

## Degree Regulations for the University of the Ryukyus

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(Aim)

Article 1 These regulations, based on Article 13 of the Degree regulations (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Ministerial Order 9, 1953), Article 44 clause 2 of the University of the Ryukyus Regulations and Article 47 clause 4 of the University of the Ryukyus Graduate School Regulations, set forth the particulars of the process for thesis screening, examinations, and scholastic ability necessary in the conferral of degrees at the University of the Ryukyus (hereafter referred to as the University).

(Requirements for the Conferral of Bachelor's Degrees)

Article 2 Bachelors Degrees shall be awarded to students graduating from the University.

(Requirements for the Conferral of Master's Degrees)

Article 3 Master's Degrees shall be awarded to those students completing the Master's Program of the Graduate School of the University (Master's Program for the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Science, and Engineering and Science (hereafter referred to as Master's Program).

(Requirements for the Conferral of Doctoral Degrees)

Article 4 Doctoral Degrees shall be awarded to those students completing Doctoral Programs at the University.

(Requirements for the Conferral of Juris Doctoral Degrees)

Article 4(2) Juris Doctoral Degrees shall be awarded to those students completing the Juris Doctor Program at the University.

(Doctoral Degrees Based on Dissertation submission)

Article 5 In addition to the particulars set forth in the preceding article, students shall be awarded Doctoral Degrees based on achieving a passing grade in the doctoral dissertation review, having completed the course and the confirmation of scholastic ability.

(Submission of Thesis/Dissertation)

Article 6 Master's Thesis shall be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate School.

2 Doctoral Dissertations shall be submitted to the President of the University, via the Dean of the Graduate School, a request for review, a list of publications, an dissertation abstract and their Curriculum Vitae.

(Application for the Conferral of Degrees)

Article 7 Those students applying to graduate under Article 5 of the regulations shall submit to the President of the University, via the Dean of the Graduate School, a degree application, their dissertations, a list of publications, a dissertation abstract, their Curriculum Vitae, and the prescribed reviewing fee.

2 Those students continuing their doctoral studies for a period in excess of the prescribed standard course length, having earned the prescribed credits and who submit their theses after having withdrawn from the university are subject to the regulations set forth in the preceding clause. However, those who submit within one year of their withdrawal from the university shall be exempt from the dissertation reviewing fee.

Article 8 Only one dissertation submission is permitted. However, the attachment of other publications as reference documents is possible.

Article 9 The Graduate School Committee may require the submission of a translation of the thesis/dissertation, models and samples deemed necessary during the reviewing process.

Article 10 Accepted theses/dissertations shall not be returned.

(Reviewing Referral)

Article 11 When, under articles 6 and 7 of the regulations, the Graduate School Dean and the President of the University accept submitted theses/dissertations, they must refer them for reviewing by the Graduate School Committee.

(Review)

Article 12 When theses/dissertations are referred for reviewing, the Graduate School Committee shall establish a reviewing committee.

2 The reviewing committee shall consist of three or more members.

3 The reviewing committee shall carry out confirmations of scholastic ability, and final examinations in addition to thesis/dissertation screening.

4 Each Graduate School shall, if necessary for the reviewing process, seek the co-operation of staff members of other Graduate Schools or Research Institutions by inducting them as reviewing committee members.

(Final Examinations)

Article 13 Final examinations shall take the form of a presentation or written test relevant to the topic of the submitted thesis/dissertation and shall be held after the completion of the reviewing process.

(Confirmation of Scholastic Ability)

Article 14 The confirmation of scholastic ability set forth in Article 5 of the regulations shall be conducted to ascertain the level scholastic and research ability both orally and in written form. In the case of a foreign language, without acknowledgement of the existence of a special reason by the Graduate Course Committee, both of these procedures shall be carried out.

2 Those students having exceeded the prescribed standard length of the Doctoral Program at the University's Graduate school and who submit dissertations within 3 years of having withdrawn from the university after having earned the prescribed credits may be exempt from the scholastic ability confirmation process.

(Screening Period)

Article 15 Confirmation of scholastic ability, final examinations, and thesis/dissertation reviewing shall, in the case of Master's students, be completed during the period in which they are enrolled at the university. In the case of Doctoral Program students these processes must be completed within 1 year of receipt of their doctoral dissertation.

(Report to the Graduate School Committee)

Article 16 Following the completion of the reviewing, final examination, and scholastic ability confirmation process, the reviewing committee must report their findings in writing to the Graduate School Committee attaching an abstract of their opinions to the results of the final examination and the scholastic ability confirmation.

(Graduate School Committee Decision)

Article 17 The Graduate School Committee shall base their degree conferral decision on the report set forth in the preceding article.

