

- Detailed Regulations to Take Courses of the Hiroshima University Graduate School Doctoral Course for the Taoyaka Program for creating a flexible, enduring, peaceful society

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Outline:

Article 1. These detailed regulations set forth the matters in the Hiroshima University Graduate School Rules (Rules No. 2 dated January 15, 2008) and the Hiroshima University Graduate School Doctoral Course Leader Education Program Rules (Rules No. 122 dated September 18, 2012), as well as the required matters in relation to taking courses of the Hiroshima University Graduate School Doctoral Course Taoyaka Program for Creating a Flexible, Enduring, Peaceful Society (the “Taoyaka Program”).

Purpose of Academic Research:

Article 2. The purpose of the Taoyaka Program is to deepen understanding of regional societies and the diverse cultures unique thereto by broadening time and space, and based on this understanding, to develop the necessary other cutting-edge science and technology to overcome the issues facing disadvantaged regions; as well as to foster various leaders to support multi-cultural, co-existence societies by social implementation.

Course:

Article 3. The Taoyaka Program is comprised of the Cultural Creation course, the Technical Creation course, and the Social Implementation course.

Standard Year for Course Completion:

Article 4. The standard number of years to complete a course of the Taoyaka Program is five years.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the number of years for standard course-taking in the case of taking a course of the Taoyaka Program is three years from the late stage of the doctoral course.

Curriculum:

Article 5. The curriculum for the Taoyaka Program is as shown in a separate table.

Courses:

Article 6. The class subjects and their academic credits for courses in the Taoyaka Program are as shown in a separate table.

(2) The class schedule will be announced at the beginning of an academic year.

Standards for Calculating Academic Credits:

Article 7. The academic credits for a class subject is calculated according to the standards of the graduate course and the like, which established the class subject of the preceding article.

Method for Course-taking:

Article 8. In accordance with the guidance from his main supervising professor, a student must undertake the given procedures within the period specified for each academic semester regarding a class subject the student intends to take.

(2) A student who does not undertake the procedures in compliance with the provisions in the preceding paragraph will not be recognized as taking the course. However, the student can be recognized as taking the course by obtaining the approval of a main supervising professor or the faculty member in charge of the relevant class, as long as special circumstances are acknowledged.

(3) When a student intends to take a course of a department other than the Taoyaka Program or a class of another faculty, the student shall obtain his main supervising professor's approval and shall take the course in accordance with the stipulations of the relevant department or faculty.

(4) If a student other than an individual permitted to take courses of the Taoyaka Program intends to take a class subject of the Taoyaka Program, the student must obtain approval from the faculty member in charge of the relevant class subject and must undertake the given procedures within the period specified every academic year.

Supervising Professor:

Article 9. Within one week of entering the university, a student shall submit to the person in charge of the Taoyaka Program (the "Program Leader") as well as to the department the student belongs to (the "Student's Department") the given request form for a supervising professor after obtaining approval from the candidate supervising professor.

(2) The Program Leader shall stipulate supervising professors for each student based on the application requests provided in the preceding paragraph for supervising the student's course-taking of the class subjects and for monitoring the student's research.

(3) The supervising professors will comprise more than a total of 3 or more faculty members, namely, one main supervising professor and two or more sub-supervising professors.

(4) The main supervising professor shall assign one person in charge of the program to the relevant course.

(5) The sub-supervising professors will include a person in charge of the program for a different course and more than one collaborator.

(6) If a student wishes to change his supervising professors, he must obtain approval from the concerned supervising professor, submit a request form for change regarding the given supervising professor to the Program Leader, and obtain the Program Leader's approval.

Qualifying Examination:

Article 10. If a student meets the criteria set forth in the following requirements, the student (excluding students taking courses within the standard course-taking years provided in Article 4.(2)) may be granted a basic skills review for doctoral thesis research (also known as a Qualifying Examination) (the "Qualifying Examination") set forth in the following. Once the student passes the Qualifying Examination, he may then follow the three-year course of the Taoyaka Program.

- 1) Course work: written examination regarding expert knowledge in multiple disciplines;
- 2) Onsite research proposal: written review and oral hearing regarding the onsite research proposal, which will become the subject of research for the student's doctoral thesis; and
- 3) Learning portfolio: natural ability test as a Ph.D. candidate sought by the Taoyaka Program based

on the student's academic records (accumulation of academic credits and goal attainment level).

Criteria for Granting a Qualifying Examination:

Article 11. The criteria for being granted a Qualifying Examination are as follows:

- 1) Students are expected to obtain the required number of credits in the master's course in the department to which they belong.
- 2) Students are expected to obtain 30 or more of the credits required to complete the Taoyaka Program by the time they complete the second year of study.

Requirements for Completion:

Article 12. The requirements for completing the Taoyaka Program are: taking the class subjects specified in the separate table; acquiring more than 51 academic credits; acquiring the given academic credits of the first semester of the doctoral course and of the second semester of the doctoral course in the Student's Department; acceptance of the necessary research advice, as well as submission of a doctoral thesis; and passing the thesis review and final examinations. Regarding the period for taking courses, however, an individual deemed to have submitted excellent research results by a Taoyaka Program meeting or a meeting of the department faculty members may require only four years of course-taking for the relevant program.

Miscellaneous:

Article 13. In addition to the provisions set forth in these Detailed Regulations, the other required matters in relation to taking courses of the Taoyaka Program are set forth separately.

Supplementary

These Detailed Regulations take effect as of April 1, 2014.

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These Detailed Regulations take effect as of February 12, 2015, and the Detailed Regulations thus revised shall be applicable on and from April 1, 2014.