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Chapter I General Provisions

(Purpose)
Article 1 These Regulations provide for the duration of study, educational methods, admission, withdrawal, completion of study, and other matters necessary for schooling of students of graduate schools, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, paragraph (7) of the Regulations of Kyushu University (Kyushu University Regulation No. 1 of 2004).

(Duration of Study)
Article 2 (1) The standard duration of study in a doctoral program (excluding the doctoral programs at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) is five years.
(2) The standard duration of study in a doctoral program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is four years.
(3) The standard duration of study in a three-year doctoral program (hereinafter referred to as the “three-year doctoral program”) is three years.
(4) A doctoral program (excluding the doctoral programs at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences) is divided into the first two-year program and the second three-year program, and the first two-year program is treated as a master's program.
(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the division referred to in the preceding paragraph does not apply to a doctoral program at the Graduate School of Systems Life Sciences.
(6) The first two-year program and the second three-year program referred to in paragraph (4) are referred to as a "master's program" and a "Ph.D. program," respectively, and the doctoral program referred to in the preceding paragraph is referred to as an "integrated doctoral program."
(7) The standard duration of study in a master's program is two years.
(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the standard duration of study in a master's program may be set within the range from one year to less than two years depending on the department or the category of students by type of taking classes, pursuant to the provisions of the regulations of each graduate school, if the program provides education mainly for students who have practical experience, and if such shorter duration of study is necessary for education and research and is not detrimental to education when appropriate methods are applied, such as holding classes or providing research guidance in the daytime as well as nighttime, at any other specified time or period.

Article 3 (1) The standard duration of study in a professional degree program (excluding a program at the Department of Legal Practice of the Law School (hereinafter referred to as the "Law School") is two years.
(2) The standard duration of study in a program at the Law School is three years.

(Maximum Period of Enrollment)
Article 4 (1) The maximum duration of enrollment in the same graduate school among the graduate schools of Kyushu University (hereinafter referred to as the "graduate schools of the University") is four years for a master's program, six years for a Ph.D. program and a three-year doctoral program, and ten years for an integrated doctoral program.
(2) The maximum duration of enrollment is eight years for a doctoral program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Article 5 The maximum duration of enrollment in a professional degree program (excluding a program at the Law School) is four years, and the maximum duration of enrollment in a program at the Law School is six years.

(Quota)
Article 6 The student quota of each graduate school is as specified in Appended Tables 1 to 3.

(Academic Year and Academic Term)
Article 7 (1) An academic year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year.
(2) The setting of academic terms is provided for by the regulations of each graduate school.
(3) Each semester prescribed in the preceding paragraph may be divided into two course periods.

(University Holidays)
Article 8(1) University holidays (days on which no class is held) are as follows:
   Saturdays and Sundays;
   Holidays prescribed in the Act on National Holidays (Act No. 178 of 1948);
   University Memorial Day: May 11;
   Each holiday in Spring, Summer and Winter provided for separately.
(2) Special university holidays are determined when necessary.
(3) Classes may be held on university holidays referred to in the preceding two paragraphs if this is particularly necessary.

Chapter II Admission, Readmission, Transfer to Another Graduate School and Mid-course Entry Admission

(Time of Admission)
Article 9 Admission of students is scheduled at the beginning of each academic year; provided, however, that
students may be admitted at the beginning of an academic term if it is found to be particularly necessary and not detrimental to education.

(Qualification for Admission to Master's Program, Integrated Doctoral Program and Professional Degree Program)

Article 10 (1) A person who qualifies for admission to a master's program, an integrated doctoral program, and a professional degree program is one who falls under any of the following items:

(i) a person who has graduated from a university prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947);
(ii) a person who has been conferred a bachelor's degree under the provisions of Article 104, paragraph (4) of the School Education Act;
(iii) a person who has completed a 16-year program of foreign school education;
(iv) a person who has completed a 16-year program of foreign school education by taking courses in Japan conducted by a school of the foreign country as correspondence courses;
(v) a person who has completed a program in Japan at an educational institution recognized under the school education system of a foreign country as providing university programs in the foreign country (limited to a program the completion of which is deemed to be the completion of a 16-year program of foreign school education) and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
(vi) a person who has been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a foreign university or any other school of a foreign country (limited to a school that has undergone evaluation regarding the overall status of its educational and research activities by a person certified by the government or a related organization of the foreign country, and a school designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent thereto) by completing a program that requires a three year or more duration of study (including the case of completing such a program by taking courses in Japan conducted by a school of the foreign country as correspondence courses and the case of completing a program at an educational institution recognized under the school education system of the foreign country and designated as referred to in the preceding item);
(vii) a person who has completed an upper secondary course at a specialized training college (limited to a program that requires a four year or more duration of study and meets other standards specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) as designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, on or after the day specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
(viii) a person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
(ix) a person who has been admitted to a graduate school pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, paragraph (2) of the School Education Act and who has been recognized by a graduate school of the University as having appropriate scholastic aptitude for receiving education at the graduate school of the University; or
(x) a person who has been recognized by a graduate school of the University, as a result of a separate screening process for entrance qualification, as having scholastic aptitude that is equal to or greater than that of a university graduate and who has attained the age of 22.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, a person who falls under any of the following items and who is recognized as having earned credits required by a graduate school of the University with excellent academic achievement may be admitted to a master's program, an integrated doctoral program, and a professional degree program:

