

# Guidelines for Direct Pursuit of PhD Degree for Master's Students

(碩士班研究生申請逕修博士學位辦法)

## Institute of Public Affairs Management, NSYSU

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Article 1 The Guidelines is set forth pursuant to the *University Law* (大學法) issued by the Ministry of Education, and the *NSYSU Guidelines for Direct Admission into Ph.D. Program* (中山大學學生逕修讀博士學位作業規定).

Article 2. Master's students (including In-Service Master's Students) are qualified to apply for directly pursuing the Ph.D. degree if the following requirements are met.

1. Applicants have demonstrated research potential and have published at least one article in related journals.
2. Applicants' academic performance in the two semesters of the first academic year is above the first one third of the whole class, or are recognized by the Institute for their excellent performance.
3. Applicants have completed more than 16 credits in the master program.
4. Applicants have other outstanding performance in related professional fields.

Those who meet one of the above criteria, being reviewed and approved by the Institute Affairs Meeting, and are reported to the Ministry of Education for recordation by the President of the University, can advance directly to the PhD program.

The Institute may require interviews with applicants when necessary.

Article 3. Deletion.

Article 4. The number of Master's students directly pursuing the PhD degree in each academic year is limited to 40% of the total enrollment number of PhD program approved by the Ministry of Education. If the total approved number is less than five, the number of Master's students pursuing PhD Degree is limited to two students.

Article 5. The applicants for directly pursuing PhD degree must submit the following documents:

1. A copy of the application form
2. One transcript of the first academic year of in the master program.

3. Two recommendation letters from associate (or above) professors of the Institute or other related departments.
4. A copy of personal CV.
5. A copy of study (research) plan.

Article 6. Graduate students who have obtained the admission to directly pursuing PhD degree should completed 36 credits at minimum before graduation.

Article 7 Matters that have not been determined by the Guidelines shall be handled in accordance with *Academic Regulations* (學則) and related rules issued by the University.

Article 8. The Regulations become effective upon approval by the Institute Affairs Meeting. Amendments must follow the same procedure.