

Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU)

Regulations on Immediate Admission to a Doctoral Program

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- Article 1 This regulation is established in accordance with the University Act and the “Policy on Immediate Admission to a Doctoral Program” by the Ministry of Education.
- Article 2 The student applying for immediate admission to a doctoral program should meet one of the following qualifications:
1. Present graduating student completing the bachelor’s degree with good academic records and research potential.
 2. Master’s degree-seeking student who has been admitted into the program for over one year or an in-service training master’s student for over two years with good academic records and research potential.
- The criteria of good academic records and research potential are subject to related departments, institutes, colleges, or degree programs.
- Article 3 To obtain immediate admission into a doctoral program, the student who meets the preceding stipulation needs to file an application with the recommendation from at least two faculty members (associate professors or above) from the studied or related department, institute, college, or degree program. The application is to be approved by the appropriate meeting of the intended department, institute, college, or degree program, and then approved by the university President for admission.
- Article 4 The quota for direct admission to a doctoral degree program for each department, graduate institute, college, or degree program shall be limited to forty percent (40%) of the number of doctoral student admissions that are approved by the Ministry of Education for that academic year, which may be rounded up to the next whole number if the calculation results in a decimal. However, this limit does not apply to quotas that are reallocated for direct admission to a doctoral degree program from other departments, graduate institutes, or degree programs within the same college.
- For the quotas mentioned in the preceding paragraph, not all positions may be filled through direct doctoral degree enrollment. However, the following situations are exempt from this limit:
1. When the Ministry of Education's approved doctoral program enrollment quota for a department, institute, college, or degree program is one person.
 2. When it is part of a Ministry of Education-approved talent development plan or project.
- The quotas mentioned in the above two paragraphs should be included in the school year’s total number of admissions of the University approved by the Ministry of Education.

- Article 5 The application for immediate admission to a doctoral program may be submitted to the department, institute, college, or degree program after the end of each school year. The results of the review by each department, institute, or college, after being approved by the appropriate meeting of the department, institute, college, or degree program, should be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs. However, if an immediately admitted student for reasons discontinues the program, the vacancy can be filled by the student in the department, institute, college, or degree program who applies by the end of January.
- Article 6 The immediate admitted doctoral student, with one of the following conditions, with the approval from the appropriate meeting from the department, institute, college, or degree program and the approval from the university President, may apply to be admitted to continue the same program at master's level or transferred to a master's program in a related department, institute, college, or degree program:
1. Discontinuing the study for the doctoral program
 2. Fail to pass the qualification examination of the doctoral program
 3. Fail to pass the degree examination and does not meet the stipulation in
- The preceding student who is reviewed and approved by the appropriate meeting of the department, institute, college, or degree program (or related department, institute, college, or degree program) and completes the prescribed master's courses with a thesis submitted and approved by the master's degree examination committee may be granted a master's degree. The time of study in the doctoral program is not counted into the maximum number of years of study for a master's degree.
- Article 7 If the immediate admitted doctoral student, after passing the qualification examination of the doctoral degree candidacy, does not pass the doctoral degree examination, the doctoral degree examination committee may recognize the doctoral thesis as meeting the master's degree standard and grant the student a master's degree.
- Article 8 The immediate admitted doctoral student admitted through Article 1, Section 2 as a present graduating student completing the bachelor's degree must obtain the bachelor's degree in the school year approved for entering the doctoral program. If the student is not able to obtain the bachelor's degree before entering the doctoral program, the qualification of an immediately admitted doctoral student is annulled.
- Article 9 These Measures shall be promulgated and implemented after being approved by the Academic Affair Meeting and shall be announced by the President for implementation. The same applies to amendments.