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◆ The University of Tokyo Rules on Academic Degrees

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May 21, 1957	October 13, 1959	December 18, 1962
December 15, 1964	March 23, 1965	April 1, 1967
April 22, 1969	October 20, 1970	March 29, 1972
February 18, 1975	October 21, 1975	April 1, 1976
March 15, 1977	February 20, 1979	April 19, 1983
April 17, 1984	April 23, 1985	February 17, 1987
April 21, 1987	February 20, 1990	April 16, 1991
July 9, 1991	March 17, 1992	October 19, 1993
April 19, 1994	March 7, 1995	May 16, 1995
November 21, 1995	March 19, 1996	April 22, 1997
March 16, 1999	April 1, 2000	April 18, 2000
April 1, 2001	March 30, 2004	April 1, 2005
April 26, 2005	April 1, 2006	March 22, 2007
March 26, 2009	March 25, 2010	June 24, 2010
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Article 1 Purpose

The purpose of these Rules is to set out the requirements for a degree conferred by the University of Tokyo (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) in addition to the University of Tokyo General Rules on Faculties, the University of Tokyo Rules on Graduate Schools (hereinafter referred to as “the Rules on Graduate Schools”) and the University of Tokyo Rules on Graduate School Professional Degree Programs.

Article 2 Conferring of Degree

1. The ~~degrees conferred by the University are bachelors, Master’s and professional degrees.~~ and doctorates.
2. The bachelor degree shall be conferred on a student who has graduated from an undergraduate program at the University.
3. A Master’s degree, a professional degree, or a doctorate shall be conferred on a student who

has completed a program at a graduate level at the University.

4. A doctorate may be conferred on a student who has submitted a thesis and passed the screening and examinations, and is confirmed as having a wide knowledge of his or her major to the same level as a student who has completed a doctorate program at a graduate level (hereinafter referred to as the “confirmation of academic ability”), even if he or she has not completed the educational component of a doctorate program at the University.

Article 3 Specialized Fields and Types of Professional Degrees

1. The specialized fields for bachelors and Master’s degrees, and doctorates in each faculty, graduate school, and education unit are as follows.

(1) Bachelor’s degree

Faculty of Law:	Bachelor of Laws
Faculty of Medicine:	Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Health Sciences
Faculty of Engineering:	Bachelor of Engineering
Faculty of Letters:	Bachelor of Arts
Faculty of Science:	Bachelor of Science
Faculty of Agriculture:	Bachelor of Agriculture Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine
Faculty of Economics:	Bachelor of Economics
Faculty of Arts and Sciences:	Bachelor of Liberal Arts
Faculty of Education:	Bachelor of Education
Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences:	Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences Bachelor of Pharmacy

(2) Master’s degree

Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology:	Master of Arts
Graduate School of Education:	Master of Arts
Graduate Schools for Law and Politics:	Master of Laws Master of Arts Master of Philosophy
Graduate School of Economics:	Master of Economics Master of Management
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences:	Master of Arts Master of Science
Graduate School of Science:	Master of Science
Graduate School of Engineering:	Master of Engineering
Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences:	Master of Science Master of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Graduate School of Medicine:	Master of Medical Science

Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences:	Master of Health Science Master of Science
Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences:	Master of Mathematical Sciences
Graduate School of Frontier Sciences:	Master of Science Master of Integrated Biosciences Master of Medical Sciences Master of Environmental Studies Master of International Studies Master of Sustainability Science
Graduate School of Information Science and Technology:	Master of Information Science and Technology
Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies:	Master of Arts and Sciences Master of Arts

(3) Doctorate

Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology:	Doctor of Philosophy Doctor of Letters Doctor of Psychology Doctor of Sociology Doctor of Social Psychology
Graduate School of Education:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate Schools for Law and Politics:	Doctor of Laws Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Economics:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Science:	Doctor of Philosophy Doctor of Science
Graduate School of Engineering:	Doctor of Philosophy Doctor of Engineering
Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Medicine:	Doctor of Health Science Doctor of Philosophy Doctor of Medical Science
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Frontier Sciences:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Information Science and Technology:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies:	Doctor of Philosophy
Graduate School of Public Policy	Doctor of Philosophy

2. The type and names of professional degrees of specialized fields for each degree are as follows, listed by graduate school or education unit.

