

University of the Ryukyus Graduate School Regulations

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Chapter 1 General Regulations

(Purpose)

Article 1 The Graduate School (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School”) has, as its overall objective, the education and research of theories and application of academic learning, the deepening of specialized knowledge and outstanding capacities ready for the undertaking of professions that seek high levels of technical expertise, as well as contribution to the development and enhancement of culture.

2 The University’s Professional Graduate School, as positioned within the Graduate School, has its overall objective, the education and research of theories and application of academic learning and the deepening of specialized knowledge and outstanding capacities ready for the undertaking of professions that seek high levels of technical expertise.

(Objectives for Education and Research)

Article 2 The Graduate School shall stipulate objectives pertaining to the nurturing of talent, as well as purposes for education and research for each graduate program and major field, in the Graduate School Regulations.

(Entrance and Admission)

Article 3 Admission and selection shall be based on an appropriate framework and be conducted in a fair and reasonable manner.

(Publication of Educational and Research Activities)

Article 4 Announcement and publication of updates on educational and research activities shall be conducted according to stipulations set forth in Article 3 of the University of the Ryukyus Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "University Regulations").

Chapter 2 Graduate Schools, Courses and Majors

(Graduate Schools)

Article 5 Graduate Schools shall be established for the following majors:

Humanities and Social Sciences
Community Engagement and Development
Education
Medicine
Health Sciences
Engineering and Science
Agriculture
Law

(Courses)

Article 6 The Graduate Schools of Community Engagement and Development and Agriculture shall offer graduate programs that lead to a Master's degree. The Graduate School of Medicine shall offer both Master's and Doctoral programs, while the Graduate Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Health Sciences, and Engineering and Science shall offer programs at Doctoral level. The Graduate School of Education and Law shall offer programs that lead to a professional graduate program degree.

- 2 Doctoral Programs offered by the Graduate School of Health Sciences and the Graduate School of Engineering and Science shall be divided into two programs: an initial two-year program (hereafter referred to as the "Master's Program") and a subsequent three-year program (hereafter referred to as the "Doctoral Program"). The initial two-year program shall be considered equivalent to a Master's Program.
- 3 Doctoral Programs offered by the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences shall be in the form of the aforementioned three-year Doctoral Programs.

(Objectives for Graduate Program)

Article 7 The Master's Program shall, through broad scholastic perspectives, grant the learning of precise academic knowledge and imbue research abilities in specialized fields, in addition to the deepening of specialized knowledge and nurturing of outstanding capacities ready for the undertaking of professions that seek high levels of technical expertise.

- 2 The Doctoral Program shall train students to become independent researchers in their respective specializations and foster high levels of research abilities and scholastic foundations necessary in the undertaking of highly specialized work.
- 3 Professional Graduate Degree Programs shall focus on the deepening of specialized knowledge and nurturing of outstanding capacities ready for the undertaking of professions that seek high levels of technical expertise.

(Majors and Specializations)

Article 8 Majors for each respective Graduate School are as follows:

Humanities and Social Sciences:

Doctoral Program

Comparative Culture and Area Studies

Community Engagement and Development:

Community Engagement and Development

Education:

Professional Degree Program

Professional Teacher Education

Medicine:

Master's Program

Medicine

Doctoral Program

Medicine

Health Sciences:

Master's Program

Health Sciences

Doctoral Program

Health Sciences

Engineering and Science:

Master's Program

Engineering, Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Earth Sciences, and Chemistry,
Biology and Marine Sciences

Doctoral Program

Material, Structural and Energy Engineering, Interdisciplinary Intelligent Systems
Engineering, and Marine and Environmental Sciences

Agriculture:

Subtropical Agriculture

Law:

Law

(Education and Research of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University)

Article 9 The United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences is a collaborative Doctoral Program involving the University of the Ryukyus, Saga University, and Kagoshima University.

2 Collaborative classes offered by the aforementioned United Graduate School shall be carried out by faculty members of Saga University's Faculty of Agriculture, as well as Kagoshima University's Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Fisheries, in addition to faculty members of the University's Faculty of Agriculture and Tropical Biosphere Center.

Chapter 3 Student Admission Numbers and Course Capacities

(Student Admission Numbers and Course Capacities)

Article 10 Student admission numbers for each respective Graduate Schools are stated in the following table. Humanities and Social Sciences

Graduate School	Major	Master's Program		Doctoral Program		Juris Doctor Program Professional Degree Program	
		New admissions	Course capacity	New admissions	Course capacity	New admissions	Course capacity
Humanities and Social Sciences	Comparative Culture and Area Studies			4	12		
Community Engagement and Development	Community Engagement and Development	35	70				
Education	Professional Teacher Education					20	40
Medicine	Medicine	15	30				
	Medicine			30	120		
	Subtotal	15	30	30	120		
Health Sciences	Health Sciences	10	20	3	9		
Engineering and Science	Engineering	93	186				
	Mathematical Sciences	10	20				
	Physics and Earth Sciences	16	32				
	Chemistry, Biology and Marine Sciences	26	52				
	Materials, Structural and Energy Engineering			4	12		
	Interdisciplinary Intelligent Systems Engineering			3	9		
	Marine and Environmental Sciences			5	15		
	Subtotal	145	290	12	36		
Agriculture	Subtropical Agriculture	35	70				
Law	Law					16	48

Total	240	480	49	177	36	88
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Chapter 4 Standard Course Lengths, Periods of Enrollment, Academic Years, Terms and Holidays

(Standard Course Lengths)

Article 11 The standard length of courses are as follows:

