

# Department of Oceanography, National Sun Yat-sen University

## Regulations and Rules for Master's Degree Conferral

(Applicable to students enrolling in and after the 2014–2015 academic year)

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Article 1. The Department of Oceanography of National Sun Yat-sen University (hereinafter “the Department”) established the Regulations and Rules for Master's Degree Conferral (hereafter “the Regulations”) based on the Enforcement Guidelines for Postgraduate Degree Examination of National Sun Yat-sen University.

Article 2. Regulations during the study period:

1. The study duration is 1 to 4 years according to the regulations of the Ministry of Education, t (not including deferral or suspension).
2. Course requirements:
  - (1) Courses selection must be approved by students' supervisors.
  - (2) Before graduation, master's students must acquire a minimum of 28 credits, including the required courses for all divisions of the Department, and the compulsory and required courses for individual divisions. The required and compulsory courses are listed as follows:
    - i) Required courses for all divisions: Introduction to Oceanology (waived for graduates from marine-related departments), Shipboard Operations Practice (waived for graduates from marine-related departments).
    - ii) Compulsory courses in marine biology: Seminar in Marine Biology (two semesters), and Independent Studies (two semesters). Required courses: Seminar in Marine Biology (two semesters) and at least two of the following four courses: Marine Biology, Marine Biological Physiology, Molecular Cell Biology, and Systematics and Evolution.

iii) Required courses in marine chemistry and geology: Colloquium (I) to (IV), Advanced Marine Geology, Advanced Marine Chemistry, and Technical Writing.

iv) Required courses in physical oceanography: Seminar in Physical Oceanography (I) to (IV), and Advanced Physical Oceanography (I) and (II).

3. Supervisor assignment:

The supervisor of a Master's thesis should be full-time faculty member of the Department. If students request supervision by a scholar outside the Department for justifiable reasons, a faculty member of the Department must be assigned as the co-supervisor.

Article 3. Master's degree examination:

Semester definitions: the first semester is from August 1 to January 31 of the following year. The second semester is from February 1 to July 31.

Master's students must satisfy the following criteria before sitting the master's degree examination:

1. They must complete the requirements for coursework.
2. They must satisfy the relevant regulations for thesis preparation, and recommended by their supervisor to sit a degree examination.
3. Student who fail the degree examination but have not reached the study duration may take one makeup examination in the following semester or year. Students who fail the makeup examination will be expelled.

Article 4. Graduation:

Students who meet the aforementioned criteria may apply for graduation.

Article 5. Matters that have not yet been included in the Regulations shall be governed by relevant legal regulations.

Article 6. The Regulations, as well as all amendments thereto, shall come into effect upon approval by the Department Affairs Council, approval by the College Affairs Council, and ratification by the president.

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