(i) a person who has been enrolled in a university prescribed in Article 83 of the School Education Act for three years or more;
(ii) a person who has completed a 15-year program of foreign school education;
(iii) a person who has completed a 15-year program of foreign school education by taking courses in Japan conducted by a school of the foreign country as correspondence courses; or
(iv) a person who has completed a program in Japan at an educational institution recognized under the school education system of a foreign country as providing university programs in the foreign country (limited to a
program the completion of which is deemed to be the completion of a 15-year program of foreign school education) and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

(Qualification for Admission to Ph.D. Program and Three-year Doctoral Program)
Article 11 A person who qualifies for admission to a Ph.D. program and a three-year doctoral program is one who falls under any of the following items:
(i) a person who holds a master's degree or professional degree;
(ii) a person who has been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree in a foreign country;
(iii) a person who has been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree by taking courses in Japan conducted by a school of the foreign country as correspondence courses;
(iv) a person who has been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree by completing a program in Japan at an educational institution recognized under the school education system of a foreign country as providing graduate school programs in the foreign country and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
(v) a person who has been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree by completing a program provided by the United Nations University that was established based on the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on December 11, 1972, prescribed in Article 1, paragraph (2) of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the "Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University" (Act No. 72 of 1976);
(vi) a person who has been recognized as having scholastic aptitude that is equal to or greater than that of a master's degree holder by completing a curriculum at a school of the foreign country, an educational institution designated as referred to in item (iv) or the United Nations University and passing the requirements equivalent to an examination and review prescribed in Article 27-2;
(vii) a person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology; or
(viii) a person who has been recognized by a graduate school of the University, as a result of a separate screening process for entrance qualification, as having scholastic aptitude that is equal to or greater than that of a master's degree holder or professional degree holder and who has attained the age of 24.

(Qualification for Admission to Doctoral Program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences)
Article 12 (1) A person who qualifies for admission to a doctoral program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is one who falls under any of the following items:
(i) a person who has graduated from a university program to study medical sciences, dental sciences, pharmaceutical sciences or veterinary sciences;
(ii) a person who has completed a 18-year program of foreign school education;
(iii) a person who has completed a 18-year program of foreign school education by taking courses in Japan conducted by a foreign school as correspondence courses;
(iv) a person who has completed a program in Japan at an educational institution recognized under the school education system of a foreign country as providing university programs in the foreign country (limited to a program the completion of which is deemed to be the completion of a 18-year program of foreign school education) and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
(v) a person who has been conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a foreign university or any other school of a foreign country (limited to a school that has undergone evaluation regarding the overall status of its educational and research activities by a person certified by the government or a related
organization of the foreign country, and a school designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as being equivalent thereto) by completing a program that requires a five
year or more duration of study (including the case of completing such a program by taking courses in Japan
conducted by a school of the foreign country as correspondence courses and the case of completing a program
at an educational institution recognized under the school education system of the foreign country and
designated as referred to in the preceding item);
(vi) a person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
(vii) a person who has been admitted to a graduate school pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, paragraph
(2) of the School Education Act and who has been recognized by a graduate school of the University as
having appropriate scholastic aptitude for receiving education at the graduate school of the University; or
(viii) a person who has been recognized by a graduate school of the University, as a result of a separate
screening [process] for entrance qualification, as having scholastic aptitude that is equal to or greater than
that of a university graduate and who has attained the age of 24.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, a person who falls under any of the following
items and who is recognized as having earned credits required by a graduate school of the University with
excellent academic achievement may be admitted to a doctoral program at the Department of Medical
Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the
Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences:
(i) a person who has been enrolled in a university program to study medical sciences, dental sciences,
pharmaceutical sciences or veterinary sciences for four years or more;
(ii) a person who has completed a 16-year program of foreign school education;
(iii) a person who has completed a 16-year program of foreign school education by taking courses in Japan
conducted by a foreign school as correspondence courses; or
(iv) a person who has completed a program in Japan at an educational institution recognized under the school
education system of a foreign country as providing university programs in the foreign country (limited to a
program the completion of which is deemed to be the completion of a 16-year program of foreign school
education) and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

(Screening for entrance qualification)
Article 13 Methods for conducting the screening process for entrance qualification referred to in Article 10,
paragraph (1), item (ix), Article 11, item (viii), and paragraph (1), item (vii) of the preceding Article and
other matters concerning such examination are provided for separately by the dean of each graduate school
following discussion at the Faculty Council of the graduate school.

(Application for Admission)
Article 13-2 A person who applies for admission must file an application by submitting an application form
with a required application fee and other documents specified separately, by a predetermined deadline.