- (1) Master’s Programs 2 years
 - (2) Doctoral Programs 3 years
 - (3) Graduate School of Medicine, Doctoral Program 4 years
 - (4) Graduate School of Law, Juris Doctor Program 3 years
 - (5) Graduate School of Education, Professional Degree Program 2 years
- 2 Notwithstanding stipulations set forth in (1) of the preceding clause, Graduate Schools may, in instructing and training Master’s and Doctoral program students with work and other professional commitments, in limitation to cases deemed to be of particular necessity from an educational viewpoint, and with no obstructions to overarching scholastic processes, allow the aforementioned students to complete their course of study over a time period of more than one year but not more than two years, taking into consideration specific requirements for the admitting Graduate School and course of study, as well as the student’s enrollment status, through appropriate methods of education that assume forms such as class instruction and research guidance (hereinafter referred to as “research supervision”) in the evenings and other stipulated times of the day, or over specific periods of time.

(Period of Enrollment)

Article 12 Students may not be enrolled in a course for more than twice the stipulated standard course length.

(Academic Year, Terms and Holidays)

Article 13 Rules governing academic years, terms and holidays are stipulated in Articles 9 through 11 of the University of the Ryukyus Regulations (hereinafter referred to as “University Regulations”).

Chapter 5 Course Curricula and Methods of Completion

(Guidelines for Establishing Course Curricula)

- Article 14 Graduate Schools shall, in line with educational objectives for their respective courses and specializations, autonomously administer course subjects and establish plans for research supervision, as well as employ a systematic framework for the formation of their education curriculum.
- 2 Graduate Schools must, in forming their respective education curricula, give particular consideration to supporting the cultivation of a fundamental understanding of each specific major, in addition to

imbuing in students a high level of specialized knowledge and technical capability.

(Coursework and Research Supervision)

Article 15 Education at the Graduate School is carried out through coursework and research supervision.

- 2 Classes and research supervision stated in this article are conducted by faculty members approved for employment within the Graduate School and who possess qualifications stipulated in Article 9 clause 1 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (1974, Education Ministry Ordinance. No. 28).
- 3 Notwithstanding particulars set forth in clause 1 of this article, education within professional graduate degree programs is carried out through coursework. In line with program objectives, class content may consist of practical-based education such as case studies, field work, bilateral or multilateral debate, question and answer, and other appropriate methods of instruction.
- 4 Coursework mentioned in the preceding clause are conducted by faculty members approved for employment within the Graduate School and who possess qualifications stipulated in Article 5 clause 1 of the Standards for the Establishment of Professional Graduate Schools (2003, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology Ordinance. No. 16).

(Organized Training for the Purpose of Improving Educational Content)

Article 16 Graduate Schools must conduct organized training and research for the purpose of improving the contents and methods of coursework and research supervision.

(Receiving Instruction at Other Graduate Schools)

Article 17 Should the President deem it to be of educational benefit, students may, upon agreement with the host institution, receive necessary instruction and enroll for coursework offered at a different graduate school.

- 2 The recognition of credits earned for coursework taken under the regulations stipulated in this article must be approved through deliberation by the Graduate School Committee and shall not exceed 15 credits.
- 3 Notwithstanding particulars set forth in the preceding clause, regulations for professional graduate degree programs offered by the Graduate School of Law and the Graduate School of Education are as follows:
 - (1) With regards to the Graduate School of Law, the recognition of credits earned for coursework taken under the regulations stipulated in this article that may be approved by the aforementioned Graduate School shall not exceed 31 credits.
 - (2) With regards to the professional graduate degree program of the Graduate School of Education, the recognition of credits earned for coursework taken under the regulations stipulated in this article that may be approved by the aforementioned Graduate School shall not exceed 24 credits.

- 4 The period of study concerning particulars set forth in clause 1 shall be included in the student's overall term of enrollment at the Graduate School.
- 5 Provisions for the types of coursework, number of credits, and enrolment methods shall be stipulated in a separate document.

(Completion of Course Curricula over an Extended Period of Time)

Article 18 In light of reasons such as full-time employment, students may be granted permission to enroll in and complete their academic programs over a fixed and extended period of time, which exceeds the standard period of study as stipulated in Article 11, upon formal application to the Graduate School.

- 2 With regards to the preceding clause, the desired period of study for extended learning must not exceed the period of enrollment set forth in Article 12.

(Acknowledgement of Credits Gained Prior to Enrolment)

Article 19 Should it be deemed by the Graduate School to be of educational merit, students may have credits (including those earned as auditing students as stipulated in provisions set forth in Article 15 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools) gained from enrolling in classes at a different graduate school (including graduate schools of other universities) prior to enrolment at the Graduate School acknowledged as credits for program completion.

- 2 Subject to deliberation of the Graduate School Committee or any other relevant body, credits earned elsewhere than at the Graduate School in question that may be recognized as earned or conferrable as stipulated in the preceding clause are limited to 15 credits, unless the student in question is being re-admitted to the Graduate School or transferring from another graduate school. Where such credits are conferred, the combined total of such credits and any credits earned under the provisions of Article 17 shall be limited to 20 credits.
- 3 Notwithstanding particulars set forth in the preceding clause, regulations for professional graduate degree programs offered by the Graduate School of Law and the Graduate School of Education are as follows:
 - (1) With regards to the Graduate School of Law, the number of credits to be conferred, including the number of earned credits as set forth in Article 17 (3)-(1), shall not exceed 30 credits (excluding credits in excess of 30 credits as set forth in said Article 17(3)-(1)).
 - (2) With regards to the professional graduate degree program of the Graduate School of Education, the number of credits to be conferred, including the number of earned credits as set forth in Article 17(3)-(2), shall not exceed 24 credits.

