

Kobe University Graduate School of Human Development and Environment Rules

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(Purpose)

Article 1 These rules stipulate necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Graduate School of Human Development and Environment (hereinafter referred to as "the Graduate School") in accordance with the National University Corporation Kobe University General Provisions (established April 1, 2004) and the Kobe University General Rules for Students (established April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "General Rules").

(Educational and Research Purposes of the Graduate School)

Article 2 The aim of the Graduate School is to cultivate graduates who can actively participate and play a central role in the promotion of applied and practical education and research activities related to human development as well as the human environment in which development takes place.

(Program)

Article 3 The program offered by the Graduate School shall be a doctoral program.

2 The doctoral program shall be divided into a two-year first stage program (hereinafter referred to as "first division" or "Master's Program") and a subsequent three-year program (hereinafter referred to as "Doctoral Program"), and the first division shall be treated as a Master's Program.

(Departments etc.)

Article 4 The Graduate School shall have the following departments.

Department	Divisions
Department of Human Development	Psychological Development and Health Promotion, Human Expression, Human Behavior, Education and Learning
Department of Human Environmental Science	Basic Environmental Science, Environment Formation, Advanced Human Environmental Science (Adjunct)

(Education and Research Goals of the Departments)

Article 5 The human resources development goals and other education and research goals of each department are respectively as follows:

(1) Department of Human Development

Focusing on multifaceted human beings and their development in education and research activities, the Master's Program aims to cultivate advanced professionals who can contribute to solving practical issues in the area of human development and the

creation of new public services to support such solutions. The Doctoral Program aims to cultivate independent researchers with advanced expertise in the field of human development and equipped with creative research skills. It also aims to cultivate university faculty members highly knowledgeable in the area of education and development in addition to possessing excellent research skills.

(2) Department of Human Environmental Science

Focusing on development and the elucidation of environmental factors that support human development in education and research activities, the Master's Program aims to cultivate advanced professionals equipped with specialized knowledge of their course content and fundamental research skills and graduates who can play an active role in civil society. The Doctoral Program aims to cultivate independently-minded researchers with advanced expertise in the field of human environmental science and possessing creative research skills. It also aims cultivate university faculty members highly knowledgeable in the area education and development in addition to possessing excellent research skills.

(Courses etc.)

Article 5-2 In the Master's Program, the Department of Human Development shall establish the following courses aimed at cultivating practical professionals with advanced knowledge.

Clinical Psychology Course

One-Year Course

2 In the Master's Program, the Department of Human Environmental Science shall establish the following courses.

Natural Environmental Science Course

Mathematics and Informatics Course

Living Environment Course

Social Environment Course

(Dean of the Graduate School)

Article 6 The Graduate School shall have a dean.

2 The dean shall oversee matters pertaining to the Graduate School.

(Associate Deans)

Article 6-2 The Graduate School shall have two associate deans.

2 The associate deans shall assist the dean with his or her duties.

3 The necessary matters concerning the selection of associate deans shall be stipulated separately.

(Heads of Departments)

Article 7 Each department in the Graduate School shall have a head of department.

2 Heads of departments shall oversee matters pertaining to their respective departments.

3 Heads of departments will be selected from among full-time professors of the Graduate School who belong to the relevant department.

4 Heads of departments shall be appointed for a duration of two years.

5 In addition to the stipulations in the preceding two paragraphs, the necessary matters concerning the selection of heads of departments shall be stipulated separately.