Graduate Schools for Law and Politics:	Juris Doctor
Graduate School of Engineering:	Master of Nuclear Engineering
Graduate School of Medicine	Master of Public Health
Graduate School of Public Policy:	Master of Public Policy

Article 4 Thesis Submission

1. If a student who has not been enrolled in a doctorate program at a graduate level of the University applies to be conferred a doctorate, he or she shall submit to the President of the University five copies of his or her thesis (one original and four duplicates) with the specialized field of study clearly stated, an application form for the degree, a summary of the thesis, a table of contents for the thesis, the student's résumé and the fee for screening the thesis.
2. When a student who had been enrolled in a doctorate program senior division or in a doctorate program in veterinary medical science, medicine or pharmaceutical science for at least the minimum required number of years but withdrew after completing just the curriculum applies to have a doctorate conferred without reentering a graduate college, the preceding paragraph of these Rules applies. However, if he or she submits a thesis within three years after the date of withdrawal from the University, he or she shall not be required to pay the fee for screening the thesis.
3. The thesis submitted and fee for screening the thesis paid pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs of this Article shall not be returned.
4. The fee for screening the thesis as detailed in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be prescribed separately.

Article 5 Thesis

1. One thesis only shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph 1 or 2 of the preceding Article; however, another thesis may be attached for reference.
2. If necessary for the screening, a translation of the thesis, models, samples and other materials may be submitted.

Article 6 Appointment of Education Council of Graduate School

When a thesis is submitted in accordance with Article 4, paragraphs 1 or 2, following discussions with the dean of the graduate school or education unit where the thesis is to be screened, the President shall appoint and entrust the screening of the thesis to an Education Council of that same graduate school or education unit (hereinafter referred to as the "Education Council").

Article 7 Screening Committee

1. The Education Council, to which screening of the thesis is entrusted in accordance with the preceding Article, shall establish a screening committee for the purpose of screening the thesis.

2. The screening committee shall be organized in accordance with all the following requirements.
 - (1) The screening committee shall consist of at least five members.
 - (2) Committee members shall be academic staff members of the relevant graduate school. However, if the Education Council considers it necessary for the purpose of thesis screening, academic staff members belonging to a graduate school other than the relevant graduate school, or academic staff members from another university's graduate schools or a research institute may be additionally appointed as a member of the screening committee.
3. In the case of the proviso in the second item 2 of the preceding paragraph, the number of committee members additionally appointed shall be determined by the Education Council.

Article 8 Screening of the Thesis, Examination and Confirmation of Academic Ability

1. The screening committee shall screen the thesis, conduct examinations and the confirmation of academic ability.
2. The examinations shall focus on the thesis, and shall include courses related to the thesis.
3. The confirmation of academic ability shall be conducted through oral or written examinations. The examination is conducted with the objective of confirming whether the student has a wide knowledge of his or her field of study and of foreign languages as required of persons who have completed a doctorate program at a graduate level of the University and been conferred a Doctorate from a graduate level of the University.
4. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, if the screening committee finds that the examination is unnecessary in whole or in part after screening the academic experience and the achievements other than the submitted thesis of the applicant, that academic experience or those achievements may replace the questioning in whole or in part upon obtaining the approval of the Education Council.

Article 9 Exception to Confirmation of Academic Ability

When a student applying to be conferred a degree in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 2 submits a thesis after withdrawing from school but within the academic year of the graduate school or education unit, the process of the confirmation of academic ability may be waived.