(Subjects and Course Curricula)

Article 20 Graduate Schools shall autonomously administer course subjects deemed educationally necessary for each of its respective majors.

2 Particulars concerning subjects offered at the Graduate School and their corresponding credits to be awarded shall be set forth in a separate document.

(Credit Calculation Criteria for Classes that Implement Two or More Methods of Instruction)

Article 21 When calculating credits for classes that implement two or more methods of instruction such as lectures, seminars, experiments, laboratory and practical work, one credit shall be conferred for time as set forth in particulars for Article 26, in application of Article 22 clause 3 of the University Regulations.

(Methods of Program Completion)

Article 22 Particulars concerning methods of completing classes offered at the Graduate School shall be set forth in a separate document.

(Exceptions for Methods of Education)

Article 23 When deemed to be of particular necessity from an educational viewpoint, education methods may assume appropriate forms such as class instruction and research guidance in the evenings and other stipulated times of the day, or over specific periods of time.

(Clear Specification of Grading and Evaluation Standards)

Article 24 Detailed information concerning course curricula and instructional methods, as well an annual schedule of planned research supervision, must be clearly specified and presented to students in advance by the Graduate School.

2 In order to ensure objectivity and academic rigor in evaluating and recognizing academic achievements, as well as in assessing academic theses/dissertations and program completion, grading and evaluation standards shall be clearly specified and presented to students in advance, with the Graduate School upholding the aforementioned standards in all processes related to assessment and evaluation.

(Receiving Research Supervision at other Graduate Schools and Institutes)

Article 25 Should the President deem it to be of educational benefit, students may, upon agreement with the host institution, receive research supervision at a different graduate school. However, the term of research supervision shall not exceed one year for students enrolled in Master's Programs.

(Application of University Regulations)

Article 26 Rules governing class methods, credit calculation criteria for each subject, conferring of credits and accreditation for completed classes at the Graduate School are set forth in Articles 19, 22 and 23 of the University Regulations.

Chapter 6 University Admission, Re-Admissions, and Transfers

(University Admission)

Article 27 University admission is conducted at the beginning of each academic year. However, in special cases whereby it is deemed by the Graduate School that delayed entrance does not constitute an obstacle to learning, students may be admitted at the beginning of an academic semester.

(Qualifications for University Entrance)

Article 28 Those eligible for enrollment in the Master's Program or professional graduate degree programs must meet any one of the following requirements:

- (1) Those who have graduated from university.
- (2) Those upon whom a bachelor's degree has been conferred as set forth in provisions stipulated in Article 104 clause 7 of the School Education Act (1947, No. 26).
- (3) Those who have completed 16 years of formal education at an institution of education located in a foreign country.
- (4) Those who have taken classes through correspondence offered by a foreign institution of education in Japan, whereby the completion of offered subjects shall be evaluated as having met with criteria for course completion within the education system of the aforementioned country.
- (5) Those who have completed a course of education at the undergraduate level at a foreign institution of education located in Japan (limited to those considered as having completed 16 years of formal education in a foreign country). The aforementioned institution should be recognized within the education system of the country that it is located, and be designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (6) Those who have completed courses of study with durations of three or more years (including those who have taken classes via correspondence at a foreign institution of education whereby the completion of offered subjects shall be evaluated as having met with criteria for course completion within the education system of Japan, and those who have completed courses of study at foreign institutions of education that are recognized within the education system of the country where it is located, and have been designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) at a university located overseas or corresponding foreign institution of education (limited to those whose overall education and research activities have been evaluated by the government authorities of the corresponding country, or by a representative of a government-approved agency in the country where the institution is located, or those deemed as being equivalently evaluated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), and who have been conferred with a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent thereof from the aforementioned foreign university or institution.
- (7) Those who have completed a special course offered by a specialized training college designated by

the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, on or after the specific date that has been provisioned separately by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to a school whose course term is more than four years and fulfils other criteria set forth by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology).

- (8) Those deemed appropriate for admission by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - (9) Those who have attended university for three or more years (or have been deemed to have done so by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), and have been assessed by the Graduate School to have attained all necessary credits and completed the aforementioned university program with excellent academic results.
 - (10) Those who have enrolled in a graduate school as defined in particulars for Article 102, clause 2 of the School Education Act (1947, No. 26) and have been recognized as possessing the academic skills necessary for graduate-level education at the Graduate School.
 - (11) Those 22 years of age or older and have been deemed to possess academic skills that are equivalent to, or of a higher level than that of a university graduate, through individual entrance qualification screening conducted by the Graduate School.
- 2 Those eligible for enrollment in the Doctoral Program must meet any one of the following requirements:
- (1) Those who possess a Master's or professional graduate program degree.
 - (2) Those who have been awarded a Master's or professional graduate program degree, or the equivalent thereof, from an institution of education outside of Japan.
 - (3) Those who have taken classes through correspondence offered by a foreign graduate school in Japan and who have been awarded a Master's or professional graduate program degree, or the equivalent thereof, from the aforementioned institution.
 - (4) Those who have completed a course of education at a foreign graduate school located in Japan, whose graduate-level programs have been recognized within the education system of the country that it is located, and designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Candidates must have been awarded a Master's or professional graduate program degree, or the equivalent thereof from the aforementioned graduate school, through programs recognized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, following stipulations provisioned separately by the aforementioned Ministry.
 - (5) Those who have completed a curriculum, upon whom a degree equivalent to a Master's degree has been conferred, from the United Nations University (hereinafter referred to as "United Nations University"), promulgated by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 11, 1972 and in accordance with the Agreement between Japan and the United Nations concerning the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and

Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (1976, Resolution 72, Article 1 Item 2).