2 For the decision of the previous clause to stand, two thirds or more of the committee members must be in agreement.

(Report to the President)

Article 18 The Dean of the Faculty must report, in writing, the degree conferral decision of the Faculty Committee to the President of the University.

2 When the Graduate School Committee has reached the decision of the preceding clause, the Graduate School Dean must report to the President of the University, the decision, and the grades of the final examination and scholastic ability confirmation.

3 Notwithstanding the preceding clause, when the Graduate School of Law Committee has reached the decision of degree conferral, the Dean of the Graduate School of Law must report, in writing, to the President of the University.

(Degree Conferral)

Article 19 Based on the report of the preceding clause, the President of the University shall decide upon conferral of the degree. Those to whom degree will be conferred shall be issued with the prescribed degree certification. Those to whom a degree will not be conferred shall be informed as to the reason.

2 When the President of the University decides to confer a degree, as set forth in the previous clause, he/she must inform the appropriate faculty Dean or the Dean of the Graduate School concerned of his decision.

(Report of the Conferral of Doctoral Degrees)

Article 20 When a doctoral degree is conferred upon an individual, the President of the University must, under Article 12 of the Degree Regulations (Ministry of Education Ministerial Order 9, 1953) inform the Minister of Education.

(Publication of Doctoral Dissertations Abstracts)

Article 21 When a doctoral degree is conferred upon an individual, the University of the Ryukyus shall publish an abstract of the concerned dissertation and the report of the dissertation committee within three months of awarding the degree by using the academic repository of the University.

(Publication of Doctoral Dissertations)

Article 22 Those being conferred with doctoral degrees must publish their concerned doctoral dissertations in their entirety within one year of being award their degree. However, they are exempt should their theses have been published prior to the conferral of the degree.

2 Notwithstanding the preceding clause, if the recipient of a doctoral degree has reasons beyond his or her control, and with the consent of the President of the University, an abstract of the concerned doctoral dissertation may be published in

place of the dissertation in its entirety. In such cases, the Dean of the Graduate School may call for the reading of the concerned dissertation in its entirety.

- 3 The publishing by the recipient of a doctoral degree in accordance with the preceding Clause 2 shall be done by using the academic repository of the University.

(Specialty Field Names)

Article 22 (2) The name of the specialty field shall be appended to any degree conferred.

- 2 The names of the specialty fields are as follows:

(Bachelor's Degree Specialty Field Names)

Faculty	Department	Name
Humanities and Social Sciences	Law, Politics and International Relations	Law, Policy Science and International Relations(TBD)
	Sociology and Human Sciences	Human Science(TBD)
	Ryukyuan and Asian Studies	Human Science (TBD)
Global and Regional Studies	Global and Regional Studies	Tourism, Economics,Business Administration, Humanities(TBD)
Education		Education
Science		Science
Medicine		Medicine
		Health Science
Engineering		Engineering
Agriculture		Agriculture

(Master's or Doctoral Program Specialty Field Names)

Graduate School	Name	
	Master's Program	Doctoral Program
Humanities and Social Sciences	Law, Political Science, Economics, Business Administration, Sociology, Education, Psychology, Philosophy, Literature, History, Geography, Linguistics and Communication, Arts	Philosophy
Education	Education	
Medicine		Medicine
Health Sciences	Health Sciences	
Engineering and Science	Science Engineering	Science Engineering Philosophy
Agriculture	Agriculture	

(Degree conferred by the Graduate School of Law)

Article 22 (3) The degree conferred by the Graduate School of Law shall be Juris Doctor under Article 5 clause 2 of the Degree Regulations (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology. Ministerial Order 9, 1953).

(Degree Names)

Article 23 Those receiving degrees from the University of the Ryukyus shall, when using the degree name, append it with “The University of the Ryukyus”.

(Cancellation of Conferral)

Article 24 Should it become clear that an individual upon whom a degree has been conferred has obtained the degree by dishonest means or has, by his or her conduct, dishonoured the degree then President of the University may, upon deliberation of the Faculty Committee in the case of Bachelor’s, and the Graduate School Committee in the case of Master’s or Doctors, rescind the conferral, order the return of the degree itself, and make public the circumstances of these actions.

2 Should the Faculty Committee or the Graduate School Committee reach the decision set forth in the preceding clause, the Faculty Committee Regulations shall apply to bachelor’s, and Article 17 clause 2 of the regulations shall apply to Master’s and Doctors.

(Degree Certificate Style)

Article 25 Degree certification shall take the form as laid out in Table 1 for Bachelor’s, Table 2 for Master’s, and Tables 3 or 4 for Doctor’s.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 26 In addition to these regulations, upon approval of the President of the University, the Dean of the Faculty or the Dean of the Graduate School may set forth additional particulars relating to degrees.