

Yuan Ze University Regulations Governing Determination of The Name of Degrees in Different Categories, Conferral of Degrees, and Alternatives to Submission of a Master's Degree Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation

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Article 1 These regulations are established in accordance with “Degree Conferral Act”, “Regulations Governing Determination of The Name of Degrees in Different Categories, Conferral of Degrees, and Alternatives to Submission of a Master's Degree Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation”, “Yuan Ze University Study Regulations”, and “Yuan Ze University Regulations for Master and Doctoral Degree Qualifying Examination”.

Article 2 Degrees conferred by Yuan Ze University refer to the bachelor’s degree, the master’s degree, and the doctoral degree. The requirement governing the conferral of degrees at all levels and categories shall be stipulated clearly by each department (institute, degree program, class, or group) with the followings to be taken into account: academic degree level, study period, required credits, internship requirement, graduation requirement, acquisition of core competency, professionalism, and requirement of various assessments. These requirements shall be stipulated by the curriculum committee of department (institute, degree program, class, and group) and submitted to the curriculum committee meeting and Academic Affairs Meeting before implement.

The requirements for conferral of a master/doctoral degree may include a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, a technical report, or a professional practice report instead of a thesis or a dissertation.

Article 3 The determination of Chinese and English names for various categories of degrees shall comply with international practices and trends, and refer to the reference manual for Chinese and English degree names published by the Ministry of Education. It shall also be based on the distinctive characteristics of each department, institute, or degree program, curriculum content, and the nature of the fields, whether they are academic or professionally oriented.

Article 4 The Chinese and English names for conferred degrees at all levels and categories shall be examined by each department (institute, degree program, class, or group) meeting and Academic Affairs Meeting before implement.

Article 5 The regulations governing Chinese and English names for conferred degrees at all levels and categories with the year of implementation, the criteria for conferral, and the awarding and registration of the associated degree diploma shall be complied by the Office of Academic Affairs and published on the University's website.

Article 6 A student undertaking a bachelor's degree program who completes the required courses and credits within the prescribed time stipulated in the University's Study Regulations, satisfies all the graduation requirements, passes examination and assessment with satisfactory results, shall be conferred a bachelor's degree.

Article 7 A student undertaking a master's degree program who completes the required courses and credits within the prescribed time stipulated in the University's Study Regulations, satisfies the graduation requirements and submits a thesis, passes the master degree examination, shall be conferred a master's degree.

A student who undertakes a master's degree program in the field of fine arts, design, applied science or technology, or sports may submit a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, or a technical report instead of a master's degree thesis.

A student who undertakes a master's degree program in the field of professional practice may submit a professional practice report instead of a thesis.

The regulations governing the scope of such determinations pertaining to each suitable field referred to in the preceding two paragraphs for which a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, a technical report, or professional practice report may be submitted instead of a thesis are allowed as follows:

1. Fine arts, design: A student whose works accompanied by written reports which can indicate the significant contributions his/she has made to theoretical analysis in the fields of music, opera, theater, theater arts, dance, folk arts, audio-visual arts, visual arts, new media arts, design, and other arts disciplines.
2. Applied science or technology: A student who has patent, technology transfer or innovation in the field of life sciences, environment, physics and chemistry, mathematics and statistics, information and communication, engineering, manufacturing, building and construction, agriculture, transportation, and other technological fields; a student whose case study has won awards in national or international technical competitions or contests; a student whose results accompanied by written reports which can indicate the significant contributions he/she has made to theoretical analysis in the fields of industry-academia cooperation, application and derivative of technology, or improvement projects.

3. Sports: In the field of leisure sports, competitive sports, and athletics, either the student or the athlete under his/her designated guidance participates in major national or international sports competitions, achieves notable rankings, and his/her proof of achievement accompanied by written reports which can indicate the significant contribution he/she has made to the field. The scope of the above-mentioned competitions shall be determined and announced by the competent authority.
4. Professional practice: This refers to research areas or content primarily focused on practical applications. A professional practice report refers to a research topic undertaken by a master's student that involves practical applications which emphasize the practical nature of the research content and may involve a research project or a short paper instead of an academic master's thesis.

The criteria for a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, a technical report, or a professional practice report referred to in the preceding paragraphs and the required submission materials shall be determined by each department (institute, degree program, class, or group) with standards equivalent to an academic thesis or dissertation at that level. The criteria shall be passed by each department (institute, degree program, class, or group) meeting and Academic Affairs Meeting before being included in the regulations for degree completion requirements.

Article 8 A student undertaking a doctoral program who completes the required courses and credits, and passes the qualifying examination for doctoral candidates, may become a doctoral candidate.

A student undertaking a doctoral program who completes the required courses and credits within the prescribed time stipulated in the University's Study Regulations, satisfies the graduation requirements and submits a dissertation, passes an examination conducted by a doctoral degree examination committee, shall be conferred a doctoral degree.