- (6) Those who have completed a curriculum of education curriculum at an foreign institution of education, at a Class Four institution of education, or at the United Nations University, and have met passing requirements for examinations and screening processes as prescribed in Article 16 clause 2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, and so have consequently been deemed as possessing academic skills that are equivalent to, or of a higher level than that of a person who has been conferred a Master's degree.
 - (7) Those deemed appropriate for admission by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
 - (8) Those 24 years of age or older and have been deemed to possess academic skills that are equivalent to, or of a higher level than that of a person who has been conferred a Master's or professional graduate program degree, through individual entrance qualification screening conducted by the Graduate School.
- 2 Those eligible for enrollment to the Doctoral program of the Graduate School of Medicine must meet any one of the following requirements:
- (1) Those who have graduated from university (limited to those majoring in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or courses in pharmacy with a term of more than 6 years).
 - (2) Those upon whom a Bachelor's degree in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or pharmacy have been conferred, as set forth in Article 104 clause 7 of the School Education Act.
 - (3) Those who have completed 18 years of formal education at an institution of education located in a foreign country (with the final course of completion being either medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or pharmacy).
 - (4) Those who have taken classes through correspondence offered by a foreign institution of education in Japan and in doing so, completed 18 years of formal education (with the final course of completion being either medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or pharmacy) within the education system of the foreign country where the aforementioned institution is located.
 - (5) Those who have completed a course of undergraduate education at a foreign graduate school located in Japan (with the final course of completion being either medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or pharmacy) recognized within the education system of the country that it is located, through programs designated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, following stipulations provisioned separately by the aforementioned Ministry.
 - (6) Those who have completed courses of study (in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or pharmacy) with durations of more than 5 or more years (including those who have taken classes via correspondence at a foreign institution of education whereby the completion of offered subjects shall be evaluated as having met with criteria for course completion within the education system of Japan, and those who have completed courses of study at foreign institutions of education that

are recognized within the education system of the country where it is located, and deemed as appropriate by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology) at a university located overseas or corresponding foreign institution of education (limited to those whose overall education and research activities have been evaluated by the government authorities of the corresponding country, or by a representative of a government-approved agency in the country where the institution is located, or those deemed as being equivalently evaluated by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology), and who have been conferred with a bachelor's degree or the equivalent thereof from the aforementioned foreign university or institution.

- (7) Those deemed appropriate for admission by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- (8) Those who have attended university for four or more years (or have been deemed to have done so by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology), and have been assessed by the Graduate School to have attained all necessary credits and completed the aforementioned university program with excellent academic results.
- (9) Those 24 years of age or older and have been deemed to possess academic skills that are equivalent to, or of a higher level than that of a university graduate, through individual entrance qualification screening conducted by the Graduate School.

(Application for University Entrance)

Article 29 Candidates who wish to apply for admission to the Graduate School must submit a completed copy of the application form for university admission, together with all required documents and proof of payment for the entrance examination fee by the specified deadline for application.

(Selection of Candidates)

Article 30 Applicants selected for entry to the Graduate School must be approved by the Graduate School Committee, following which the names of successful candidates shall be announced by the President of the University.

- 2 The selection outlined in the preceding clause is dependent upon an examination of the applicant's academic ability, as well as inquiries to the graduating university of the aforementioned applicant.
- 3 Methods and time schedules concerning selection processes stipulated in the preceding clause shall be determined prior to each call for entrance applications.

(Admission Procedures and Notice of Acceptance)

Article 31 Those who have received official notice of acceptance must submit all prescribed documents and proof of payment for the admission fee by the specified deadline.

- 2 The President of the University shall grant admission to students who have completed all admission

procedures. However, prior admission may be granted to students applying for exemption or postponement of payment of the admission fee.

(Continuing onto the Doctoral Program)

Article 32 Students who have completed the Master's program and wish to continue onto the Doctoral program shall have their requests deliberated according to provisions governing each major of the Graduate School, following which permission shall be granted by the Chair of the major concerned.

(Transferring from another Graduate School)

Article 33 Upon the deliberation of the Graduate School Committee, the President of the University reserves the right to grant permission for the entrance of a student transferring from another graduate school (including graduate schools located outside of Japan as well as the United Nations University), on condition that vacancies are open for such intake.

2 Students wishing to transfer from another Graduate School must, in submitting their documents for application, attach a letter of permission from the Director of the Graduate School where they are currently enrolled.

(Re-Admission)

Article 34 Upon the deliberation of the Graduate School Committee, the President of the University reserves the right following provisions under Article 38, to grant permission for re-admission in the following academic year to students seeking to be re-admitted to the University within two years of their withdrawal.

(Transferring to a Different Graduate School)

Article 35 Students attempting to transfer to a different graduate school must obtain permission to do so through the Dean of the Graduate School, and receive official approval from the President of the University.

Chapter 7 Temporary Absence, Returning to the University, Withdrawal and Removal from the Enrolment Register

(Temporary Absence)

Article 36 Students who take an absence of a period of not more than three months for reasons pertaining to illness and other unavoidable circumstances must apply for permission to do so from the President of the University by submitting the application for temporary absence with an official medical diagnosis and/or letter of reason.