(Entrance Examination)
Article 14 (1) An entrance examination is held for applicants for admission referred to in the preceding
Article.
(2) Details of the entrance examination are provided for separately by the dean of each graduate school
following discussion at the Faculty Council of the graduate school.

Article 14-2 The provisions of the preceding Article apply mutatis mutandis to a person who has completed
a master's program at a graduate school of the University and applies to advance to a Ph.D. program or a
three-year doctoral program.
(Admission Procedure and Grant of Admission)
Article 14-3 The President grants admission to persons who have passed the selection process as referred to in Article 14, paragraph (1) and who have paid the admission fee (or have filed an application for exemption from payment in full or in part or for postponement of collection of the admission fee in the case of those who seek such exemption or postponement) and submitted required documents by a predetermined deadline.

(Readmission)
Article 14-4 A person who applies for admission to the same graduate school from which the person has withdrawn pursuant to the provisions of Article 33 may be readmitted to said graduate school through the selection process.

(Transfer to Graduate Schools of the University)
Article 15 (1) If a person who falls under any of the following items files an application for transfer to a graduate school of the University, the person may be granted permission for transfer through the selection process only at the beginning of each academic year:
(i) a person who is enrolled in a graduate school of another university; or
(ii) a person who was enrolled in a program in Japan at an educational institution recognized under the school education system of a foreign country as providing graduate school programs in the foreign country and designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to a person prescribed in Article 102, paragraph (1) of the School Education Act), and a person who was enrolled in a program at the United Nations University.
(2) An application for transfer referred to in the preceding paragraph is to be submitted to the dean of a graduate school of the University in which the applicant wishes to be enrolled, with a letter of introduction issued by the president or head of the university or graduate school in which the applicant is or was enrolled.
(3) Whether or not to approve the courses and credits already taken and earned by a person who is granted permission for transfer to a graduate school of the University under paragraph (1) and whether or not to recognize the years of his/her enrollment are determined by the dean of the graduate school of the University following discussion at the Faculty Council of the graduate school for each applicant for transfer.

Article 16 (1) If a student of a graduate school of the University intends to transfer to a graduate school of another university, the student is required to submit an application form for transfer to the President via the dean of his/her graduate school.
(2) The President grants permission for transfer if he/she finds the applicant's reasons for transfer to be appropriate.

(Transfer to Another Graduate School of the University and Change of Department)
Article 17 (1) If a student who is enrolled in a graduate school of the University files an application for transfer to another graduate school of the University, the dean of the other graduate school may grant permission for transfer to the student through the selection process only at the beginning of each academic year.
(2) If a student of a graduate school of the University intends to transfer to another graduate school of the University pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the student is required to submit an application form for transfer to the dean of his/her graduate school via his/her academic advisor, and obtain permission of the dean.
(3) Whether or not to approve the courses and credits already taken and earned by a student who is granted permission for transfer to another graduate school of the University under paragraph (1) and whether or not to recognize the years of his/her enrollment are determined by the dean of the graduate school of the University following discussion at the Faculty Council of the graduate school for each applicant for transfer.
(4) The provisions of the preceding paragraph apply mutatis mutandis to the case of changing a department.

(Mid-course Entry Admission)

Article 17-2 (1) If a person who falls under any of the items of Article 11 files an application for mid-course entry admission to the third year of a graduate school of the University that provides an integrated doctoral program, the person may be granted permission for transfer through the selection process.
(2) The necessary matters concerning the mid-course entry admission referred to in the preceding paragraph are provided for separately by the regulations of the graduate school concerned.

(Procedures and Permission for Readmission)

Article 17-3 The provisions of Article 14-3 apply mutatis mutandis to the procedures and permission for readmission, transfer to a graduate school of the University (excluding the transfer referred to in Article 16) and mid-course entry admission to the third year of a graduate school of the University that provides an integrated doctoral program (hereinafter collectively referred to as "readmission, etc.").

Chapter III Educational Methods

(Policy to Organize Curricula)

Article 17-4 (1) The President is to have graduate schools of the University (excluding professional graduate schools) create courses necessary to accomplish the educational purposes of the respective graduate schools and departments and draw up plans for providing guidance regarding how to write degree theses, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "research guidance"), thereby organizing curricula systematically.
(2) When organizing curricula, appropriate consideration is to be given to having students acquire advanced technical knowledge and abilities in their major fields and fostering their basic knowledge in the fields related to their major fields.

(KIKAN Education for Graduate Schools)

Article 17-5 (1) Graduate schools of the University have in place a program open to students of all graduate schools in addition to a curriculum organized by each graduate school.
(2) The program referred to in the preceding paragraph is referred to as KIKAN education for Graduate Schools, and the necessary matters concerning said program are provided for separately.

(Programs for Leading Graduate Schools)

Article 17-6 (1) Graduate schools of the University have in place programs for leading graduate schools.
(2) The necessary matters concerning programs for leading graduate schools are provided for separately.

