

TKU Regulations on Direct Admission to Ph.D. Programs

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Article 1

These regulations have been enacted in accordance with the MOE's "Regulations on Direct Admission to PhD Programs" and TKU's other related regulations.

Article 2

Students who study in this school and are graduating this academic year as bachelors or master's students who have completed their first academic year, if they have outstanding grades and research potential during their enrollment, if they have provided a research plan for direct admission to a Ph.D. program and if they provide letters of recommendation from two assistant or higher professors from the original department, institute, college or degree courses they attended, can send an application, grade transcripts of their entire academic performance, to be approved by a meeting of the proposed department, institute, college or related degree courses they intend to study at by August 10 or before. The same documents should then be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs before August 31 which will submit them to the president for approval. Afterwards those students can gain direct admission to a Ph.D. program. The accepted standard for outstanding grades and research potential are established by the individual related department, institute, college or degree course.

In the preceding paragraph those students who are graduating this academic year as bachelors include students who graduated one semester before or one year before the present academic year and who have outstanding grades. Students with a bachelor degree who are approved during the current academic year for direct admission to a Ph.D. program should study the same kind of degree they obtained as a bachelor.

Article 3

The number of students with direct admission to a Ph.D. program in any department, institute or degree courses cannot exceed 40% of the total number of students allowed for admission by the MOE for that year, and the number can be distributed among the college. However, the department, graduate institute, the college and study program cannot allow direct admission to Ph.D. program for the total number of students.

The number in the preceding paragraph should be included in the total amount of students approved for admission for that school year by the MOE.

Article 4

Students with direct admission to a Ph.D. program are not allowed to apply to retain their admission status. If for some reason one must discontinue studying for a doctoral degree or one has not yet passed the comprehensive exams to be a candidate, or one has failed the dissertation defense and does not qualify the Article 5, he/she must get the approval of a meeting of the related department, institute or degree courses. And then after the Office of Academic Affairs makes a submission to the president for approval, the student must apply to return to his/her original department, institute or degree courses, or transfer to a related department, institute or degree courses to continue to study a master degree. Besides according to regulations completion of a master degree requires taking classes, preparing a thesis and passing a master examination committee's test before the conferral of the master degree. The time one studies as a Ph.D. student will not be counted in any upper time limit applied to master degree study.

Article 5

For those students who are admitted with direct admission to Ph.D. programs and have obtained their Ph.D. candidate status but have not yet passed their dissertation defense, the dissertation, work, achievement approval, a written report or a technical report will be evaluated by the committee, a master's degree will be conferred if the standard of a master's degree is achieved.

Article 6

This set of regulations will take effect on the date of its publication after being passed in an academic affairs meeting and approved by the TKU president. The same applies to any later amendments made.