- 2 The President of the University, in consideration of reasons pertaining to illness or other unavoidable circumstances, may order the temporary suspension of enrolment for a given period of time following deliberation by the Graduate School Committee.
- 3 Permission for temporary absence shall be granted for the remainder of the academic term or for the academic year concerned. However, the aforementioned period of temporary absence may be extended in light of special circumstances.
- 4 The maximum period (in total) of temporary absence for each graduate program are as follows:
 - (1) Master's programs 2 years
 - (2) Doctoral programs 3 years
 - (3) Graduate School of Medicine, Doctoral program 4 years
 - (4) Graduate School of Law, Juris Doctor program 3 years
 - (5) Graduate School of Education, Professional degree program 2 years
- 5 Periods of temporary absence shall not be included in the period of enrollment as set forth in stipulations for Article 12.

(Returning to the University)

Article 37 Students may, with the permission of the President of the University, return to resume their studies when their approved period of temporary absence comes to an end, or when their reason for temporary absence ceases to be valid, before the end of the aforementioned period of absence.

- 2 Those returning from absences pertaining to medical reasons must submit a letter issued by a health physician or an official medical diagnosis.

(Withdrawal)

Article 38 Those who wish to withdraw from the University must obtain permission to do so from the President of the University.

(Removal from the Enrolment Register)

Article 39 Students, to which any of the following descriptions applies, shall, upon deliberation of the Graduate School Committee, be removed from the enrolment register by the President of the University:

- (1) Those who are deceased or whose whereabouts have remained unknown for an extended period of time.
- (2) Those whose terms of enrolment have exceeded the permitted periods as set forth in provisions for Article 12.
- (3) Those whose approved periods of temporary absence have exceeded the permitted periods as set forth in provisions for Article 36 clause 4, and remain unable to return to the University.
- (4) Those who have been deemed as being unable to fulfill requirements for completion for reasons pertaining to illness or other circumstances.

- (5) Those who fail to submit prescribed documents for their return to the University upon the end of their approved period of temporary absence.
 - (6) Those whose request for admission fee exemption or postponement of fee payment have been denied, and those whose request for partial admission fee exemption or postponement of fee payment have been approved, but fail to provide proof of payment for admission fees before the stipulated deadline for payment.
 - (7) Those who have not paid tuition, or fail to do so despite receiving reminders for due payment.
- 2 Notwithstanding particulars stipulated in the preceding clause, in circumstances where students liable for removal from the enrolment register become subjects of disciplinary procedures as set forth in provisions for Article 58, the President of the University may reserve execution of decisions for removal until after all disciplinary procedures have been completed. Under such circumstances, students shall not be removed from the enrolment register if a decision to expel them from the University has been made.
 - 3 Additional provisions concerning removal from the enrolment register shall be stipulated in a separate document.

Chapter 8 Requirements for Program Completion and Conferral of Degrees

(Acknowledgement of Credits)

Article 40 Verification of credits obtained shall be conducted through assessment of examination performance and research reports.

- 2 Prescribed credits shall be conferred to students who obtain a passing grade in examinations or through the submission of research reports.

(Grade Evaluation)

Article 41 Evaluation standards for examinations and research reports are assessed using five grading categories: A, B, C, D, and F. Grades A, B, C and D are considered passing grades, while grade F is regarded as a failure to meet the minimum passing grade. Evaluation standards for the Graduate School of Law will be stipulated in a separate document.

- 2 Details of the grade evaluation criteria as set out in the preceding clause are shown in the following table.

Classification of Assessment	Grade Category	Corresponding Marks (out of full marks of 100)	Evaluation Criteria
Pass	A	90 marks or more	Student has fulfilled Course Aims and accomplished

			outstanding results.
	B	80 ~ 89 marks	Student has fulfilled Course Aims and accomplished very good results.
	C	70 ~ 79 marks	Student has fulfilled Course Aims.
	D	60 ~ 69 marks	Student has fulfilled Course Aims to the minimum required standard.
Fail	F	Less than 59 marks	Student has not fulfilled Course Aims.

3 Each Graduate School will stipulate particulars concerning its grade evaluation in separate documents.

(Storage of Grading Evidence Materials)

Article 41-2 Course instructors must store examination questions, answer sheets submitted by students, reports, attendance confirmation lists, etc. (hereinafter referred to as “grading evidence materials”).

2 Additional provisions concerning storage of grading evidence materials shall be stipulated in a separate document.

(Completion Requirements for Master’s Programs)

Article 42 The completion requirements for Master’s Programs are as follows: a period of enrolment of more than two years (for courses and majors whereby the standard course length is a period other than two years, requirements shall be based upon the aforementioned course or major's stipulations for standard course length), the earning of 30 or more credits, receipt of necessary research instruction in accordance with the objectives of the aforementioned Master's Programs, and a passing grade awarded for final examinations or review of thesis and research accomplishments based on a specific assignment related to the field of study. However, students who display exemplary academic performance may be allowed to complete the program after one year of enrolled student status at the Graduate School.

(Completion Requirements for Doctoral Programs)

Article 43 The completion requirements for the Doctoral Program are as follows: a period of enrolment of more than three years, the earning of 12 or more credits, receipt of necessary research instruction, and a passing grade being awarded for both final examinations and Doctoral dissertation. However, students who display exemplary research performance may be allowed to complete the program after one year of enrolled student status at the Graduate School.

2 As stipulated in Article 11 clause 2, students who complete the Master’s program in a period of more than one, but not more than two years, and those who complete the Master’s program within the standard course length as stipulated in proviso to clause 1 of the preceding article, the requirements for completion of the Doctoral program in proviso that read as “one year” shall be treated as "three

years including the period of enrolment in the Master's program", in preservation of stipulations set forth in the provisory clause of the said article.

