

# NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

## Department of Oceanography Regulations of Master's Program for Graduating Students

(Applicable for Students Starting in School Year 103)

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- I. National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) Department of Oceanography (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”) specifically issues the “Regulations of Master’s Program for Graduating Student” (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) based on the Ministry of the Education Degree Conferral Law and its enforcement rules as well as “Academic Regulations” and “Enforcement Rules of Postgraduate Students Degree Examinations” of NSYSU.
- II. Relevant items during study periods:
  - A. Degree studying periods: one to four years in accordance with regulations of the Ministry of Education (periods of retainment of student status and suspensions not included).
  - B. Course criteria:
    1. All course selections by students shall be approved by supervisors.
    2. A master’s degree student shall complete 28 minimum graduating credits prior to graduation, including common compulsory-elective as well as compulsory and compulsory-elective courses of each division as listed below:
      - a) Common compulsory courses: Shipboard Operations (students who graduated from oceanography-related departments may be exempt from studying this course), Shipboard Operations Practice (students who were graduated from oceanography-related departments may be exempt from studying this course).
      - b) Compulsory courses of Division (A) Marine Biology: Seminar in Marine Biology (two semesters) and Independent Studies (two semesters).  
  
Compulsory-elective courses: Seminar in Marine Biology (two semesters) and at least two of the following four subjects—Marine Ecology, Physiology of Marine Biology, Molecular Cell Biology, and Systematics and Evolution.
      - c) Compulsory courses of Division (B) Marine Geology and Chemistry: Colloquium (I) – (IV), Advanced Marine Geology, Advanced Marine Chemistry, and Technical Writing.
      - d) Required subjects of Division (C) of Physical Oceanography: Seminar in Physical Oceanography (I) ~ (IV), Advanced Marine Physics (I) ~ (II).
    3. Assignments of supervisors:

Thesis supervisors of graduate students shall be full-time faculty members of the Department. If faculty members of other departments are required for supervision due to important reasons, faculty members of the Department shall be invited for co-supervision.

III. Master's degree examinations:

Definitions of semesters: the first semester starts on August 1 of each year and ends on January 31 of the year after; and the second semester starts on February 1 of each year and ends on July 31 of the same year.

Graduate students shall meet the following requirements to participate in master's degree examinations.

A. Completing study requirements.

B. A graduate student may only participate in degree examinations by recommendation of his/her supervisor after meeting thesis/article publication regulations.

C. Students who fail the degree examinations and have not yet completed study periods may re-sit the exams in the semester or the school year after. A student may only re-sit the exams once. Students who fail the re-sits will face withdrawals in accordance with regulations of the university.

IV. Graduations: students who meet all requirements described above may apply for graduations.

V. For matters unaddressed in the Regulations, please refer to relevant laws and regulations.

VI. The Regulations shall be implemented following approvals of department and college general meetings as well as the authorization of the president. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.