

# **National Sun Yat-Sen University**

## **Guidelines for the Five-Year Bachelor's and Master's Degree System**

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- Article 1 The Guidelines are established to encourage outstanding undergraduates to study for the Master's degree at the university continuously and shorten their study period.
- Article 2 Students accepted according to the Guidelines are qualified as candidates for a Bachelor's degree and as pre-graduates of the Master's program (hereinafter referred to as the "pre-graduates").
- Article 3 An undergraduate who has had excellent academic achievement since entering the university may, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the third academic year, apply for the qualification as a pre-graduate of the Master's program to the preferred department (institute) according to the calendar of the university. The undergraduate may obtain the qualification after the application is approved by the department (institute). Criteria for review of the application is established by the department (institute) and submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.
- In addition to announcing the name of the accepted pre-graduates, the department (institute) shall send the name list to the Office of Academic Affairs.
- Article 4 A student who obtains the qualification for being a pre-graduate must obtain the Bachelor's degree within the given study period (extended study period not included), and participate in the examination for preliminary study of the Master's program. The student will obtain the qualification as a graduate of Master's program of the university only when he/she passes the examination.
- Article 5 After the pre-graduate is accepted as a graduate of Master's program, the credits that he/she obtained for the Master's program when studying as an undergraduate can be used to transfer a maximum of 2/3 (incl.) of the credits required for a graduate to obtain the Master's degree. The credits of the elective Master's program courses that have been incorporated in the credits for graduating from the university and obtaining the Bachelor degree shall not be transferred to the credits of the Master's program.
- Article 6 The quota for the department (institute) to recruit pre-graduates of the Master's program is contained in the quota for the department (institute) to recruit graduates in the current academic year.

Article 7 The matters that are not covered in the Guidelines are subject to the Academic Policies and related regulations of the university.

Article 8 The Guidelines are passed at the meeting of academic affairs and implemented after approved by the president. The same procedure is applicable to the amendment of the Guidelines.

(These guidelines are enacted in Chinese, which shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English translation and the Chinese original.)