(Completion Requirements for the Graduate School of Medicine Doctoral Program)

Article 44 The completion requirements for the Graduate School of Medicine Doctoral program are as follows: a period of enrolment of more than four years, the earning of 30 or more credits, receipt of necessary research instruction, and a passing grade being awarded for both final examinations and Doctoral dissertation. However, students who display exemplary research performance may be allowed to complete the program after three years of enrolled student status at the Graduate School.

(Completion Requirements for the Graduate School of Law Professional Graduate Degree Program)

Article 45 The completion requirements for the Graduate School of Law Professional Graduate Degree Program are as follows: a period of enrolment of three years or more, the earning of 94 or more credits, and the fulfillment of certain GPA standards subject to separate stipulations upon completion of the third year.

- 2 With regards to the period of enrolment as set forth in the preceding clause, if credits earned at another institution of education prior to enrolling at the Graduate School of Law (limited to credits earned after enrollment in accordance with Article 102 clause 1 of the School Education Act) are to be recognized as credits earned at the Graduate School of Law, and that the student is to be recognized as having completed part of the educational curriculum at the Graduate School of Law in accordance with stipulations set forth in Article 19 clause 1, the Graduate School may grant the student deemed completion of a period of no more than one year of study at the Graduate School of Law, upon consideration of credits earned, the time taken to earn the aforementioned credits, as well as other necessary factors.
- 3 The Graduate School of Law may consider students deemed to possess the basic knowledge of law required by this Graduate School (hereinafter referred to as "law students with prior learning") as having completed a part of the required enrollment period and credits stipulated in clause 1 of this Article. In such cases, law students with prior learning may be granted a maximum of one year in recognized attendance and a maximum of 29 of the credits required by first-year courses (31 credits for those students wishing to take the bar examination while enrolled in this Graduate School, as stipulated by Article 4 clause 2 of the National Bar Examination Act, effective from October 1, 2022).
- 4 The period granted for deemed attendance for law students with prior learning as stated in the preceding clause, in addition to the period of deemed completion as stated in clause 2, shall not exceed a total of one year.
- 5 The combined total of credits that may be conferred on law students with prior learning as per the stipulations of clause 3 of this Article and any credits earned under the provisions of Article 17 and Article 19 shall be limited to 30 credits (this limit does not apply to credits in excess of 30

recognized under the provisions of clause 3 of this Article and Article 17 (3)-(1)).

(Completion Requirements for the Graduate School of Education Professional Graduate Degree Program)

Article 46 The completion requirements for the Graduate School of Education Professional Graduate Degree Program are as follows: a period of enrolment of two years or more, the earning of 48 or more credits (including 10 or more credits for completed practicums at elementary schools or other related institutions of education, in line with the objective of instilling practical teaching capabilities in teachers possessing a high level of specialized ability and outstanding caliber.

- 2 With regards to the period of enrolment as set forth in the preceding clause, if credits earned at another institution of education prior to enrolling at the Graduate School of Education Professional Graduate Degree Program (hereby referred to as “aforementioned professional degree program”) (limited to credits earned after enrollment in accordance with Article 102 clause 1 of the School Education Act) are to be recognized as credits earned at the Graduate School of Education, and that the student is to be recognized as having completed part of the educational curriculum at the Graduate School of Education in accordance with stipulations set forth in Article 19 clause 1, the Graduate School may grant the student deemed completion of a period of no more than one year of study at the Graduate School of Education, upon consideration of credits earned, the time taken to earn the aforementioned credits, as well as other necessary factors. However, the student is required to enroll in the aforementioned professional degree program for a period of at least one year.
- 3 Should the Graduate School of Education deem it to be of educational merit, the earning of all or part of credits up to a total of not more than 10 credits that are to be conferred through practicums as stated in provisions for clause 1, may be exempted from completion requirements for students who possess practical teaching experience as educational instructors in elementary schools and other institutions of education prior to their enrolment in the Graduate School.

(Conferral of Degrees)

Article 47 A Master’s Degree shall be conferred upon students who have successfully completed the Master’s program.

- 2 A Doctoral Degree shall be conferred upon students who have successfully completed the Doctoral program.
- 3 A Professional Graduate Degree shall be conferred upon students who have successfully completed the Professional Graduate Degree program.
- 4 Particulars relating to the conferral of degrees shall be defined in a separate document.

Chapter 9 Obtaining Prescribed Qualifications for Teaching Licenses

(Obtaining Prescribed Qualifications for Teaching Licenses)

Article 48 Students attempting to obtain prescribed qualifications to earn a Teacher's License must earn the required credits for coursework as set forth in provisions under the School Teacher's License Act (1949, No.147) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Teacher's License Act (1954, No.26).

(abbreviated)

Chapter 10 Entrance Examination Fee, Admission Fee, Tuition Fees and Learning Assistance Fees

(Entrance Examination Fee, Admission Fee, Tuition and Learning Assistance Fees)

Article 49 Stipulated amounts for the University's entrance examination fee, admission fee, tuition and learning assistance fees are defined in the Regulations for Fees of the University of the Ryukyus.