Article 10 Screening Period

The screening committee shall complete the screening of the thesis, examination and confirmation of academic ability within one year after the submission of the thesis in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 1 or 2. However, if there is a special reason, the screening period may be extended by up to one year at the decision of the Education Council.

Article 11 Report by Screening Committee

1. On completion of screening of the thesis, examination and the confirmation of academic

ability, the screening committee shall report the summaries of the thesis, screening results, the examination and the confirmation of academic ability to the Education Council immediately in writing, and attach an opinion of whether it is possible to confer the requested degree.

2. If the screening committee finds that as a result of the thesis screening, the content of the thesis is of a significantly poor standard, it shall not be required to conduct the examination and the confirmation of academic ability. In this case, notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, the screening committee shall not be required to attach a summary of the results of the examination and the confirmation of academic ability.

Article 12 Discussion by Education Council

1. The Education Council shall discuss and decide whether to confer the degree based on the report provided for paragraph 1 of the preceding Article.
2. In the case of a decision based on the preceding paragraph, at least half of all members of the screening committee shall be in attendance. However, any members who are absent from the Education Council due to administrative duties or an official business trip shall not be included in the count of committee members.
3. A minimum of agreement by a two-thirds majority of members attending the Education Council shall be required in order to confer a degree.

Article 13 Report by Dean of Graduate School

The dean of the graduate school shall, following the deliberations of the education council, make a decision whether or not to award the degree. The dean of the graduate school shall then submit the thesis, summaries of the thesis, screening results, the examination and the confirmation of academic ability to the President of the University in writing. However, when it is determined by the education council that a degree shall not be conferred without the examination and the confirmation of academic ability, it shall not be required to attach a summary of the results of the examination and the confirmation of academic ability.

Article 14 Degree Conferral

Based on the report detailed in the preceding Article, the President shall award the designated degree certificate to persons on whom the degree shall be conferred, and shall notify persons on whom a degree has not been conferred.

Article 15 Publicizing Thesis Summary

When a doctorate is conferred, the University publicizes summary of the thesis on which the said doctorate is being conferred and a summary of the screening results within three months after the conferral of the said doctorate electronically through the use of the Internet.

Article 16 Publicizing Thesis

1. A student who has been conferred a doctorate shall make public his or her thesis on which the said doctorate was conferred within one year of the day on which the said Doctorate is conferred. However, this shall not apply to persons who have already made public their thesis before the said doctorate was conferred.
2. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, in unavoidable circumstance, an abridged version of the thesis on which the said doctorate was conferred may be publicized in place of the full thesis upon obtaining the approval by the dean of the graduate school or education unit. In this case, the graduate school or education unit shall make available the text of the entire thesis for public reading upon request.
3. When the student who has been conferred the doctorate publicizes his or her thesis in accordance to the preceding two paragraphs, he or she shall do so electronically through the use of the Internet with the cooperation of the University.
4. When publicizing the degree thesis in accordance with the preceding three paragraphs, the thesis shall specify that it was submitted for a degree screened by the University.

Article 17 Cancellation of a Conferred Degree

1. If a student who has received a degree from the University is found to have employed dishonest means to earn the degree, the President shall cancel the conferred degree and order the return of the degree certificate upon deliberation of the undergraduate faculty council or the Education Council.
2. When the undergraduate faculty council or the Education Council votes on the matter in the preceding paragraph, at least two-thirds of the members of the faculty council or the Education Council must be present and at least three-fourth of those present have to be in favor of the cancellation. In such a case, the proviso of Article 12, paragraph 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.
3. The President will publicly announce any decision to cancel a conferred Master's, Doctorate or professional degree pursuant to paragraph 1.

Article 18 Re-issuing a Degree Certificate

1. A degree certificate may only be reissued when the President authorizes that there is a special reason to do so. A student who wishes to be reissued a degree certificate shall make such request by submitting the designated application form with the required fee.
2. The amount of the fee prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be provided separately.

