National Yunlin University of Science and Technology Graduate School of Design Master's Degree Examination Regulations

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I. These regulations are established in accordance with the University Act and its enforcement rules, the Degree Conferral Law and its enforcement rules, as well as the University's Regulations for Graduate Degree Examinations, Academic Regulations, and the Academic Requirements of this Graduate School.

II. Master's program graduate students of our institute who meet all the academic requirements may apply for the degree examination with the consent of their advisor. When applying for the degree examination, the following regulations must be followed:

   i. Application and completion deadlines: According to the school academic calendar, applications must be submitted one month prior to the degree examination.

   ii. Required documents:

      1. Application form for the degree examination.
      2. A transcript of academic records.
      3. The draft and summary of the thesis.

III. In principle, the master’s degree thesis, including abstract, of our institute:

   i. It should be written in English, and each student should attach at least 6 pages abstract written in Chinese as part of its appendix.

   ii. It is essential to submit 1 publication in foreign language to an international seminar. After meeting this condition (this publication should not be included in those publications for “point requirement”). After meeting this condition, this student would be allowed to apply institute office for writing thesis in Chinese. If anyone who submits his/her master’s degree thesis written in Chinese should attach at least 20 pages abstract written in English.

   iii. It is essential to submit 1 publication in foreign language to an international journal. After meeting this condition, this student would be allowed to apply institute office for writing thesis in Chinese without any abstract in English required.

   iv. Starting from the 114th academic year, master's thesis in this Graduate School should be written in Chinese as a principle (and must conform to the format specified by the university).

A thesis previously submitted for another degree may not be resubmitted. After passing the oral defense, students must complete revisions to their thesis based on the committee's comments before leaving the university. They should submit both

an electronic version of the thesis and official hard copies (in addition to those required by the university, two additional copies should be submitted to the department office for archiving).

IV. The master's degree examination should, in principle, be conducted as a public oral defense. The time, location, and thesis title must be announced in advance.

V. The Master's Degree Examination Committee shall be formed according to the following regulations:

   i. The Master's Degree Examination Committee shall consist of three to five members, with at least one-third of the members being from outside the university.

   ii. The qualifications of the Master's Degree Examination Committee members shall be in accordance with the university regulations.

   iii. The list of Master's Degree Examination Committee members and the convener shall be recommended by the thesis advisor and appointed by the Dean and the President upon the Graduate School's request. However, the thesis advisor may not serve as the convener.

VI. Students must complete an originality check of their thesis (with a similarity threshold of 20% for this department) and provide the results for the degree examination committee's reference. After the degree examination is concluded, the thesis advisor shall submit these results along with the grade sheet to the office.

VII. The score for the master's degree examination is determined by the average of the scores given by the attending committee members, with 100 points being the perfect score and 70 points being the passing grade. Students who fail the examination but have not yet reached the maximum extended study period may retake the examination once. If the score of the retake examination is 70 or above, it will be recorded as 70. Students who fail the retake examination will be required to discontinue their studies and be dismissed from the program.

VIII. Graduate students who have applied for the degree examination but are unable to complete it within the same semester should request the university to withdraw their application before the end of the semester as specified in the university calendar. Those who neither withdraw their application nor take the examination by the deadline will be considered as having failed the examination once.

IX. These detailed rules shall be implemented after being approved by the Graduate School Council meeting and publicly announced. The same procedure applies to any amendments.