(Classes and Research Guidance)

Article 18 (1) Education at graduate schools of the University is to be conducted by holding classes of courses and providing research guidance (in the case of professional graduate schools, by holding classes of courses; the same applies hereinafter).
(2) Graduate schools of the University may have their students take classes referred to in the preceding paragraph at places other than a classroom where said classes are conducted, using various types of media in an advanced manner.
(3) Graduate schools of the University may have their students take classes referred to in paragraph (1) in foreign countries. The same applies where graduate schools of the University have their students take classes at places other than a classroom where said classes are conducted, using various types of media in an advanced manner pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph.
(4) Beyond what is provided for in these Regulations, courses, credits, research guidance, etc. as needed for education at graduate schools of the University are provided for by the regulations of each graduate school.

(Method of Calculation of Credits)
Article 18-2 (1) With regard to the number of credits awarded for each course, a standard one-credit course consists of content that requires 45 hours of learning, and the number of credits is calculated according to the following standards depending on the class method, while taking into consideration matters such as the educational effects of the class and learning required outside class hours:
(i) regarding lectures and seminars, one credit is awarded for a number of hours of class determined by the regulations of each graduate school, between 15 hours and 30 hours;
(ii) regarding experiments, practical training, and skills practice, one credit is awarded for a number of hours of class determined by the regulations of each graduate school, between 30 hours and 45 hours; provided, however, that regarding skills-practice class by tutoring in the artistic fields, etc., one credit may be awarded for a number of hours of class determined by the regulations of the relevant graduate school; and
(iii) when two or more class methods among lectures, seminars, experiments, practical training, and skills practice are used for one course, one credit is awarded for a number of hours of class determined by the regulations of the relevant graduate school while taking into consideration the standards prescribed in the preceding two items, in accordance with the combination of such methods.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when it is found to be appropriate to award credits by assessing learning outcomes in courses such as graduation theses, the number of credits may be determined while taking into consideration the learning, etc. necessary for completing these courses.

(Clarification of Academic Assessment Standards)
Article 18-3 (1) The dean of each graduate school is to present a clear outline of the methods and content regarding classes in each course and research guidance as well as the schedules for classes and research guidance for the year to its students in advance.
(2) In assessing learning outcomes and degree theses (in the case of professional graduate schools, assessing learning outcomes) and recognizing completion of study, the dean of each graduate school is to present a clear outline of the standards therefor to its students in advance and conduct an assessment and recognition process appropriately according to such standards in order to ensure objectivity and accuracy.

(Organized Training for Improving Educational Contents)
Article 18-4 The dean of each graduate school is to conduct organized training and research for improving the methods and content regarding classes in each course and research guidance at the graduate school.

(Selection of Courses)
Article 19 (1) When selecting courses to take, students are to follow the instructions of their academic advisors.
(2) The dean of each graduate school may, when it is found to be beneficial for education, have a student take courses and earn credits in a program at another department, another KIKAN education program for graduate schools, program at another graduate school, or program at another undergraduate school, as designated by the academic advisor, pursuant to the provisions of the regulations of each graduate school.
(3) The credits earned as prescribed in the preceding paragraph may be regarded as part of the credits required to complete the program under Articles 27 to 29 or Article 56.

(Examination)
Article 20 (1) Whether students pass or fail each course they have taken is determined by an examination or research report.
(2) The examination referred to in the preceding paragraph is held at the end of each academic term or the
end of each academic year; provided, however, that a supplementary examination may be held for students
who have been unable to take the examination due to illness or any other compelling reason.

(Academic Achievement)
Article 21 (1) Academic achievement in each course is indicated by four types of grades, A, B, C, and D,
among which A, B, and C are passing grades and D is a failing grade.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when it is found to be beneficial for education,
academic achievement in each course may be indicated by five types of grades, A+, A, B, C, and D, among
which A+, A, B, and C are passing grades and D is a failing grade, pursuant to the provisions of the
regulations of the relevant graduate school.
(3) Students are awarded a prescribed number of credits for a course that they have passed.
(4) Students may be given the opportunity to take a make-up examination for a course they have failed.

(Courses Taken at Graduate Schools of Other Universities)
Article 22 (1) The dean of each graduate school may, when it is found to be beneficial for education, regard
credits that a student has earned by completing courses at graduate schools of other universities as credits
earned by completing courses at graduate schools of the University.
(2) The provisions of the preceding paragraph apply mutatis mutandis where a student studies at a foreign
graduate school, where a student takes courses in Japan conducted by a foreign graduate school as
correspondence courses, where a student takes courses in Japan in a curriculum provided by an educational
institution recognized under the school education system of a foreign country as providing graduate school
curricula in the foreign country and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports,
Science and Technology, and where a student takes courses in a curriculum provided by the United Nations
University.
(3) The dean of each graduate school may, when it is found to be beneficial for education, permit a student
to receive necessary research guidance at a graduate school of another university, etc.; provided, however,
that a student in a master's program is permitted to receive such guidance within a period not exceeding one
year.

