Regulations Governing the Study for Master's Degree of the Special Program for the Part-time Students

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I. Duration of Study

The graduate students in the special program for the part-time master's degree (hereinafter referred to as the students) have the allowable study period of one to four years. However, for the students who have not met the condition of credit hours or have not finished their degree thesis within the stipulated study period, an extension of two years to their study duration is permitted.

II. Advisor

(I) Selecting the advisor

The students, during their first year of entry into the Program, are required to complete and submit the "Advisor application for dissertation supervision" form to the program office for record-keeping, after obtaining the consent and signature of their designated dissertation advisors.

(II) Changing the advisor

Should the students desire to change their advisors, they must obtain the consent from both the current and new dissertation advisors in the "Application for changing dissertation advisor" form and submit it to the program office for record-keeping.

III. Study Requirements

(I) Subjects and credit hours

1. For the students who entered the program in Fall 2022 or earlier

The students must take minimum of 28 credit hours (excluding 6 credit hours of dissertation writing) to fulfill the graduation requirement. The 28 credit hours include 4 credit hours of the required subject Seminar of 1 credit hour to be repeated to a maximum of four semesters per degree program, and at least 12 credit hours of the elective subjects offered by the Department.

2. For the students who enters the program in Fall 2023 or later

The students must take minimum of 28 credit hours (excluding 6 credit hours of dissertation writing) to fulfill the graduation requirement. The 28 credit hours include 4 credit hours of the required subject Research Project of 1 credit hour to be repeated to a maximum of four semesters per degree program, and at least 12 credit hours of the elective subjects offered by the Department.

(II) Cross-system courses:

The students, who wish to take the courses offered in the ordinary program for the full-time master's students, will not receive the credit hours unless the application form for cross-system courses is filed. Maximum of 6 credit hours in this category will be recognized.

(III) Academic research ethics education course:

The students, who enter the program, should complete the academic research ethics education course by the end of the first semester, according to the University's guidance of the academic research ethics education. In the case that it is missed, the degree's oral exam cannot proceed until the make-up course is taken.

(IV) Dissertational oral exam

1. Establishment

With the approval of the advisors, the students should apply to establish the exam according to the University's schedule and regulation.

2. Topical check

A two-page draft of the dissertation should be submitted to the committee of Admission and Student Affairs, when the student applies to establish the exam. The committee will perform the topical check. The student will have one month to revise the draft and get it rechecked, if it is rejected by the committee.

3. Originality assessment

The student should complete the process of thesis/dissertation plagiarism detection for originality assessment prior to the degree's oral exam, and the level of total similarity is required to be less than 30%. In addition, the form entitled "Thesis Originality Assessment Checklist" along with the full report from the detection system (excluding his/her own published papers, the table of contents, the abstract, and the references therein) should be reviewed by his/her advisor(s), and be handed in to all exam committee members for reference on the exam day. Regarding the report from the detection system, the percentage of similarity with a single source should not exceed 5%, excluding his/her own published papers. Please mark his/her own published papers in the reference list in the report. The software Turnitin is recommended as the detection system.

4. Professional Practical Report

With the agreement of their advisors, the 'Professional Practical Report' may be used as a substitute for the master's thesis for the students. Successful completion of the master's degree oral examination is required to obtain the degree. For relevant regulations, please refer to the 'Criteria for Recognizing the Substitution of Master's Thesis with Professional Practical Report in the Graduate Institute of Electrical Engineering, Yuan Ze University.'

IV. Other Matters

Any matters not stipulated in these regulations shall be governed by the provisions of Yuan Ze University's "Regulations for Master's and Doctoral Degree Examination of Graduate Students."

V. Questions and Disputes

For the students having problems about the graduation requirements or dispute, please consult with the Program Office as early as possible. In case of any dispute over graduation requirements, it will be first investigated by the committee of Admission and Student Affairs, and then settled through the Program Faculty Meeting.

VI. Enaction and Amendment

The regulations herein will come into effect after approval by the Program Faculty Meeting, and by the various committee of the respective upper ranks and the University. Amendment to the regulations shall follow the same procedure.