Article 19 Registration

When a doctorate is conferred by the University, the President shall report it to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and register it in the degree book.

Article 20 Format for Degree Certificate

1. The style of the degree certificate is as specified in the Appendix.
2. The degree certificates of students who have completed the 'Leading Program for Doctoral Education' or 'World-leading Innovative Graduate Study Program' as prescribed in Article 9-2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools shall have a supplementary note to indicate the completion of said program.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules come into force on May 16, 1995.
2. With regard to persons who entered the Faculty of Medicine on or before March 31, 1994 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules come into force on April 1, 1996.
2. With persons who entered a 5-year doctorate program on or before March 31, 1994 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

Article 1 Enforcement Date

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2004.

Article 2 Transitional Measures for Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology

With regard to persons who entered a Master's or a doctorate program senior division of socio-cultural studies at the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology on or before March 31, 2004 and are still enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2005.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into force on April 26, 2005.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2006.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions

Article 1 Enforcement Date

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2010.

Article 2 Transitional Measures for Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

With regard to persons who entered a Master's program of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences on or before March 31, 2010 and remain enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into force on July 1, 2010.

Supplementary Provisions

Article 1 Enforcement Date

These Rules come into force on April 1, 2012.

Article 2 Transitional Measures for Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

With regards to persons who entered the doctorate program senior division on or before March 31, 2012 and remain enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on June 28, 2012 and the revisions of the University of Tokyo Rules on Academic Degrees shall be applicable from April 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on November 29, 2012 and the revisions of the University of Tokyo Rules on Academic Degrees shall be applicable from October 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions

1. These Rules shall come into force on June 27, 2013 and the revisions of the University of Tokyo Rules on Academic Degrees shall be applicable from April 1, 2013.
2. With regards Doctorates that are conferred on or before March 31, 2013 the provisions in force then shall remain applicable regardless of the revisions to Article 15 of the University of Tokyo Rules on Academic Degrees.
3. With regards to students who have Doctorates conferred on them on or before March 31, 2013 the provisions in force then shall remain applicable regardless of the revisions to Article 16 of the University of Tokyo Rules on Academic Degrees.

Supplementary Provisions

Article 1 Enforcement Date

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2015

Article 2 Transitional Measures for Graduate School of Economics

With regards to persons who entered the Master's or doctorate program senior division on or

before March 31, 2015 and remain enrolled, the provisions in force then shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on April 1, 2018.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on March 22, 2019.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules shall come into force on January 26, 2023.

Appendix

Format 1 Degree Certificate Awarded in Accordance with Article 2, Paragraph 2

*Degree Certificate in Japanese is the official diploma (translation is omitted).

*The following certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

The University of Tokyo

It is hereby attested the person named below
has earned the necessary credits
and completed the official course requirements
in the Faculty of *****,
The University of Tokyo.

Signature of the Dean
Name of the Dean
Dean

Upon the foregoing attestation

Name

Has been duly conferred the degree of
Bachelor of *****
In the field of
*****.

Signature of the President
Name of the President
President

Date of Birth: MMMM DD, YYYY

Date of Degree Conferred: MMMM DD, YYYY

Degree Number: GAKU HO (or I, KO, BUN, RI, NO, KEI, KYOYO,
KYOIKU, YAKU) Number

This certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

Format 2: Master's Degree or Doctorate Certificate Awarded in Accordance with Article 2, Paragraph 3

*Degree Certificate in Japanese is the official diploma (translation is omitted).

