teacher's license must earn the prescribed credits prescribed in the Education Personnel Certification Act (Act No. 147 of 1949) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Education Personnel Certification Act (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Ordinance 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.

(ESD Course)

Article 19 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 20 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 Agriculture 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 Agriculture.

- 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 2 of the new rules, the Agriculture and Environmental Informatics Department established pursuant to the old rules shall continue to exist as long as any of the students enrolled in said Department as of March 31, 2004 remains enrolled.

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.