

The Regulations of the Institute of Art Studies for Program Requirements

National Cheng Kung University

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- Article 1 Students shall complete their coursework, pass various graduation thresholds, and complete a program-related thesis as required by the Graduate Institute of Art Studies (the Institute) within two to four years of graduate study to graduate with a program degree.
- Article 2 According to an amendment approved by the meeting of University Curriculum Committee on April 30, 2014, a minimum of 33 credits is set for graduation from the program of the Institute, applicable for students admitted since the 2014-2015 academic year. Students admitted prior to the 2014-2015 academic year are required to complete a minimum of 36 credits for graduation.
- Article 3 Students are allowed to submit their application to the Institute for the assignment of thesis advisor in their major research discipline since the beginning of the final month in the spring semester of the first academic year. Students may apply to change the assignment of thesis advisor within the first month of every semester according to *The Graduate Institute of Art Studies Principles for Thesis Advisor Change*.
- Article 4 Each full-time faculty member of the Institute serves, in principle, as a thesis advisor for a maximum of five students from the same-year class. An adjunct of the Institute serves as a thesis advisor for a maximum of two students from the same-year class, which is applicable to the assignment of a non-faculty member of the Institute as a thesis advisor approved by the institute affairs meeting.
- Article 5 In principle, full-time faculty of the Institute shall be responsible for thesis advising. Under special circumstances, a non-faculty member may serve as a co-advisor with approval of a full-time faculty member as thesis advisor and the Director. The qualifications of co-advisors are equivalent to those of members on the committee of master's degree examination. In the case of thesis co-advising, a student is not allowed to apply for a thesis proposal presentation before the appointment of a non-faculty member as a co-advisor is completed.
- Article 6 Upon approval of the advisor, a student may apply for a thesis proposal presentation in a public seminar organized by the Institute. With approval of the Institute, the applicant is allowed to proceed to write the thesis. Students admitted

into the program since the 2011-2012 academic year must submit a written report of the designated reading list in an application for a thesis proposal presentation.

Article 7 Students must publish at least a conference or journal paper, which should be authenticated by the institute affairs meeting, before they are allowed to apply for a thesis oral defense.

Article 8 Students are not allowed to apply for a thesis proposal presentation and a thesis oral defense in the same semester.

Article 9 Students admitted into the Institute since the 2010-2011 academic year must pass the designated foreign language threshold (set and specified in a separate form) and submit a relevant certificate before they apply for graduation.

Article 10 Academic achievement accreditation

(1) Students are allowed to apply for course enrollment in a program outside of the Institute at NCKU (excluding a specialized master's program for in-service students) or at other universities (home or abroad), should the enrollment involve any art-related courses that are not offered by the Institute. Applicants shall submit to the Institute office their application for course enrollment and credit recognition, which shall be approved by the Director, with a maximum of six credits counted into the minimum number of credits for graduation.

If in defiance of no school regulations and with approval of the institute affairs meeting, the course credits acquired by an officially-enrolled student from an overseas exchange program will be recognized as transfer credits of the Institute program.

(2) Each student is required to enroll in program courses with a minimum of six credits every semester in the first two academic years.

(3) Students are required to attend various academic activities organized by the Institute.

(4) Students admitted into the Institute since the 2015-2016 academic year are required to attend academic activities according to *The Regulations for Academic and Art Activity Attendance Accreditation* of the Institute before they are allowed to apply for thesis oral defense.

Article 11 According to its *Regulations for Appointment of Thesis Reviewers* and *Regulations for Thesis Oral Defense Administration*, the Institute shall form a committee of three to five members to administer the thesis oral defense.

Article 12 Any relevant matters that are not regulated in these Regulations shall be administered according to *NCKU Academic Rules* and *NCKU Graduate Program Rules*.

Article 13 These Regulations must be approved by the institute affairs meeting before taking effect. Any amendments shall be processed accordingly.

These Regulations were translated from the original Chinese. In the event of any discrepancies between the two versions, the Chinese always takes precedence.