*The following certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

<p>The University of Tokyo</p> <p>It is hereby attested that</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Enrolled in the department of ***** , has earned the necessary credits in the Graduate School of ***** of this university, that the candidate has passed the final examination, and that the required thesis has been approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature of the Dean Name of the Dean Dean</p> <p>Upon the foregoing attestation,</p> <p>Name (Date of Birth: MMMM DD, YYYY)</p> <p>Has been duly conferred the degree of Master of ***** (Degree Number: SHU (or HAKU) JINSHA (or KYOIKU, HO, KEI, SOGO, RI, KO, NO, I, YAKU, SURI, SOIKI, JO, GAKUJO) Number) In the field of *****.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature of the President Name of the President President</p> <p>MMMM DD, YYYY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.</p>

Remarks

If a student who falls under Article 4, paragraph 2 is conferred a degree for a thesis submitted no later than three years after withdrawal, the above Degree Certificate shall be conferred.

Format 2-2: Degree Certificate of Professional Degree Awarded in Accordance with Article 2, Paragraph 3

*Degree Certificate in Japanese is the official diploma (translation is omitted).

*The following certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

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The University of Tokyo

It is hereby attested that

Name,

Enrolled in the department of ***** ,
has earned the necessary credits
in the Graduate School (or Education unit) of *****
of this university.

Signature of the Dean
Name of the Dean
Dean

Upon the foregoing attestation,

Name

(Date of Birth: MMMM DD, YYYY)

Has been duly conferred the degree of
Master of ***.**
(Degree Number: SEN HO (or KO, I, KOUKYOU) Number)

MMMM DD, YYYY

Signature of the President
Name of the President
President

This certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

Format 3: Degree Certificate Awarded in Accordance with Article 5, Paragraph 2 of the Rules on Graduate Schools as set out in Article 2, Paragraph 3

*Degree Certificate in Japanese is the official diploma (translation is omitted).

*The following certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

The University of Tokyo

It is hereby attested that

Name

Enrolled in the department of *****,
has earned the necessary credits in the Graduate Program on *****
in the Graduate School of ***** of this university,
and has passed the final examination and the evaluation
of a research project.

Signature of the Dean
Name of the Dean
Dean

Upon the foregoing attestation,

Name

(Date of Birth: MMMM DD, YYYY)

Has been duly conferred the degree of
Master of *****
(Degree Number: SHU JINSHA (or KYOIKU, HO, KEI,
SOGO, RI, KO, NO, I, YAKU, SURI,
SOIKI, JO, GAKUJO) Number)

In the field of *****.

MMMM DD, YYYY

Signature of the President
Name of the President
President

This certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

Format 3-2: Doctorate Certificate Awarded in Accordance with Article 2, Paragraph 3

*Degree Certificate in Japanese is the official diploma (translation is omitted).

*The following certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

The University of Tokyo

It is hereby attested that

Name

has earned the necessary credits in the
Graduate School of ***** of this university,
that the candidate has passed the final examination,
and that the required dissertation has been approved.

Signature of the Dean
Name of the Dean
Dean

Upon the foregoing attestation,

Name

(Date of Birth: MMMM DD, YYYY)

Has been duly conferred the degree of
Doctor of *****
(Degree Number: HAKU JINSHA (or KYOIKU, HO, KEI,
SOGO, RI, KO, NO, I, YAKU, SURI,
SOIKI, JO, GAKUJO) Number)

In the field of *****.

MMMM DD, YYYY

Signature of the President
Name of the President
President

The recipient has completed the program for *****.

This certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

Format 4: Degree Certificate Awarded in Accordance with Article 2, Paragraph 4

*Degree Certificate in Japanese is the official diploma (translation is omitted).

*The following certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.

The University of Tokyo

It is hereby attested that

Name

Has passed the final examination given by
The Department of ***** in
The Graduate School of ***** of this university,
and that the required dissertation has been approved.

Signature of the Dean
Name of the Dean
Dean

Upon the foregoing attestation,

Name

(Date of Birth: MMMM DD, YYYY)

Has been duly conferred the degree of
Doctor of *****
(Degree Number: Number)

In the field of *****.

MMMM DD, YYYY

Signature of the President
Name of the President
President

This certificate transcribes the official diploma in Japanese.