(Courses Taken at Foreign Graduate Schools during Leave of Absence)
Article 23 The dean of each graduate school may, when it is found to be beneficial for education, regard
credits that a student has earned by taking courses at foreign graduate schools while on a leave of absence as
credits earned by taking courses at graduate schools of the University.

(Maximum Number of Credits That May Be Regarded as Credits Earned at Graduate Schools of the
University)
Article 24 The number of credits that may be regarded as credits earned at graduate schools of the University
pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two Articles does not exceed 10 credits in total, except in the case
of transfer, etc. prescribed in Articles 15, 17, and 17-2.

(Approval of Credits Earned Before Admission)
Article 25 (1) The dean of each graduate school may, when it is found to be beneficial for education, regard
credits that a student has earned by taking courses at graduate schools of other universities before being
admitted to the graduate school of the University (including credits earned by the student as a credited auditor
pursuant to the provisions of Article 15 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance
of the Ministry of Education No. 28 of 1974)) as credits that the student has earned by taking courses at the
graduate school of the University after being admitted to the graduate school of the University.
(2) The number of credits that may be regarded as credits earned at each graduate school pursuant to the
provisions of the preceding paragraph does not exceed 10 credits in total, except in the case of transfer, etc.
prescribed in Articles 15, 17, and 17-2.
Completion of Curriculum Based on Long-Term Plan

Article 26 If a student notifies the dean of a graduate school of his/her desire to complete the curriculum required for graduation over a certain period of time exceeding the standard duration of study in a planned manner due to circumstances such as having an occupation, the dean of the graduate school may approve the student's plan for completion of the curriculum as determined by the dean following discussion at the Faculty Council of the graduate school.

Chapter IV Requirements for Completion of Study and Conferral of Degrees

Requirements for Completion of Master's Program

Article 27 In order to complete a master's program, a student is required to be enrolled in a master's program for at least two years (in the case of a department or a category of students by type of taking classes for which the standard duration of study is not two years, for at least the relevant standard duration of study), earn at least 30 credits by taking courses as determined by the regulations of each graduate school, and receive necessary research guidance, and then pass a review of a master's thesis or of research results on a specific theme depending on the objective of the relevant master's program and also pass the final examination; provided, however, that a student who has made an outstanding achievement is required to be enrolled in a master's program only for at least one year if the President so permits.

Article 27-2 As the requirements for completing the first two-year program of a doctoral program that is to be treated as a master's program under the provisions of Article 2, paragraph (4), the following examination and review may replace the review of a master's thesis or research results on a specific theme and the final examination prescribed in the preceding Article, pursuant to the provisions of the regulations of each graduate school, if such replacement is found to be necessary for achieving the objective of the doctoral program:

(i) an examination to assess a student's advanced technical knowledge and abilities relating to his/her major field as well as his/her basic knowledge in the fields related to the major field that the student must acquire or cultivate during the first two-year program; and

(ii) a review to assess a student's abilities as needed to carry out research relating to a doctoral thesis independently that the student must acquire during the first two-year program.

Requirements for Completion of Doctoral Program

Article 28 (1) In order to complete a doctoral program (excluding the doctoral programs at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences; hereinafter the same applies in this Article), a student is required to be enrolled in a doctoral program for at least five years (in the case of a student who has been enrolled in a master's program for two years or more and has completed the program, the two-year period of enrolment in the master's program is included), earn at least 30 credits by taking courses as determined by the regulations of each graduate school, and receive necessary research guidance, and then pass a review of a doctoral thesis and also pass the final examination; provided, however, that a student who has made an outstanding research achievement is required to be enrolled in a doctoral program only for at least three years (in the case of a student who has been enrolled in a master's program for two years or more and has completed the program, the two-year period of enrolment in the master's program is included) if the President so permits.

(2) With regard to the requirements for completing a doctoral program as applicable to a student who has completed a master's program for which the standard duration of study is set within the range from one year to less than two years pursuant to the provisions of Article 2, paragraph (8) and a student who has completed...
a master's program by having been enrolled therein for the period prescribed in the proviso to Article 27, the provisions of the preceding paragraph are applied by deeming the phrase "five years (in the case of a student who has been enrolled in a master's program for two years or more and has completed the program, the two-year period of enrolment in the master's program is included)" in the preceding paragraph to be replaced with "the period of enrolment in a master's program plus three years;" and the phrase "three years (in the case of a student who has been enrolled in a master's program for two years or more and has completed the program, the two-year period of enrolment in the master's program is included)" in the same paragraph to be replaced with "three years (including the period of enrollment in a master's program)."

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2), if a student who has been recognized, upon being assessed for admission to a graduate school of the University under the provisions of Article 156 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Education Act (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 11 of 1947), as having scholastic aptitude that is equal to or greater than that of a master's degree holder or professional degree holder, or a student who has completed a professional degree program, is admitted to a Ph.D. program, such student is required to be enrolled in a Ph.D. program for at least three years (or two years in the case of a student who has completed a program at the Law School) and receive necessary research guidance, and then pass a review of a doctoral thesis and also pass the final examination in order to complete the Ph.D. program; provided, however, that a student who has made an outstanding research achievement is required to be enrolled in a Ph.D. program only for at least one year (in the case of a student who has completed a professional degree program for which the standard duration of study is set within the range from one year to less than two years, for at least the period that remains after reducing said standard duration of study from the three-year period) if the graduate school so permits.

