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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Purpose:

Article 1. These Regulations prescribe matters necessary for the conferral of academic degrees by the Hiroshima University Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (hereafter referred to as the "GSHS") in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations (April 1, 2004, Regulation No. 8; hereinafter referred to as the "Degree Regulations").

Names of Majors to Be Affixed to Degrees:

Article 2. Among the names of the majors to be affixed to degrees as set forth in Article 3, Paragraph 2 of the Degree Regulations, those associated with the GSHS shall be as listed in the following table.

Division Name / Degree Program Name	Name of Major	
	Master's	Doctorate

Division of Humanities and Social Sciences	Humanities Program	Arts	Philosophy in Humanities
	Psychology Program	Psychology	Philosophy in Psychology
	Law and Politics Program	Laws	Philosophy in Laws
		Philosophy	Philosophy
	Economics Program	Economics	Philosophy in Economics
		Philosophy	Philosophy
	Social Data Science Program	Social Data Science	—
	Management Sciences Program	Management Sciences	Philosophy in Management Sciences
		Philosophy	Philosophy
	International Peace and Co-existence Program	Philosophy	Philosophy
		International Cooperation Studies	Philosophy in International Cooperation Studies
	International Economic Development Program	Philosophy	Philosophy
		Economics	Philosophy in Economics
		Business Administration	Philosophy in Business Administration
	Development Program Integrated Arts and Human Sciences Program	International Cooperation Studies	Philosophy in International Cooperation Studies
		Philosophy	Philosophy

Division of Educational Sciences	Educational Design for Teacher Educators Program	Education Educational Psychology Philosophy	Philosophy in Education Philosophy in Educational Psychology Philosophy
	Education Data Science Program	Education Data Science	—
	Educational Studies Program	Education	Philosophy in Education
	Teaching Japanese as a Second Language Program	Education Philosophy	Philosophy in Education Philosophy
	International Education Development Program	Education Philosophy International Cooperation Studies	Philosophy in Education Philosophy Philosophy in International Cooperation Studies
	Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University and University of Graz)	Science	—

(2) Among the degrees set forth in Article 3, Paragraph 3 of the Degree Regulations, those associated with the GSHS shall be as listed in the following table.

Division Name	Name of Degree
Division of Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders	Master of Education in Professional Development
Law School	Juris Doctor

Chapter 2 Degree Conferral Review for Approving Completion of GSHS Doctoral Courses

Qualification Requirements for Dissertation Submission:

Article 3. A person who is qualified to submit a dissertation for completion of a doctoral course as provided for in Article 2, Paragraph 2 of the Degree Regulations (hereinafter referred to as a “Doctoral Dissertation”) shall be a person who has acquired, or is certain to acquire by the scheduled date of course completion, the credits prescribed in Article 22 of the Hiroshima University By-Laws of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (April 1, 2020; approved by the Dean of the GSHS) (hereinafter referred to as “Prescribed Credits”), and additionally who has received instructions concerning, for example, the preparation of a Doctoral Dissertation (hereinafter referred to as “Research Instructions”).

Timing of Dissertation Submission:

Article 4. A Doctoral Dissertation shall be submitted by the day in January of the academic year of scheduled completion designated by the degree program enrolled in the case of a person who is scheduled to complete his/her course at the end of March; or by the day in July designated by the degree program enrolled in the case of a person who is scheduled to complete his/her course at the end of September; provided, however, that a person whose period of enrollment has exceeded three years may submit a Doctoral Dissertation at any time.

Dissertation Submission Procedure:

Article 5. When a person who falls under the provisions of Article 3 submits a Doctoral Dissertation, the following documents shall be submitted to the Dean of the GSHS upon obtaining the approval of his/her supervisor:

- [1] Application form for dissertation screening;
- [2] Doctoral Dissertation;
- [3] List of publications;
- [4] Summary of the dissertation;
- [5] Resume;
- [6] Reference papers, if any; and
- [7] Any other material required by the degree program.

Dissertation Acceptance:

Article 6. When a Doctoral Dissertation is submitted pursuant to the provisions of the preceding article, the Dean of the GSHS shall refer it to a faculty meeting at the GSHS (hereinafter referred to as the “Faculty Meeting”) for a decision on whether or not to accept the dissertation.

Screening Committee:

Article 7. The screening committee prescribed in Article 5, Paragraph 1 of the Degree Regulations shall be organized by at least three teachers related to the contents of the Doctoral Dissertation as screening committee members.

(2) The screening committee members shall consist of a chief examiner and at least two deputy examiners.

(3) A teacher at the GSHS shall serve as the chief examiner.

(4) At least one of the deputy examiners shall be a teacher of another degree program, division, or graduate school.

(5) If deemed necessary by the Faculty Meeting, teachers, etc. belonging to other universities' graduate schools, research institutes, etc. may be included as screening committee members.

Date of Degree Conferral:

Article 8. For a person who has passed the Doctoral Dissertation screening and final examination, the date of conferral of the doctoral degree shall be as follows.

[1] For a person who has passed within the standard term of study, the date of conferral shall be the day on which the degree awarding ceremony is held; provided, however, that in the case where the Dean of the GSHS finds, through deliberations in the Faculty Meeting, that there are special grounds, the date of conferral may be set to the day of his/her passing.

[2] For any other person, the date of conferral shall be the day of passing.