(Admission Eligibility)

Article 8 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the Master's Program:

- (1) Persons who have graduated from a Japanese university;
- (2) Persons who have received a bachelor's degree pursuant to the provisions of Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Education Act (Act. No. 26 of 1947; hereinafter referred to as "the Act");
- (3) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education abroad;
- (4) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education of a school in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;
- (5) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has university programs of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 16 years of school education of the foreign country);
- (6) Persons who have completed a specialized program at a special training college in Japan separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date determined by the Minister (limited to programs of at least four years that satisfy other standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)
- (7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 5 (1953));
- (8) Persons who were admitted to the Kobe University Graduate School pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Act and have been recognized as having sufficient scholastic ability to undertake postgraduate studies at the Graduate School;
- (9) Persons who are 22 years or older and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to a university graduate, based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

2 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the Doctoral Program:

- (1) Persons who have obtained a Master's or professional degree;
- (2) Persons on whom a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree has been conferred in a foreign country;
- (3) Persons who have completed correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school and on whom a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree was conferred;
- (4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has graduate school courses of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and on whom a degree equivalent to a Master's or a professional degree was conferred;

(5) Persons who have completed a graduate program at United Nations University, which is the university founded based on a United Nations General Assembly resolution dated December 11, 1972 as stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976), resulting in the conferral of a degree equivalent to a master's degree;

(6) Persons who, having completed an educational program at a foreign school, a designated academic institution as described in Item 4 above or United Nations University, have passed an examination or screening equivalent to those set forth in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 28 of 1974) and have been recognized as having scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to that of someone with a master's degree;

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 (1989));

(8) Persons who are 24 years old and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to someone with a master's degree or professional degree based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Advancement)

Article 9 Persons who wish to advance to the Doctoral Program after having completed a Master's Program, the first division of the Graduate Program or a professional degree program at the graduate schools of Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") may be permitted to do so if found to be eligible following screening.

(Readmission)

Article 10 When a student who withdrew or was removed from the Graduate School submits a request for readmission, he or she may be permitted by the dean to reenter the Graduate School after deliberation by the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council").

2 Necessary matters concerning readmission shall be stipulated separately.

(Screening Methods)

Article 11 Applicants will be screened by means of academic achievement tests, oral examinations and the like.

(Standard Period of Enrollment)

Article 12 The standard period of enrollment shall be two years for the Master's Program and three years for the Doctoral Program.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the standard period of enrollment for the One-Year Course of the Master's Program of the Department of Human Development (hereinafter referred to as "One-Year Course") shall be one year.

(Maximum Period of Enrollment)

Article 13 Student may not be enrolled for more than four years for the Master's Program and for more than six years for the Doctoral Program.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, students of the One-Year Course may not remain enrolled for more than two years.

(Methods of Instruction)

Article 14 Education in the Graduate School shall consist of lectures by subject and supervised research for a dissertation (hereinafter referred to as "research supervision").

(Subjects etc.)

Article 15 The subjects offered by the Graduate School and the number of credits awarded for each subject are as listed in Appended Table 1.

(Credit Standards)

Article 16 Credits for each subject shall be calculated according to the following standards:

- (1) For lectures and seminars, one credit shall be granted for 15 hours of class;
- (2) For practical training, one credit shall be granted for 30 hours of class;

(Supervisors)

Article 17 Faculty members in charge of research supervision (hereinafter referred to as "supervisors") shall be full-time professors of the Graduate School or visiting professors. However, when deemed necessary, full-time associate professors, assistant professors or visiting associate professors of the Graduate School may serve as supervisors when approved by the Faculty Council.

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 18 To enroll in subjects, students must receive the approval of their supervisor and submit the prescribed registration form to the dean at the beginning of the semester.

2 When students wish to take subjects offered by another graduate school within the University, they must receive permission from the dean of said graduate school after receiving approval from their supervisors and the dean of the Graduate School.

3 Regarding credits earned for subjects taken at another graduate school pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, up to 10 credits in the Master's Program may be approved as credits as stipulated in Article 29 after deliberation by the Faculty Council; however, the limit for the Doctoral Program shall be two credits.

(Enrollment in Subjects at Another Graduate School Outside the University)

Article 19 Students may take subjects at a graduate school of another university (including foreign universities. Hereinafter the same shall apply.) with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, students may take subjects at a graduate school of a foreign university with whom the Graduate School has not signed any cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

3 Regarding credits earned for subjects pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, up to 10 credits in the Master's Program may be approved as credits stipulated in Article 29 after deliberation by the Faculty Council; however, the limit for the Doctoral Program shall be two credits.