(4) It may be possible to require a student to earn a prescribed number of additional credits by taking additional courses as the requirements for completion referred to in the preceding paragraph, pursuant to the provisions of the regulations of each graduate school.

(Requirements for Completion of Doctoral Programs at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences)

Article 29 In order to complete a doctoral program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, a student is required to be enrolled in a doctoral program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences for at least four years, earn at least 30 credits by taking courses as determined by the regulations of each graduate school, and receive necessary research guidance, and then pass a review of a doctoral thesis and also pass the final examination; provided, however, that a student who has made an outstanding research achievement is required to be enrolled in a doctoral program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences only for at least three years if the President so permits.

(Requirements for Completion of Three-Year Doctoral Program)

Article 29-2 (1) In order to complete a three-year doctoral program, a student is required to be enrolled in a three-year doctoral program for at least three years and receive necessary research guidance, and then pass a review of a doctoral thesis and also pass the final examination; provided, however, that a student who has made an outstanding research achievement is required to be enrolled in a three-year doctoral program only for at least one year (in the case of a student who has completed a master's program by having been enrolled
therein for the period prescribed in the proviso to Article 27, the period of enrollment in said program is included in the three-year period) if the President so permits.

(2) It may be possible to require a student to earn a prescribed number of additional credits by taking additional courses as the requirements for completion referred to in the preceding paragraph, pursuant to the provisions of the regulations of each graduate school.

(Degree Thesis and Final Examination)
Article 30 The final examination referred to in Article 27 to the preceding Article is conducted focusing on a degree thesis or research results on a specific theme (hereinafter referred to as a "degree thesis, etc."), and in relation to the relevant courses.

Article 31 (1) Whether students pass or fail a review of a degree thesis, etc. or the final examination is examined by the Faculty Council of each graduate school.
(2) Details of a thesis review and the final examination are provided for separately.

(Conferral of Degree)
Article 32 (1) A student who has completed a master's program, doctoral program or professional degree program is to be conferred a degree pursuant to the provisions of the Degree Regulations of Kyushu University (Kyushu University Regulation No. 86 of 2004).
(2) Beyond what is prescribed in the preceding paragraph, a student who has satisfied the requirements prescribed in Articles 27 and 27-2 in an integrated doctoral program may also be conferred a master's degree.

Chapter V Withdrawal, Studying Abroad, and Leave of Absence

(Withdrawal)
Article 33 A student who intends to withdraw from a graduate school must submit an application for permission for withdrawal to the President via the dean of his/her graduate school, and obtain the President's permission.

(Studying Abroad)
Article 34 (1) A student who wishes to study at a foreign graduate school, etc. must submit an application for permission for studying abroad to the dean of his/her graduate school and obtain the dean's permission of the dean of his/her graduate school.
(2) The period of studying abroad with the permission referred to in the preceding paragraph may be included in the duration of enrollment required to complete the program under Articles 27 to 29 or Article 56 as a completed part thereof.

(Leave of Absence)
Article 35 (1) A student who is unable to study for two months or more due to illness or injury or for financial reasons may take leave of absence until the end of the academic year concerned, with the permission of the dean of his/her graduate school.
(2) In addition to the case referred to in the preceding paragraph, the dean of a graduate school may grant leave of absence if any special circumstances are found.
(3) The dean of a graduate school may order a student to take leave of absence if the student is found to be unfit for studying due to illness or injury.
(4) When the grounds for leave of absence cease to exist during the period of leave of absence, the student may return to study, with the permission of the dean of his/her graduate school.
(5) The period of leave of absence is not included in the period of enrollment.
(6) The period of leave of absence may not exceed two years for a master's program, three years for a Ph.D. program or three-year doctoral program, or five years for an integrated doctoral program.
(7) The period of leave of absence in a doctoral program at the Department of Medical Sciences of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, the Graduate School of Dental Science, and the Department of Clinical Pharmacy of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences may not exceed four years.

Article 36 (1) The period of leave of absence in a professional degree program (excluding a program at the Law School) may not exceed two years.
(2) The period of leave of absence in a program at the Law School may not exceed three years.

Chapter VI Awards, Expulsion and Disciplinary Action

(Awards)
Article 37 (1) The President may present awards to students who have performed acts worthy of commendation.
(2) The necessary matters concerning awards are provided for separately.

(Expulsion)
Article 38 If the President finds that a student falls under any of the following items based on the report from the dean of his/her graduate school, the President may expel the student:
(i) where the student has been absent for a long period of time;
(ii) where the student is not expected to complete his/her study;
(iii) where the student has been missing for a long period of time;
(iv) where the student has been enrolled beyond the maximum period of enrollment prescribed in Article 4 or Article 5; or
(v) where the student is still unable to return to study after the expiration of the period of leave of absence prescribed in Article 35, paragraph (6) or paragraph (7) or Article 36.