Chapter 3 Degree Conferral Review Based on Dissertations Submitted

Qualification Requirements for Applying for Degree Conferral:

Article 9. A person who is qualified to apply for the conferral of a doctoral degree on the basis of dissertation submission pursuant to the provisions of Article 2, Paragraph 3 of the Degree Regulations shall fall under one of the following items:

[1] a person who withdrew from the University after having enrolled in a doctoral course of the GSHS for at least three years, acquired the Prescribed Credits, and received Research Instructions;

[2] a person who has completed the first term of a doctoral course or a master's degree, and has a research history of four years or more;

[3] a university graduate with a research history of six years or more; or

[4] a person who is other than those listed in the preceding three items, and who is recognized by the Faculty Meeting as having achieved excellent research results.

Dissertation Submission Procedure:

Article 10. When a person who falls under the preceding article submits a dissertation, the following documents shall be submitted to the President through the Dean of the GSHS:

[1] Degree application form;

- [2] Dissertation;
- [3] List of publications;
- [4] Summary of the dissertation;
- [5] Resume;
- [6] Reference papers, if any; and
- [7] Any other material required by the degree program.

Dissertation Acceptance:

Article 11. The provisions of Article 6 shall apply mutatis mutandis to dissertation acceptance.

Screening Committee and Interview Committee:

Article 12. The provisions of Article 7 shall apply mutatis mutandis in relation to the screening committee.

- (2) The interview committee prescribed in Article 5, Paragraph 2 of the Degree Regulations shall be organized by at least three committee members.
- (3) The interview committee members shall consist of a chief interviewer and at least two deputy interviewers.
- (4) A teacher at the GSHS shall serve as the chief interviewer.
- (5) At least one of the deputy interviewers shall be a teacher of another degree program, division, or graduate school.
- (6) If deemed necessary by the Faculty Meeting, teachers, etc. belonging to other universities' graduate schools, research institutes, etc. may be included as interview committee members.
- (7) Screening committee members may also serve as interview committee members.

Examination and Interview Methods:

Article 13. With regard to foreign languages required for interviews as prescribed in Article 6, Paragraph 3 of the Degree Regulations, the GSHS requires only one foreign language.

- (2) The term of study designated by the GSHS in relation to Article 6, Paragraph 4 of the Degree Regulations shall be five years.

Chapter 4 Degree Conferral Review for Approving Completion of GSHS Master's Courses

Qualification Requirements for Thesis Submission:

Article 14. A person who is qualified to submit a thesis for completion of a master's course as provided for in Article 2, Paragraph 2 of the Degree Regulations shall be a person who has acquired, or is certain to acquire by the scheduled date of course completion, the Prescribed Credits set forth in Article 20 of the Hiroshima University By-Laws of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences (April 1, 2020; approved by the Dean of the GSHS), and additionally who has received instructions concerning, for example, the preparation of a master's

thesis or a study outcome on a specific theme (hereinafter referred to as “Master’s Thesis, etc.”).

Timing of Submission of a Master’s Thesis, etc.:

Article 15. A Master’s Thesis, etc. shall be submitted by the day in January of the academic year of scheduled completion designated by the degree program enrolled in the case of a person who is scheduled to complete his/her course at the end of March; or by the day in July designated by the degree program enrolled in the case of a person who is scheduled to complete his/her course at the end of September.

Master’ Thesis, etc. Submission Procedure:

Article 16. When a person who falls under the provisions of Article 14 submits a Master’s Thesis, etc., the following documents shall be submitted to the Dean of the GSHS upon obtaining the approval of his/her supervisor:

- [1] Master’s thesis or study outcome on a specific theme; and
- [2] Any other material required by the degree program.

Screening Committee:

Article 17. A screening committee shall be organized by at least three teachers related to the contents of the Master’s Thesis, etc. as screening committee members.

- (2) The screening committee members shall consist of a chief examiner and at least two deputy examiners.
- (3) A teacher at the GSHS shall serve as the chief examiner.
- (4) At least one of the deputy examiners shall be a teacher of another degree program, division, or graduate school.
- (5) If deemed necessary by the Faculty Meeting, teachers, etc. belonging to other universities’ graduate schools, research institutes, etc. may be included as screening committee members.

Chapter 4-2 Degree Conferral Review for Approving Completion of GSHS Master’s Courses (Joint International Master’s Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University and University of Graz))

Qualification Requirements for Thesis Submission:

Article 17-2. A person who is qualified to submit a thesis for completion of the Joint International Master’s Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University and University of Graz) as provided for in Article 2, Paragraph 2 of the Degree Regulations shall be a person who has acquired, or is certain to acquire by the scheduled date of course completion, the Prescribed Credits set forth in Article 24-2 of the Hiroshima University By-Laws of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences and who has received instructions concerning, for example, the preparation of a master’s thesis.

Other:

Article 17-3. In addition to the matters prescribed in the preceding article, other matters necessary for the degree conferral of the Joint International Master's Programme in Sustainable Development (Hiroshima University and University of Graz) shall be separately prescribed.

Chapter 5 Miscellaneous Provisions

Documentary Formats:

Article 18. The formats of related documents shall be as specified by Appended Forms No. 1 through No. 8.

Other:

Article 19. In addition to the matters prescribed herein, other matters necessary for the conferral of degrees shall be separately prescribed by the Dean of the GSHS through discussions in the Faculty Meeting.

Supplementary Provisions

These regulations shall come into effect as from April 1, 2020.

Supplementary Provisions (Partial Revision on September 17,2020)

These regulations shall come into effect from October 1, 2020.

Supplementary Provisions (Partial Revision on July 6, 2023)

These regulations shall come into effect from July 6, 2023, and the provisions of the revised Regulations of the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences Concerning the Conferral of Degrees shall apply from April 1, 2023.

Supplementary Provisions (Partial Revision on November 30,2023)

These regulations shall come into effect as from November 30,2023.

Supplementary Provisions (Partial Revision on March 27,2025)

These regulations shall come into effect as from April 1,2025.