(Handling of Credits Earned for Subjects Taken at Foreign Graduate Schools while on Leave of Absence)

Article 19-2 Credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a graduate school of a foreign university with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement while on leave of absence under the approval of the Faculty Council may be treated as credits earned at the Graduate School.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a graduate school of a foreign university with whom the Graduate School has not signed any cooperative agreement while on leave of absence may be treated as credits earned at the Graduate School after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

3 Out of those credits that can be treated as earned at the Graduate School pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, up to 10 credits in total with those credits approved as earned at the Graduate School pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the preceding article may be approved as credits as stipulated in Article 29; however, the limit for the Doctoral Program shall be two credits.

(Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Admission)

Article 20 In accordance with the stipulations in Article 75 of the General Rules for Students, the approval of credits earned prior to admission shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Persons who wish to have previously earned credits approved must submit the necessary documents to the dean by the designated date.

3 Regarding the approval of credits pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1, out of those credits earned outside of the University, excluding cases of transfer and readmission, no more than 10 credits may be approved as credits as stipulated in Article 29 after deliberation by the Faculty Council; however, the limit for the Doctoral Program shall be two credits.

(Restrictions on the Approval of Subjects Taken Outside the Graduate School)

Article 21 Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 19 and 20, out of those credits that can be approved pursuant to the stipulations of Paragraph 3 of Article 18, Paragraph 3 of Article 19, Paragraph 3 of Article 19-2 and Paragraph 3 of the preceding article, only up to 16 credits in total for the Master's Program and only up to four credits in total for the Doctoral Program are allowed to be approved.

(Research Supervision at Other Graduate Schools Outside of the University)

Article 22 With approval of the Faculty Council, a student may be permitted to receive research supervision at a graduate school or research institution at another university (including a foreign research institution) with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement. In such cases, the period for which they can receive said research supervision shall not exceed one year for Master's Program students or two years for Doctoral Program students.

(Study Abroad)

Article 23 In accordance with the stipulations in Articles 19 and 22, students must obtain permission from the dean when they wish to study abroad at a foreign graduate school or research institution.

2 The period of study abroad set forth in the preceding paragraph will be included in the standard period of enrollment.

(Leave of Absence)

Article 24 The period of a leave of absence shall be set at no more than one year; however, the dean may allow an extension of the period of leave of absence of up to one year when there are special circumstances. The same shall apply to students who would like another extension upon the conclusion of said period of extension.

2 The cumulative leave of absence period may not exceed two years for Master's Program students or three years for Doctoral Program students.

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, the leave of absence period for One-Year Course students may not exceed one year, and extensions will not be permitted.

(Awarding of Credits)

Article 25 A prescribed number of credits shall be conferred on students who have completed a subject and passed the examinations.

2 Examinations may be written examinations, oral examinations or research reports.

(Submission of Master's Thesis)

Article 26 Persons wishing to submit a master's thesis must have earned at least 16 credits from among those credits stipulated in Article 29.

(Submission of Doctoral Dissertation)

Article 27 Persons wishing to submit a doctoral dissertation must have earned at least 12 credits from among those credits stipulated in Article 29.

(Dissertation Screenings and Final Examinations)

Article 28 Dissertation screenings and final examinations shall be governed by the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2004) and the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment Bylaws to the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2007).

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 28-2 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 73-2 of the General Rules for Students shall be stipulated separately.

(Requirements for Completion of the Program)

Article 29 Students who have remained enrolled in the Master's Program for at least two years, who have earned at least 30 credits, and who have passed the master's thesis screening and final examination having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the program; however, a student who has demonstrated excellence in their academic work may be permitted to graduate after one year of study in the Master's Program. In such cases, the stipulations of Article 26 shall not apply.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, students who have remained enrolled in the One-Year Course for at least one year, who have earned at least 30 credits, and who have passed the screening of the results of their research on a specified project having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the Course;

3 Students who have remained enrolled in the Doctoral Program for at least three years, who have earned at least 14 credits, and who have passed the doctoral dissertation screening and final examination having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the Doctoral Program. However, a student who has achieved exemplary research results may be permitted to graduate after one year of study in the Doctoral Program (or a total of three years for a student who has completed a Master's Program, the first division [of the Graduate Program] or professional degree program within two years). In such cases, the stipulations of Article 27 shall not apply.

