

National Sun Yat-sen University
Department of Photonics
Guidelines for Direct Admission to Ph.D. Program

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- Article 1 The Guidelines were formulated in accordance with the Guidelines for Direct Admission to Ph.D. Program of the University.
- Article 2 The University's students graduated from the Bachelor's Program in the current academic year and the graduate students having finished the Master's Program for more than one **semester** with an excellent grade point average (GPA) are allowed to be admitted to the Ph.D. Program, provided that one of the following requirements is met:
1. Students graduated from the Bachelor's Program in the current academic year
 - (1) The GPA of the student during the study period was positioned within the top 10% amongst the students in the class of the Department; and the student appears to have the potential to do research;
 - (2) The student is evaluated, under other special circumstances, by the Department to have an excellent GPA and have the potential to do research.
 2. Graduate students of the Master's Program
 - (1) The GPA during the study period was positioned within the top 33 % among the students in the class of the Master's Program; and the student appears to have the potential to do research;
 - (2) The student is evaluated, under other special circumstances, by the Department to have an excellent GPA and have the potential to do research.
- Article 3 The enrollment quota for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program allocated for this Department in each academic year shall not exceed 40% of the enrollment quota of the Ph.D. program approved by the Ministry of Education for the Department in each academic year. When calculating the enrollment quota, the number shall be rounded off to the nearest decimal place. But **the approved enrollment quota of the Department shall not be 100% the students to be directly admitted to the Ph.D. Program.**
- The quota indicated in the previous paragraph should cover the total number of enrolled Ph.D. students approved by the Ministry of Education for the current academic year.
- Article 4 The applications for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program submitted by the students graduated from the Bachelor's Program in the current academic year shall be accepted in October every year, whereas the applications for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program submitted by the students of the Master's Program shall be accepted in the winter and summer vacations of every year.
- The actual application period shall be specified in the calendar of the University.
- Article 5 A student who applies for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program should submit the following documentation to the Department within the specified application period:

- (1) An application form.
- (2) A transcript of the Bachelor's or Master's Program in each academic year.
- (3) Two testimonials from two associate professors (or of high rank) of the related Department, Institute or degree program that the student originally studied at.

The above information, which has to be reviewed in the departmental meeting, together with the minutes, shall be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for approval, and then sent to the University President for review. After the application is approved by the University President, the direct admission to the Ph.D. Program shall be permitted for the applicant.

Article 6 The student being approved for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program shall become the first-year student of the Ph.D. Program from the academic year for which such approval is given. The student being directly admitted to the Ph.D. Program has to complete taking at least 30 credits for graduation. As for the number of credits obtained from the Graduate Institute before being directly admitted to the Ph.D. Program, the student is allowed to incorporate 12 credits of them maximum to the Ph.D. Program.

Article 7 A student, who is graduated from the Bachelor's Program in the current academic year and has been approved for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program, has to obtain the Bachelor's degree in the current academic year, and enroll in the Ph.D. Program in the next academic year. The qualification for the student's direct admission to the Ph.D. Program shall not be reserved.

If the student indicated in the previous paragraph is graduated one semester ahead because of his/her outstanding academic performance, the student may enroll in the Ph.D. Program in the next semester after obtaining the Bachelor's degree.

Article 8 If a student who has been directly admitted to the Ph.D. Program has discontinued from the Ph.D. Program for certain reasons or does not pass the Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination, the student may transfer to (back to) the Master's Program, provided that a resolution for such transfer of the student is made at the departmental affairs meeting of this Department and then approved by the University President.

After the student has transferred to (back to) the Master's program, the student shall not apply for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program anymore.

For the student indicated in the previous paragraph, as long as the student has completed taking all the required courses of the Master's Program as specified, and the presented thesis has passed the examination offered by the Master's Degree Examination Committee, then a Master's degree shall be conferred to the student. The study period that the student has spent for the Ph.D. Program shall not be calculated and incorporated to the maximum study period of the Master's Program.

Article 9 For the student who is directly admitted to the Ph.D. Program, if the student has passed the Ph. D. Candidate Qualifying Examination but failed the Ph.D. degree examination, and if his/her doctoral dissertation has been recognized by the Ph.D. Degree Examination Committee as meeting the requirements of the Master's degree, then a Master's degree shall be conferred to the student by the Graduate Institute.

Article 10 Any graduate student of the Master's Program having applied for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program shall not take the Master's degree examination. If the student

simultaneously has passed the Master's degree examination and has been approved for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program, the student's qualification for direct admission to the Ph.D. Program shall be revoked.

Article 11 These Guidelines were approved at the departmental affairs meeting. Any modifications to be made to the Guidelines shall follow the same procedure.

