

National Yunlin University of Science and Technology Graduate School of Design Master's Program Study Guidelines

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Duration of Study and Coursework (Including Additional Undergraduate Courses)

- I. The duration of study in this department is limited to 1 to 4 years. The minimum number of credits required for graduation is 36, which includes 16 compulsory credits (including 6 credits for master's thesis) and at least 20 elective credits.
- II. Graduate students must complete a minimum of 7 credits and a maximum of 18 credits per semester during their first academic year of study.
- III. Graduate students who excel in various aspects of their studies after completing at least one semester, as determined by the Graduate School Council, may apply for direct admission to the department's Ph.D. program according to the "National Yunlin University of Science and Technology Doctoral Degree Regulations" and the "Regulations for Direct Admission to The Graduate School's Doctoral Program."
- IV. Graduate students must obtain approval from their academic advisor before registering for courses each semester. If an academic advisor has not yet been selected, the chairperson's approval is required.
- V. If necessary for research, graduate students, with the consent of their academic advisor (or, if an advisor has not been chosen, with the consent of the department chair), may choose to take up to 2 courses (6 credits) offered by other departments. These credits will be included in the calculation of the graduation credit requirements.
- VI. Graduate students who did not major in a design-related field before enrollment may be required by their academic advisor (or, if an advisor has not been chosen, by the chairperson) to complete one year of undergraduate core courses and two related elective courses to be eligible for graduation. However, these credits will not be included in the calculation of graduation credits. Those who have already taken relevant courses or passed relevant certification exams may apply for credit reduction of undergraduate courses before the midterm exam of the first semester of the first academic year, subject to approval by the Graduate School Council.

Thesis and Creative Work Advisor

- I. Graduate students must select their advisor by the end of the first semester of their first academic year of study. Their master's academic thesis or practical innovative technical report should primarily relate to the field of multicultural design or design integration.
- II. Graduate students should select their advisor from the full-time faculty of the graduate school. After obtaining consent from the advisor, they may select an assistant professor or above from the college as co-advisor. If there are special reasons, with the approval from the graduate school council, students may choose an assistant professor or above who has taught in the graduate school as their advisor.
- III. Graduate students must complete the proposal one semester prior to the final oral defense, submitting a thesis or practical innovative technical report to the Proposal Committee (which is composed of at least two faculty members, including the advisor and another faculty member) for review. The content submitted must meet a certain degree of completion (e.g., preliminary result results for an academic thesis; sketches for the practical innovative report), and should be publicly presented, to complete the qualifications for oral defense. Those who pass the qualification exam (proposal) can then apply for the final oral defense. Students who pass the oral defense and have obtained the required credits will be granted a Master's degree from the graduate school.
- IV. Graduate students who need to change their advisor for special reasons, should fill out the "Application Form for Changing" form, and obtain approval from the current and new advisors, as well as the head of the graduate school, before submitting it to the graduate school office for consolidation. The office would then make a copy of the application and send it to the Curriculum and Teaching Division of the Office of Academic Affairs for record-keeping. Changing the academic advisor is considered as reapplying for the thesis.

Degree Examination

- I. Graduate students who meet the following requirements may apply for the Master's degree examination:
 - A. Completion of the required courses and credits specified by the graduate school.
 - B. Fulfillment of at least one language proficiency requirements specified by the graduate school.
 - C. Compliance with the requirements for the academic thesis or practical innovative technical report as specified in the Academic Requirements Enforcement Rules.
- II. The degree examination score is graded out of 100, with 70 as the passing score. Students who fail the degree examination but have not yet reached the end of their study duration may

retake the examination, with only one retake allowed. If the retake score is above 70, it will be calculated as 70.

- III. For detailed degree examination regulations, refer to the "National Yunlin University of Science and Technology Graduate Degree Examination Regulations" and the "Graduate School of Design Master's Program Degree Examination Regulations." When leaving the university, students must submit both an electronic and paper copy of their thesis (In accordance with the university's requirements, two additional hard copies need to be submitted to the graduate school office for collection).
- IV. Plagiarism or academic misconduct found in the thesis will result in a score of zero for the degree examination. If the degree has already been conferred, it will be revoked, and the degree certificate issued will be reclaimed. Any other violations of the law will be dealt with according to relevant regulations.
- V. Graduate students who have applied for the degree examination, but are unable to complete it within the current semester must request a withdrawal of application before the end of the semester, as specified in the university's academic calendar.
- VI. Those who do not withdraw within the deadline and are unable to complete the oral defense will be counted as failing once.
- VII. Graduate students who pass the Master's degree examination will be awarded a Master's degree (Master of Design) by the university in accordance with the Degree Conferral Act. The graduation score for the Master's degree includes the average scores of all courses taken and the degree examination scores.
- VIII. Graduate students who meet one of the following conditions shall be dismissed:
 - A. Failure to complete the required courses or assessment requirements within the stipulated period.
 - B. Failure in the degree examination, do not comply with the requirements for the retake, or failure in the retake.

Others

- I. Matters not covered by these guidelines can be discussed and decided upon by the graduate school council.
- II. These guidelines are to be implemented upon approval by the graduate school council, and any amendments are subject to the same process.

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