4 Certification of program completion as described in the preceding three paragraphs shall be conducted by the Faculty Council.

(Long-Term Enrollment)

Article 30 Master's Program students who wish to complete their studies in a planned manner over a specific period of time that exceeds the standard period of enrollment due to working or other circumstances may undertake said planned enrollment (hereinafter referred to as "long-term enrollment") after obtaining permission from the dean.

2 Necessary matters concerning long-term enrollment shall be stipulated separately.

(Conferral of Degrees)

Article 31 Master's degrees or doctoral degrees will be conferred on persons who have completed respective programs.

2 When conferring the degrees listed in the preceding paragraph, the title of the field of study will be indicated as listed below:

Master of Arts/Doctor of Philosophy Master/Doctor of Education Master/Doctor of Science

(Special Auditors)

Article 32 Students from a graduate school at another university with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Graduate School as special auditors shall submit their requests to the dean via their graduate schools as provided for separately.

2 The intake period for a special auditor shall be the beginning of the semester in which the subject he or she wishes to take is being offered, and the period of auditorship shall be the period for which said subject is offered.

(Special Research Students)

Article 33 Students from a graduate school at another university with whom the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Graduate School as special research students shall submit their requests to the dean via their graduate schools as provided for separately.

2 As a rule, the research period of special research students shall not exceed one year.

(Non-Degree Students)

Article 34 Persons who wish to enroll in specific subjects in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as non-degree students after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning non-degree students shall be stipulated separately.

(Auditors)

Article 35 Persons who wish to audit specific subjects in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as auditors after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Necessary matters concerning auditors shall be stipulated separately.

(Research Students)

Article 36 Persons who wish to research a specific topic in the Graduate School may be permitted to enroll as research students after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Research students shall conduct research under the supervision of a faculty member of the Graduate School.

3 Necessary matters concerning research students shall be stipulated separately.

(Acquisition of Qualifications for Obtaining a Teacher's License)

Article 37 Persons in the Master's Program who wish to acquire the qualifications for obtaining a teacher's license must earn the prescribed credits stipulated in the School Teacher's License Act (Act No. 147 of 1949) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Teacher's License Act (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 26 of 1954).

2 The types and subject areas of teacher's license for which qualifications can be obtained in the Master's Program are as listed in Appended Table 2.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 38 In addition to the stipulations in these rules, the Faculty Council shall stipulate any necessary matters concerning the implementation of these rules.

Supplementary Provisions

These rules come into effect on April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (September 28, 2007)

These rules come into effect on October 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2008)

These rules come into effect on March 31, 2008, but the stipulations in the revised Article 8, Paragraph 1, Items 2 and 8 shall apply from December 26, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (March 12, 2009)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2009.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2009, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (May 27, 2009)

These rules come into effect on June 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provisions (February 2, 2010)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2010.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2010, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2011)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2011.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2011, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 21, 2012)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2012.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2012, the previous rules shall remain applicable, except for the revised provisions of Article 24, Paragraph 1.

Supplementary Provisions (August 30, 2012)

These rules come into effect on October 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (March 27, 2013)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2013.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2013, the previous rules shall remain applicable, except for the revised provisions of Article 8.

Supplementary Provisions (March 26, 2014)

1 These rules come into effect on April 1, 2014.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these Rules (hereinafter referred to as "enrolled students") and persons who are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as an enrolled student on or after April 1, 2014, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table 1.

Supplementary Provisions (July 1, 2014)

These rules come into effect on July 1, 2014, but the stipulations in the revised Kobe University Graduate School of Human Development and Environment Rules shall apply from April 1, 2014.