- 2 Articles 47-49, 50 and 51 of the University Regulations shall be applied to payment methods concerning the entrance examination fee, admission fee and tuition, as well as procedures concerning exemption from and postponement of payment.
- 3 Visiting law students as stipulated in provisions under Article 55 shall be exempted from the payment of the entrance examination fee and admission fee.
- 4 Students who are admitted as visiting law students upon their completion of programs at the Graduate School of Law shall be exempted from the payment of learning assistance fees for the first six months.
- 5 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 1, students continuing on to Doctoral programs upon the completion of Master's or professional graduate degree programs at the Graduate School shall be exempted from the payment of the entrance examination fee and admission fee.
- 6 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 1, students continuing on to the Global Engineer Program offered by the Faculty of Engineering and the Graduate School of Engineering and Science Master's program (excluding Mathematical Sciences, Physics and Earth Sciences, and Chemistry, Biology and Marine Sciences) upon the completion of courses within the aforementioned program shall be exempted from the payment of the entrance examination fee and admission fee.
- 7 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 1, tuition shall be waived when a teaching instructor of the University of the Ryukyus Elementary School or Secondary School enrolls in the Graduate School of Education with the permission of the principal of the respective aforementioned school, or when the said instructor is admitted through special entrance qualification screening for working professionals (e.g. current high school teachers). However, in the event that the student's period of attendance exceeds the standard course length stipulated in Article 11 clause 1 (or the period set for extended learning according to provisions under Article 18 clause 2 for students whose requests for extended periods of enrolment have been granted under stipulations for Article 18 clause 1), tuition shall be collected for the period attended in excess.
- 8 Those enrolled in the Graduate School and are recognized as having outstanding character and research accomplishments (including academic grades), shall have their tuition payment waived (hereinafter

referred to as “students with outstanding academic and research accomplishments”).

- 9 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 1, the payment of the entrance examination fee, admission fee and tuition shall be waived for the admission of students from graduate schools located outside of Japan, based on mutual agreements concerning double degree programs between overseas graduate schools and the University of the Ryukyus Graduate School of Engineering and Sciences.
- 10 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 1, the admission fee shall be waived for privately funded international students enrolled in special graduate programs for international students that are accredited by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- 11 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 2, the payment of tuition shall be waived or postponed according to stipulations set separately for students enrolled in the Professional Teacher Education course of the Graduate School of Education.

(Paid Tuition and Others)

Article 50 Payments that have been made for the entrance examination fee, admission fee, tuition and learning assistance fees are non-refundable.

- 2 Notwithstanding stipulations in the preceding clause, unsuccessful candidates in the primary entrance examinations conducted by the Graduate School of Law are entitled to a refund of fees for the secondary entrance examination upon request.
- 3 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 1, students who have performed payment procedures for tuition as stipulated in provisions in Article 49 clause 2 but decline acceptance of entrance to the University by March 31st of the previous academic year may, upon application, be refunded with a monetary amount equivalent to the amount of tuition paid.
- 4 Notwithstanding stipulations in clause 1, students who have performed payment procedures for tuition due for both the first and second semesters during the period of payment for tuition due for the first semester but subsequently take a temporary leave of absence or withdraw from the University prior to the period of payment for tuition due for the second semester may, upon application, be refunded with a monetary amount equivalent to the amount of tuition paid.

Chapter 11 Special Auditors, Special Research Students, Auditors, Research Students,
Visiting Law Students and International Students

(Special Auditor)

Article 51 The President of the University may permit a student from another graduate school to take specified subjects in the Graduate School based upon mutual agreement with the student’s home institution.

- 2 Students admitted under stipulations set forth in the preceding clause shall be accorded the status of Special Auditor.

(Special Research Student)

Article 52 The President of the University may permit a student from another graduate school to receive research supervision in the Graduate School based upon mutual agreement with the student's home institution

2 Students admitted under stipulations set forth in the preceding clause shall be accorded the status of Special Researcher.

(Auditor)

Article 53 The President of the University may, upon deliberation by the Graduate School Committee, permit a student from outside the Graduate School to enroll in one or more subjects offered by the Graduate School should the individual so desire. The student may also be awarded credit for completed coursework.

2 Based on Article 17 clause 3 of the University Regulations, students permitted to enroll in classes offered by the Graduate School (hereby referred to as "accelerated degree program students") shall be admitted as auditors. Provisions concerning accelerated degree program students shall be specified in a separate set of stipulations.

(Research Student)

Article 54 The President of the University may, upon deliberation by the Graduate School Committee, permit a student to enroll in the Graduate School as a researcher in order for the aforementioned student to pursue research on a specific topic.

(Visiting Law Students)

Article 55 The President of the University may, upon deliberation by the Graduate School of Law Committee, permit students who have completed the courses of the Graduate School of Law and wish to continue studying independently for the bar examination within the learning environment of the University to enroll in the Graduate School of Law as a visiting law student.

(International Students)

Article 56 The President of the University may permit an international student to enroll in the Graduate School if the aforementioned student successfully qualifies for admission upon screening procedures.

2 International Students may be accepted over and above the prescribed student admission numbers and course capacities.

Chapter 12 Rewards and Disciplinary Measures

(Commendation)

Article 57 The President of the University may, based on provisions under the University of the Ryukyus Regulations for Awards and Commendation, confer awards upon students deemed as recipients of special recognition.

(Disciplinary Measures)

Article 58 The President of the University may, upon deliberation by the Graduate School Committee, undertake disciplinary measures against students who breach the regulations of the Graduate School, or fail to dutifully discharge their obligations as students of the University.

- 2 Disciplinary measures stipulated in the preceding clause shall include warnings, suspension and/or expulsion from the University.
- 3 The period of suspension as stipulated in the preceding clause shall be included in the period of enrollment set forth in provisions for Article 12, but be excluded from the standard course length required for the completion of courses at the Graduate School as set forth in particulars for Article 11. However, periods of suspension of less than one month may be included in the standard course length required for course completion.
- 4 Expulsion from the University as set forth in particulars for clause 2 shall be applied to the following students:
 - (1) Those who have shown unsatisfactory character and conduct for which prospects of improvement are not expected.
 - (2) Those who have failed to execute obligations for coursework and program requirements, and whose course completion cannot be expected.
 - (3) Those whose conduct have disrupted order of the University and those whose actions constitute a clear contravention of their duties as students of the University.
- 5 Particulars concerning procedures necessary for the undertaking of disciplinary measures are stipulated in a separate document.

