

NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY
International Doctoral Program of Education and Human Development
Regulations of Direct Pursuits to Doctoral Programs

Approved by the 1st Program Affairs Meeting for the Academic year 2018 on 17th September, 2018

- I. The regulation in accordance with Article 23(4) of the University Act and the Direct Pursuit of Ph.D. Degree Regulations promulgated by the Ministry of Education.

- II. Current students graduating in the year and current graduate students (including in-service master's students) who have completed one year or more of master's study, manifest outstanding performances and recommended by two or more teachers (including adjunct teachers) of this program may apply for direct pursuits to doctoral programs.

- III. Those who apply for direct pursuits to doctoral programs must meet the following requirements.
 - (1) Current graduate students (including in-service master's students) who have completed one year or more of master's study and have completed 18 credits (including the credits to be completed in the current semester of the application). The application is limited to one time.
 - (2) Students who on average rank in the top 50% of their class in the first academic year (including 2 semesters).
 - (3) The application shall be approved by the academic affairs meetings and an interview shall be held if necessary.

- IV. The number of students allowed for direct pursuits to doctoral programs in various departments, colleges, and academic degree programs shall be no more than 40% of the places for the academic year for the department, college, and academic degree program determined by the Ministry of Education for general doctoral student admissions. Numbers of places are rounded up to the nearest whole numbers. However, when the number of places is less than five, only two students shall be allowed for direct pursuits to doctoral programs. Foreign students don't apply to the aforementioned regulation of student number. The aforementioned places shall be included in the overall admission number determined by the Ministry of Education.

- V. Direct pursuit application for graduating undergraduates is open in October each year. Graduates (including in-service graduates) may apply for direct pursuits every winter and summer vacation. Specific application dates may be viewed on the university calendar.

- VI. Applicants must each submit the following documents to the department, college, and/or academic degree program they wish to pursue within the set application period:
 - A. Application form
 - B. All undergraduate transcripts or graduate (including in-service graduate) transcripts
 - C. Letters of recommendation from two professors in the program
 - D. Study plan
 - E. A certificate of special performance in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.

- VII. Once applicants are approved for direct pursuits, they are deemed first-year doctoral students in the school year of approval, and are subject to terms of study and regulations established in the departments, colleges, and/or academic degree programs.

- VIII. Students with direct pursuits that are unable to complete their doctoral programs or fail their doctoral candidature qualifications exam shall be reviewed by the programs. Once approved by the president, the students shall be transferred (back) to his/her master's program (including in-service master's programs). A student that has been transferred (back) to a master's program (including in-service graduate programs) and successfully completes the program, submits the thesis, and pass the qualification exams set by the Master's Degree Examination Committee may receive a master's degree. The student's time in the postgraduate program shall not be included in the maximum years of study.

- IX. Students with direct pursuits who pass their postgraduate candidature qualification exams but fail their postgraduate degree exams may receive master's degrees in their courses of study if their dissertations are deemed master's-standard by the Doctoral Degree Examination Committee.

- X. The present regulations shall be implemented following approvals of academic affairs meetings as well as the authorization of the president. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.