

## REGULATIONS OF EXAMINATION FOR MASTER DEGREE

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### **Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies** **National Sun Yat-sen University**

Applicable to students enrolled beginning academic year 2015.

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#### **Article 1**

These regulations are in accordance with the 'Degree Conferral Law' of the Ministry of Education and the 'General Articles' and 'Graduates Degree Examination Articles' of NSYSU.

#### **Article 2**

Regulations in Residence:

1. Weekly attendance: Before completing the minimum course credits required by the Master's programs, students should attend classes of their selection. If applying for a scholarship, students should follow schedules provided by their advising professors.
2. Duration for Master's programs: from a minimum of 1 year to a maximum of 4 years according to Ministry of Education (not including the entrance retention and any period of officially applied temporary leave).
3. Course credits and course requirements:
  - a. Students' course selection must follow the regulations of the Institute of China and Asia-Pacific Studies (the Institute hereafter).
  - b. The maximum number of the course credits selected for each semester is 15 course credits (including courses from other graduate programs), and the minimum is 9 course credits. Students can obtain a maximum of 9 credits provided by other Master's programs in NSYSU to fulfill a degree requirement.
4. Submission of Dissertation Title and Selecting the Thesis Supervisor(s)
  - a. Students must choose their thesis supervisor(s) no later than the first semester of their second-year and report the list of supervisor(s) to the Institute Committee.
  - b. Student must submit the list of members of their thesis exam committee to the Institute Committee for its approval. If their supervisor is a part-time professor of the Institute or a professor from other academic institutions, at least one member of the thesis exam committee

must be a full-time professor in the Institute.

- c. If students intend to change the title of the thesis or their thesis supervisor(s), they must submit the form “Application of Changing Thesis Supervisor and Title of Thesis” to the Institute Committee for its approval. If students intend to apply for a supervisor change after they pass the examination for their thesis proposal, they must apply for a new thesis proposal examination.

### **Article 3**

The Master’s Degree Examination:

Definition of semester: First (Fall term) semester is from August 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> of next year.

Second (Spring term) semester is from February 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

1. Examination for the Thesis proposal:
  - a. Applying Time: students must submit their examination application form before the December 1<sup>st</sup> of the fall semester or May 1<sup>st</sup> of the spring semester.
  - b. Other regulations:
    - i. Students can apply for their thesis oral defense 3 months after passing the thesis proposal examination.
    - ii. A thesis proposal must be composed of the research topic, literature review, research method, thesis framework, bibliography, etc.
    - iii. A thesis proposal must be examined by its thesis examination committee.
2. The Thesis Examination:
  - a. Prior to applying for the thesis oral defense, applicants are required to have their thesis proposal approved by thesis advisors, and participate in a minimum of 10 academic conferences, seminars, and/or speeches held by the Institute. In addition, applicants must abide by NSYSU's regulations on academic Ethics.
  - b. The oral defense committee must include at least 3 members, including at least one professor from the Institute.
  - c. The passing score of the thesis is B-. Students who pass the thesis exam will be conferred the Master’s Degree in Social Science.
  - d. If the applicant fails to pass the oral defense, and has not reached the maximum period of studying, the applicant may apply for a re-examination. If the applicant fails the re-examination, the applicant will be expelled in accordance with item 3 article 64 of the General Academic Regulations for NSYSU.

### **Article 4**

Candidates who fulfill all the aforementioned requirements can apply for graduation

## Article 5

This regulation is passed by the Institute and the College of Social Science, NSYSU., and is thereby signed by the President of the University. Any amendment of these regulations must follow the same procedure.

