

National Dong Hwa University - Regulations for Degree Award

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Article 1: These regulations are formulated by the University Act and its Enforcement Rules, the Degree Conferral Act, the procedures for establishing the requirements for various degree titles, the criteria for substituting master's and doctoral theses, and the relevant regulations of the University.

Article 2: The University awards three levels of degrees: bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctoral degree.

Article 3: Each college (department, faculty, degree program) should establish regulations for degree awards based on the following rules:

- (1) The names of each level of degree in Taiwanese Mandarin and English shall be confirmed.
- (2) The requirements for obtaining a certain level of the degree shall include the form of a graduate thesis and related criteria.
- (3) The aforementioned regulations shall be submitted to the academic affairs meeting for deliberation after being passed by the departmental (college/degree program) and faculty affairs meetings.

Article 4: The confirmation of the Taiwanese Mandarin and English names of the degrees at all levels shall conform to international conventions and trends. Also, the names shall refer to the "Reference Manual for Taiwanese Mandarin and English Names of Degrees for Departments, Institutes, Degree Programs, and Special Classes provided by Taiwanese universities" declared by the Ministry of Education. The names shall be based on the special features of each college (department, faculty, degree program), the content and nature of its courses, and its academic/professional practice orientation.

Article 5: The criteria for degree awards at all levels shall be handled by the following regulations:

- (1) When each college (department, faculty, degree program) establishes the criteria for awarding degrees, the level of each degree, duration, the required credits, internship regulations, graduation requirements, the core competencies and professional qualities required for each type of degree, and various assessments that must be passed shall be all considered.
- (2) The criteria for awarding master's and doctoral degrees include submitting works, the record of achievement, and a written report or a technical or professional practice report as an alternative to a thesis.
- (3) The scope, data format, content, and other criteria related to the thesis can be substituted by recognized works, the record of achievement, written reports, and technical or professional reports. The regulations for substitution shall be determined by the criteria and standards for master's and doctoral degree awards.
- (4) The criteria for required reports and the documents shall be determined by each faculty (department, degree program). The criteria should be equivalent to the level of a thesis, and

regulations for graduation should be included as well. After being approved by the departmental/faculty/degree program committee and the Academic Affairs Committee, the criteria shall be implemented.

- (5) In the fields of art, applied science and technology, sports, and professional practice, departmental/faculty/degree program committees may have independent criteria for record of achievement. After being approved by the departmental/faculty/degree program committee and the Academic Affairs Committee, the criteria shall be implemented.

Article 6: Students who fulfill graduation requirements for Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees of the University shall be awarded the respective degrees.

Article 7: The degree certificates issued by the University shall contain the following information:

- (1) The student's name, student ID number, date of birth, the college (department, faculty, degree program), date of graduation, degree awarded, and certificate number shall be noted. For those who apply for a reissue of degree certificates, the reissue date shall be noted.
- (2) For students with double majors, the degree certificate shall indicate both majors and the degree programs if they fulfill the requirements and meet the criteria for receiving both degrees.
- (3) For students with a minor, the degree certificate shall indicate both the main and minor programs.
- (4) For undergraduate students who obtain the required courses and credits of another professional program, the professional program shall be indicated on the degree certificate. For graduate students who have taken professional programs within the undergraduate system, a separate certificate shall be issued but the program shall not be indicated on the degree certificate.
- (5) The college (department, faculty, degree program) being renamed or reorganized with the approval of the Ministry of Education, the degree certificate shall be issued with the new name. For students who were enrolled before the approval date, whether to include the original name on the certificate shall be decided by the college (department, faculty, degree program) committee.

Article 8: The date of awarding the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees shall be following the academic regulations of the University.

Article 9: The academic year of issuing Taiwanese Mandarin and English titles of the program, graduation requirements, other relevant regulations about degree awards, and annotations within each college (department, faculty, degree program) of the University shall be announced on the university website.

Article 10: For matters not covered by the regulations mentioned above, the University Act and its enforcement rules, the Degree Conferral Act, academic regulations, and related educational rules of the University shall apply.

Article 11: The regulations mentioned above shall be implemented with the approval of the Academic Affairs Committee. These regulations shall also be reported to the Ministry of Education for reference, and shall be revised in the same manner.