A student who undertakes a doctoral program in the field of fine arts, design, applied science or technology, or sports may submit a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, or a technical report instead of a doctoral dissertation. The scope of such determinations shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, Paragraph 4, Subparagraphs 1, 2, and 3.

The criteria for a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, a technical report, or a professional practice report referred to in the preceding paragraphs and the required submission materials shall be determined by each department (institute, degree program, class, or group) with standards equivalent to an academic thesis or dissertation at

that level. The criteria shall be passed by each department (institute, degree program, class, or group) meeting and Academic Affairs Meeting before being included in the regulations for degree completion requirements.

Article 9 The information in the form of a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, a technical report, or professional practice report, which may be seen as a substitute for the master's thesis or doctoral dissertation mentioned in Article 7 and 8, may be submitted in paper, disk, CD, or other electronic storage media.

Article 10 The content of a work, proof of achievement accompanied by a written report, a technical report, or a professional practice report, which may be seen as a substitute for the master's thesis or doctoral dissertation mentioned in Article 7, Paragraph 2 and 3, shall include the followings:

1. Fine arts, design: Creation or performance concepts and case descriptions, theoretical foundations, interpretation and analysis of methods and techniques, contributions of works and achievements, and other derived accomplishments.
2. Applied science or technology: Concepts of research and development of technology, case descriptions, theoretical foundations, interpretation and analysis of methods and techniques, contributions of achievements, and other derived accomplishments.
3. Sports: Competition experience and case descriptions, theoretical foundations, interpretation and analysis of methods and techniques, contributions of achievements, and other derived accomplishments.
4. Professional practice: Concepts of professional practices, case descriptions, theoretical foundations, interpretation and analysis of methods and techniques, contributions of achievements, and other derived accomplishments.

Article 11 The content of the written report and technical report which may be seen as a substitute for the doctoral dissertation in Article 8, Paragraph 3 shall be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the preceding Paragraphs 1 to 3.

Article 12 Diplomas of various degrees shall include the information of a student's name, date of birth, name of college, department, institute, degree program, date of graduation, degree name, and reference number.

Those who meet any of the following notes are eligible to have them recorded on the diploma and academic transcripts.

1. If a student applies for a reissue of a diploma, the date of reissue will be stated on the diploma.
2. For those who meet the requirements for obtaining a minor or double major degree at this University or another school, the name of the school and department shall be additionally noted.
3. Those who meet the study requirements for the program professional courses of our school can add the major field and the name of the course studied on the degree certificate (excluding credit courses and cross-discipline courses)

Article 13 The date of degree conferring is January for the first semester and June for the second semester.

Bachelor students of delay graduation who have completed required courses and credits during the study period but do not meet the graduation requirements, and who have obtained relevant certificates and submitted applications during their studies, are not subject to the restrictions in the preceding paragraph. If the applicant in the preceding paragraph still has credits for other subjects that do not affect graduation, he must first complete the course suspension before applying.

Master's and doctoral students who have passed the degree examination and completed the submission of the thesis or dissertation, fulfilling the requirements for graduation in terms of prescribed courses and credits, will have their degree conferred in the month corresponding to the completion of graduation conditions.

The procedure of degree conferring will be handled according to the schedule announced by Office of Academic Affairs.

Article 14 The principles for the add and adjustment of college, department, institute, and degree program names, as well as the conferment of degree titles, as approved by the Ministry of Education, are as follows:

1. The adjustment of college, department, institute, and degree program names: Starting from the date of approval, the diplomas of its students shall include the new names of colleges, departments, institutes, and degree programs, as well as the conferred degree titles.
2. The suspension of student recruitment into college, department, institute, and degree program: If students receive assistance to transfer to related colleges, departments, institutes, or degree programs, they shall be conferred degrees according to the colleges, departments, institutes, or degree programs they transferred into, and this information shall be recorded on their degree diplomas.
3. The grouping of college, department, institute, and degree program: The grouping of enrolled students shall follow the procedures specified for the add and adjustment of department (institute), which require approval from the Ministry of Education; and this information shall be recorded on their degree diplomas. The grouping of enrolled students formed for instructional purposes shall not be recorded on their degree diplomas.

Article 15 In the case that the University revokes a degree in accordance with Article 9 of “Yuan Ze University Study Regulations”, Article 13 of “Yuan Ze University Regulations for Master and Doctoral Degree Qualifying Examination”, Article 10 of “Yuan Ze University Regulations for Handling Violations of Academic Ethics”, Office of Academic Affairs shall then notify the person involved to return the degree diploma and shall inform other junior colleges, universities, and relevant institutions (agencies) of the circumstances of the revocation and invalidation.

Article 16 Matters not specified herein shall be governed by “Yuan Ze University Study Regulations” and other relevant provisions.

Article 17 These regulations will be adopted by Academic Affairs Meeting before being reported to the Ministry of Education for ratification and implementation.

The English translation is for reference only. In case of any discrepancy between Chinese version and English version, the Chinese version shall prevail.