Chapter 13 Miscellaneous Provisions

(Other Applicable Regulations)

Article 59 Provisions for University Regulations and other regulations governing students in undergraduate courses of study are applicable to all students of the University, in addition to stipulations contained herein and in regulations for each respective major of the Graduate School.

- 2 With regards to the contents of stipulations stated in the preceding clause, the terms “undergraduate”, “Faculty Dean” and Faculty Council” shall be read as “Graduate School”, “Dean of Graduate School” and “Graduate School Committee” respectively.

Supplementary Provision

- 1 All provisions herein come into effect from April 1, 2019.
- 2 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions for Article 8, the Special Support Education major offered within the Graduate School of Education shall remain in operation until all students enrolled in the Special Support Education major offered within the Graduate School of Education as of March 31, 2019 are no longer enrolled in the program.
- 3 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions for Article 48 clause 2, the types of professional teaching licenses available for obtainment by students majoring in Special Support Education at the Graduate School of Education shall be based on provisions stipulated in the preceding version of this document.
- 4 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions for Article 10, student admission capacities for academic year 2019-2020 respectively allocated to the majors of Special Support Education, Subject Education and Professional Teacher Education offered by the Graduate School of Education shall remain as seen in the following table:

Graduate School	Major	Academic Year 2019
Graduate School of Education	Special Support Education	3
	Subject Education	21
	Professional Teacher Education	34

Supplementary Provision (February 19, 2020)

- 1 All provisions herein come into effect from April 1, 2020.
- 2 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions for Article 8, the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Education shall remain in operation until all students enrolled in the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Education as of March 31, 2020 are no longer enrolled in the program.
- 3 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions for Article 48 clause 2, the types of professional teaching licenses available for obtainment by students majoring in the Master's Program of the Graduate School of Education shall be based on provisions stipulated in the preceding version of this document.
- 4 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions for Article 10, student admission capacities for academic year 2020-2021 respectively allocated to the majors of School Education and Subject Education offered by the Graduate School of Education shall remain as seen in the following table:

Graduate School	Major	Academic Year 2020
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Graduate School of Education	School Education	3
	Subject Education	9

Supplementary Provision (March 17, 2021)

- 1 All provisions herein come into effect from April 1, 2021. The provisions stipulated in revisions to Article 17 (3)-(1) and Article 45 shall be applied to all students who enrolled in the academic year 2019 or later.
- 2 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions to Article 8, provision of majors in Mechanical Systems Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Information Engineering by the Graduate School of Engineering and Science will continue until all students enrolled in these majors as of March 31, 2021 are no longer enrolled in them.
- 3 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions to Article 48 clause 2, provisions stipulated in the preceding version of this document concerning the types of professional teaching licenses obtainable shall remain in effect for students enrolled in those majors whose continued provision is stipulated by the preceding clause, namely Mechanical Systems Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Information Engineering within the Graduate School of Engineering and Science.
- 4 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions to Article 10, student admission capacities allocated to the majors of Mechanical Systems Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, and Information Engineering within the Graduate School of Engineering and Science for the academic year 2021 shall be as listed in the following table:

Graduate School	Major	Academic Year 2021
Graduate School of Engineering and Science	Mechanical Systems Engineering	27
	Civil Engineering and Architecture	24
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	24
	Information Engineering	18

- 5 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions to Article 17 (3)-(1) and Article 45, provisions stipulated in the preceding version of this document shall remain in effect for all students who enrolled in the Graduate School of Law in the academic year 2018 or earlier.

Supplementary Provision (September 29, 2021)

- 1 All provisions herein come into effect from April 1, 2022.
- 2 Any procedures or other actions required for the effectuation of these provisions may be carried out

prior to their coming into effect.

- 3 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions to Article 8, provision of majors in Comprehensive Social Systems Studies, Human Sciences, and Languages and Cultures by the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and in Tourism Sciences by the Graduate School of Tourism Sciences will continue until all students enrolled in these majors as of March 31, 2022 are no longer enrolled in them.
- 4 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions to Article 10, student admission capacities for the academic year 2022 allocated to the majors of Comprehensive Social Systems Studies, Human Sciences, and Languages and Cultures within the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Tourism Sciences within the Graduate School of Tourism; and Community Engagement and Development within the Graduate School of Community Engagement and Development shall be as listed in the following table:

Graduate School	Major	Academic Year 2022
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Comprehensive Social Systems Studies	17
	Human Sciences	16
	Languages and Cultures	12
Graduate School of Tourism Sciences	Tourism Sciences	6
Graduate School of Community Engagement and Development	Community Engagement and Development	35

Supplementary Provision (March 2, 2022)

- 1 All provisions herein come into effect from April 1, 2022.
- 2 Regardless of stipulations set forth in revisions to Article 48 clause 2, provisions stipulated in the preceding version of this document concerning the types of professional teaching licenses obtainable shall remain in effect for students majoring in Comprehensive Social Systems Studies, Human Sciences, and Languages and Cultures within the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the continued provision of which is stipulated by Supplementary Provision (September 29, 2021), clause 3.

Supplementary Provision (March 30, 2023)

All provisions herein come into effect from April 1, 2023.

In the event of discrepancy between the English version and the Japanese version of the Regulations, the

Japanese-language version shall prevail.