Article 39 If a student falls under any of the following items, the President expels the student:
(i) where the student who has been granted partial exemption or has not been granted exemption from payment of an admission fee or who has been granted postponement of collection or has not been granted postponement of collection of an admission fee fails to pay the admission fee by a predetermined deadline; or
(ii) where the student has failed to pay a tuition fee and still fails to pay it even after receiving a demand for payment.

(Disciplinary Action)
Article 40 (1) If a student violates regulations of the University or acts contrary to a student's duty, the President takes disciplinary action against the student.
(2) The measures to be taken as disciplinary action in the case referred to in the preceding paragraph include admonition, suspension, and removal.
(3) The procedures for disciplinary action and other necessary matters concerning disciplinary action are provided for separately.

Chapter VII Application Fee, Admission Fee, Tuition Fee, and Dormitory Fee
(Application Fee)
Article 41 A person who applies for admission or readmission, etc. must pay an application fee.

(Admission Fee)
Article 42 (1) Upon admission or readmission, etc., an applicant must pay an admission fee.
(2) A person who has difficulty in paying an admission fee may be granted exemption from payment in full or in part or postponement of collection of the fee.
(3) The necessary matters concerning the exemption from payment and postponement of collection of an admission fee referred to in the preceding paragraph are provided for separately.

(Tuition Fee)
Article 43 (1) A tuition fee for each academic year must be paid in the amount equivalent to half of the annual amount of tuition fee for each term of payment set forth in the following table, by the respective due date of payment set forth in the same table; provided, however, that this does not apply to the due date of payment in the case of a student who has applied for the exemption from payment, postponement of collection or payment by monthly installments with regard to a tuition fee for the relevant term:

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(2) If a student's leave of absence has lasted throughout either of the terms of payment of a tuition fee specified in the preceding paragraph, the student is exempted from payment of a tuition fee for the relevant term.
(3) Where a student is found to have difficulty in paying a tuition fee for financial reasons but is found to be academically excellent or where any other unavoidable, special circumstances are found with regard to a student, such student may be granted exemption from payment in full or in part or postponement of collection of a tuition fee, or allowed to pay the fee by monthly installments.
(4) The necessary matters concerning the exemption from payment, postponement of collection and payment by monthly installments with regard to a tuition fee referred to in the preceding paragraph are provided for separately.

(Dormitory Fee)
Article 44 (1) A student who has moved into a dormitory must pay a dormitory fee by a predetermined deadline.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, a student for whom any special circumstances are found may be granted exemption from payment of a dormitory fee.

(Amount of Application Fee, Admission Fee, Tuition Fee, and Dormitory Fee)
Article 45 The amount, collection method, and other necessary matters concerning an application fee, admission fee, tuition fee, and dormitory fee are provided for by the National University Corporation Kyushu University Rules for Tuition Fees and Other Fees (Kyushu University Accounting Rule No. 12 of 2004; hereinafter referred to as the "Rules for Fees").

Chapter VIII Credited Auditors, Auditors, Special Auditors, Research Students, and Special Research Students
(Credited Auditors)

Article 46 (1) If a person other than a student of the University applies to take one or more courses provided by a graduate school, such person may be admitted as a credited auditor.
(2) The necessary matters concerning credited auditors are provided for separately.

(Auditors)

Article 47 (1) If a person applies to audit a specific course provided by a graduate school at the University and KIKAN education for Graduate Schools prescribed in Article 17-5 (2), such person may be admitted as an auditor through the selection process, as long as this is not detrimental to education or research.
(2) The necessary matters concerning auditors are provided for separately.

(Special Auditors)

Article 48 (1) If a student of a graduate school of another Japanese university or a foreign graduate school applies to take a specific course provided by a graduate school at the University, such person may be admitted as a special auditor based on an agreement with the graduate school of such other Japanese university or foreign graduate school.
(2) The necessary matters concerning special auditors are provided for separately.

(Research Students)

Article 49 (1) If a person applies to conduct research on a specific area of specialty at a graduate school, such person may be admitted as a research student through the selection process, as long as this does not interfere with education or research at the graduate school.
(2) The necessary matters concerning research students are provided for separately.

(Special Research Students)

Article 50 (1) If a student of a graduate school of another Japanese university or a foreign graduate school applies to receive research guidance at a graduate school or research institute, etc. of the University, such person may be permitted to receive research guidance as a special research student based on an agreement with the graduate school of such other Japanese university or foreign graduate school.
(2) The necessary matters concerning special research students are provided for separately.

(Tuition Fee, etc.)

Article 51 The amount, collection method, and other necessary matters concerning an application fee, admission fee, and tuition fee payable by credited auditors, auditors, special auditors, research students, and special research students are provided for by the Rules for Fees.

Chapter IX Educational Methods at Professional Graduate Schools

(Curricula)

Article 52 The President is to create courses necessary to accomplish the educational purposes of the respective professional graduate schools according to the fields of study and organize curricula systematically.

