

National Taiwan University Department of Japanese Language and Literature Master's Degree Regulations

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I. Course Selection Procedure

1. Students who have chosen an advisor must consult with their advisor before selecting courses.
2. Those who have not yet chosen an advisor should discuss course selection with the department head or an advisor.

II. Courses and Credits

1. For students enrolled before the 112th academic year, the total number of graduation credits is 32 (excluding the master's thesis). For students enrolled in the 113th academic year or later, the total is 28 credits (excluding the master's thesis). Students must choose one of two study groups—Japanese Literature (including Japanese Culture) or Japanese Linguistics—as their major, with the other as their minor. For the major, students must complete at least 16 credits from department courses, and for the minor, at least 8 credits. Those majoring in Japanese Literature must complete at least 12 credits in Japanese Literature, and those majoring in Japanese Culture must complete at least 12 credits in Japanese Culture.
2. The maximum number of credits that can be taken each semester is 13.
3. The following are the prerequisite courses for the department. These prerequisite courses do not count towards the graduation credits.
 - (1) History of Japanese Literature: Students who have previously completed this course can apply for a waiver; otherwise, they must take "Readings in Classical Japanese Literature."
 - (2) Introduction to Japanese Linguistics: Students who have previously completed this course can apply for a waiver; otherwise, they must take "Introduction to Japanese Linguistics."

Applications for exemption must be submitted within the first three weeks from two weeks before the start of the first semester of each academic year until the end of the first week of classes (according to the university calendar), along with the relevant original documentation. Late applications will not be accepted.

4. For students enrolled before the 109th academic year, full-year courses must be taken in sequence to count towards graduation credits. For students enrolled from the 110th academic year, full-year courses must also be taken in sequence to count towards graduation credits; however, if only the course in first semester is taken, it can count towards graduation credits.

5. Courses from other departments may be taken and counted towards graduation credits with the permission of the advisor and department head.

6. Exemptions from "Advanced English" or any reading-based English courses from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures may be granted if:

(1) Passing the High-Intermediate Level Preliminary Exam of the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT)

(2) TOEFL iBT score of 72 or above

(3) IELTS Academic score of 6.0 or above

(4) FLPT English Test written score of 70 or above in each section

(5) FLPT English Test total score of 217 or above, speaking score of S-2+ or above, writing score of B or above

(6) Cambridge English: First (FCE or FCE for Schools) grade B2 or above

(7) Other English proficiency tests recognized by the Advanced English Course Planning Group and approved by the General Education Center

(8) Holding a degree from a university in an English-speaking country listed by the Ministry of Education

(9) Holding a high school diploma from a school where the medium of instruction was English

(10) A score of 88 or above on the English section of the Advanced Subjects Test

(11) A score of 15 or above on the General Scholastic Ability Test, combined with an "A" grade on the Entrance Examination Center's High School English Listening Test

(12) A TOEIC score of 785 or above

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7. Students who have taken graduate-courses with letter M in this department (with a grade of B- or 70 points or above) before enrollment, which have not been counted towards graduation credits, may apply for credit waiver through the Office of Academic Affairs system, up to a maximum of 6 credits. Applications must be made within the first two academic years after enrollment. Courses taken over 10 years before enrollment cannot be exempted.

III. Qualifications for Thesis Submission

1. Master's students may choose a thesis advisor after completing the first semester of the first academic year. Upon obtaining the advisor's consent, the advisor consent form must be submitted to the office within the first two weeks of the first semester of the second academic year. If a change of advisor is necessary due to special circumstances, it must be discussed with the department head before the end of the semester, and the change must be processed after obtaining consent. Course selection must be signed by the advisor; if the advisor has not been determined, the department head or an advisor will sign.
2. Students should select a thesis advisor from faculty members in the department who are qualified to supervise theses, based on their major field. If the major field is not the expertise of any full-time faculty member qualified to supervise theses in the department, with the consent of the department head, a faculty member from another department or another university may be chosen as the thesis advisor.
3. If the number of full-time faculty members qualified to supervise theses in the department is sufficient to meet the needs of the numbers of the students in the major study group, each faculty member, in principle, will supervise one master's thesis according to their expertise. If a faculty member plans to supervise more than two students in the same period or if a faculty member with similar expertise has not yet supervised a thesis, the department head may intervene to coordinate, helping to follow the principle stated above.
4. By March 10 of the second semester of the second academic year, students must submit their thesis topic and outline to their advisor. The outline should include the research objectives and motivations, scope of the study, preliminary literature review, methodology, and bibliography. The thesis proposal must be submitted to the advisor by May 10.
5. By the end of April or November of the graduation semester, students must submit their thesis to their advisor for proposal review.
6. According to the university's regulations, students must submit their transcripts, thesis drafts, and application forms for the degree examination, applying for the degree examination before the end of the semester. If the thesis cannot be successfully submitted, students must apply to cancel the degree examination within the specified deadline.
7. Students must complete the required credits for the master's program before graduation. If the degree examination result is unsatisfactory and the extended period of study (a maximum of four years, with a possible extension of up to two years for students enrolled as in-service training) has not yet expired, students may retake the examination once.

8. At least one public presentation of the thesis is required before submission.
9. Master's students must complete two years of coursework before entering the proposal review stage.

IV. Graduation Procedures

1. Students must complete the "Seminar Passport" activities required by the department and submit it to the department office.
2. Students must submit a hardcover copy of their revised and completed thesis to the department office.
3. Students must return all department keys, settle any debts (such as borrowed books from the department library), and complete the "Graduating Students Questionnaire" before submitting it to the department office.
4. Students must fill out the "Declaration of Academic Ethics and Originality Check for Theses" and submit it, signed by the advisor, to the department office for forwarding to the department head. The acceptable standard for thesis originality is set at 24% or less, indicating an appropriate proportion of cited material with proper citation of sources.

V. These regulations will be implemented after approval by the department meeting, and any revisions will follow the same procedure.

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