

# **Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU)**

## **Regulations on Direct Admission to Doctoral Degree Programs**

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- Article 1      Chung Yuan Christian University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) hereby has established the “Regulations Governing Direct Admission to Doctoral Degree Programs” (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”), in accordance with the Ministry of Education’s “Regulations for Directly Enrolled Doctoral Degree Students”.
- 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 apply 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 doctoral degree programs from other departments, graduate institutes, or degree programs within the same college.
- After each academic program has completed all external admissions channels for doctoral programs in a given academic year, any unfilled admission quotas may be reallocated for use as quotas for direct-entry Ph.D. programs within the University. Following such reallocation, the total number of admission quotas for direct-entry Ph.D. programs shall not exceed 40% of the total number of doctoral admission quotas approved by the Ministry of Education for the University in that academic year.

For the quotas mentioned in the preceding two paragraphs, not all positions may be filled through direct enrollment in a doctoral degree program. 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 three 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 discontinues the program for any reason, 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 immediately 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 towards the maximum number of years of study for a master's degree.

Article 7 Students approved for pursuing a doctoral degree directly, in accordance with Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the *CYCU Regulations on Graduate Student Degree Examinations*, after passing the doctoral degree examination, but does not pass the doctoral degree examination, may be awarded a master's degree if their dissertation, creative work, or achievement documentation, together with a written report or technical report, is reviewed and deemed to meet the standards for a master's degree by the doctoral degree examination committee.

Article 8 The immediately 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.

Students who are graduating bachelor's degree candidates as specified in Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1, Article 2, and who are approved for direct entry into a doctoral program shall obtain the bachelor's degree in the academic year in which such approval is granted. Failure to obtain the bachelor's degree prior to enrollment shall result in the revocation of the qualification for direct entry into the doctoral program.

Students who are graduating bachelor's degree candidates as specified in Subparagraph 1, Paragraph 1, Article 2, and who are approved for direct entry into a doctoral program shall obtain the bachelor's degree in the academic year in which such approval is granted. Failure to obtain the bachelor's degree prior to 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 Affairs Meeting and shall be announced by the President for implementation. The same applies to amendments.