(Class Methods)

Article 53 (1) Professional graduate schools are to hold classes by appropriate methods such as case study, field survey, bilateral or multilateral discussion, and question-and-answer session according to the fields of
study in order to provide practical education as needed to achieve the objectives of the professional graduate schools.

(2) Professional graduate schools may have their students take classes at places other than a classroom where said classes are conducted, using various types of media in an advanced manner, as prescribed in Article 18, paragraph (2), with regard to the fields of study where this class method is expected to bring about sufficient educational effects and the classes for which such effects are recognized.

(Maximum Number of Registrable Courses)
Article 54 Professional graduate schools are to determine the maximum number of credits for which their students may register courses for one academic year or one academic term in order to enable them to take courses appropriately in each year.

(Maximum Number of Credits That May Be Regarded as Credits Earned at Professional Graduate Schools)
Article 55 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 24 and Article 25, paragraph (2), the number of credits that may be regarded as credits earned at professional graduate schools pursuant to the provisions of Article 22 (excluding paragraph (3)), Article 23, and Article 25, paragraph (1) does not exceed one-half in total of the number of credits required to complete study at professional graduate schools (at least 30 credits), except in the case of transfer, etc. prescribed in Articles 15 and 17.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding Article as well as the provisions of Article 24 and Article 25, paragraph (2), the number of credits that may be regarded as credits earned at professional graduate schools pursuant to the provisions of Article 22 (excluding paragraph (3)), Article 23, Article 25, paragraph (1), and Article 58, paragraph (1) does not exceed 34 credits in total, except in the case of transfer, etc. prescribed in Articles 15 and 17.

(Requirements for Completion of Professional Degree Program)
Article 56 (1) In order to complete a professional degree program, (excluding a program at the Law School), a student is required to be enrolled in a professional degree program for at least two years, earn at least 30 credits by taking courses and completing any other curriculum as determined by the regulations of each graduate school.

(2) In order to complete a program at the Law School, a student is required to be enrolled in a program at the Law School for at least three years and earn at least 99 credits.

(3) Professional graduate schools may, when it is found to be necessary, require a student to earn additional credits in addition to the number of credits required to complete study as referred to in the preceding two paragraphs.

(Reduction of Period of Enrollment in Professional Degree Program)
Article 57 If a professional graduate school, pursuant to the provisions of Article 25, paragraph (1), regards credits that a student has earned before being admitted thereto (limited to credits earned after the student is qualified to be admitted pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, paragraph (1) of the School Education Act) as credits that the student has earned by taking courses at the professional graduate school, and recognizes the student as having completed part of the curriculum at the professional graduate school by earning these credits, the professional graduate school may treat the student as having been enrolled in the professional graduate school for a period not exceeding one year as determined by the professional graduate school, while taking into consideration the number of credits earned, the time consumed to earn them, and other matters.

(Former Learners of Law Enrolled in Law School)
Article 58 (1) With regard to a student who is recognized as having the basic knowledge of law required to study at the Law School (hereinafter referred to as a "former learner of law"), the Law School may regard
the student as having been enrolled in the Law School for a period not exceeding one year as determined by
the Law School as part of the period of enrollment prescribed in Article 56, paragraph (2), and also regard
the student as having earned the number of credits as determined by the Law School as part of the credits
prescribed in the same paragraph.
(2) The period for which a former learner of law may be regarded as having been enrolled in the Law School
pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph does not exceed one year when combined with the
period for which the former learner of law may be regarded as having been enrolled in the Law School
pursuant to the provisions of the preceding Article.

Supplementary Provisions
(1) These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2004.
(2) The completion of the curriculum by the students who are enrolled in the graduate schools of the
University as of March 31, 2004, and will continue to be enrolled on April 1, 2004, and thereafter, and other
matters necessary for the education of these students are governed by the provisions of the General
Regulations of Graduate Schools of Kyushu University (effective date: May 20, 1975), etc.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 195 of 2004)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2005.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 32 of 2005)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2006.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 39 of 2006)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 33 of 2007)
These Regulations come into effect as of December 26, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 60 of 2007)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 39 of 2008)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 51 of 2009)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2010.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 84 of 2010)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2011.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 82 of 2011)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 1 of 2012)
These Regulations come into effect as of May 1, 2012, and apply on March 14, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 30 of 2012)
These Regulations come into effect as of December 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 48 of 2012)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2013.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 85 of 2013)
1. These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2014.
2. The provisions of Article 55, paragraph (2) of the General Regulations of Graduate Schools of Kyushu University as amended by these Regulations apply to students who will be admitted to the Department of Legal Practice, the Law School, Kyushu University, on April 1, 2014, and prior regulations continue to govern the students who are enrolled as of March 31, 2014, and will continue to be enrolled therein on April 1, 2014, and thereafter.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 79 of 2014)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2015.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 37 of 2015)
These Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 4 of 2016)
These Regulations come into effect as of June 1, 2016, and start to apply on April 1, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Regulation No. 87 of 2016)
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