

高知工科大学学位規程

Kochi University of Technology Degree Regulations

If there are any discrepancies between the English version and the Japanese version, the Japanese version shall prevail.

Chapter 1: General Provisions

(Purpose)

Article 1 In accordance with the provisions of Article 13, Clause 1 of the Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture's Degree Regulations (Ordinance No. 9, 1953), these regulations shall establish the necessary matters concerning degrees conferred by Kochi University of Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "University"), in conjunction with those stipulated in Kochi University of Technology Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "KUT Regulations").

(Degree titles)

Article 2 All degrees conferred by the University shall be in accordance with Article 60, Clause 1 and Article 83, Clauses 1 and 2 of the KUT Regulations.

2-2 Whenever a person who has been awarded a degree by the University uses their degree title, they shall include the name of the University.

Chapter 2: Bachelor's Degrees

(Degree requirements)

Article 3 Bachelor's degrees shall be conferred upon those who have graduated from the University in accordance with KUT Regulations.

(Assessment for granting degrees, etc.)

Article 4 The university president shall make the final decision to grant degrees after the Faculty Council has deliberated and approved graduation.

4-2 The diploma for bachelor's degrees shall be in the format specified in Form 1.

Chapter 3: Master's and Doctoral Degrees

(Degree requirements)

Article 5 A master's degree shall be conferred on those who have completed the master's program in accordance with KUT Regulations.

5-2 A doctoral degree shall be conferred on those who have completed the doctoral program in accordance with KUT Regulations.

(Doctoral degree examination categories)

Article 6 Doctoral degrees shall be judged and conferred under the two categories of Advanced Engineer and Advanced Researcher. However, all degrees conferred through the Special Course for Mid-career Professionals shall be evaluated under the Advanced Researcher .

(Advanced Researcher)

Article 7 The Doctoral degree under Advanced Researcher shall be conferred on individuals recognized as having achieved outstanding research results and possessing advanced research capabilities in cutting-edge research fields.

7-2 Applicants for Doctoral degree under Advanced Researcher examinations must first pass a preliminary assessment (hereinafter referred to as the “preliminary assessment”) at least one year prior. However, this period may be shortened for those seeking early completion in accordance with Article 81, Clauses 2 and 3 of the KUT Regulations. In addition, applicants wishing to enroll in the Special Course for Mid-career Professionals must undergo the preliminary assessment during the admission selection process.

(Doctor of Advanced Engineer)

Article 8 The Doctor of Advanced Engineer degree shall be conferred on individuals who are recognized as having acquired advanced specialized knowledge in their respective field and the potential to contribute as highly skilled technical professionals,

8-2 Those seeking to apply for a Doctor of Advanced Engineer examination must first pass the Academic Achievement Assessment Interview at least six months prior.

(Degree applications)

Article 9 Only students enrolled in the above programs are eligible to apply for a master's or doctoral degree.

9-2 Applicants for master's or doctoral degrees shall submit a degree application form along with their dissertation/thesis to the university president within the designated application period.

9-3 Applicants may be asked to submit reference materials when necessary for their dissertation/thesis evaluations.

9-4 Once submitted, dissertations, theses, and other materials will not be returned.

(Thesis/dissertation evaluation and testing)

Article 10 In accordance with KUT Regulations (Article 80, Clause 1 and Article 81, Clause 1), the assessment and examination of dissertations and theses shall be conducted by an assessment

committee established for each submitted dissertation or thesis.

10-2 Master's theses assessment and examination shall be conducted by an assessment committee of three or more members appointed by the head of the course to which the applying student belongs.

10-3 Doctoral dissertation assessment evaluation and examination shall be conducted by an assessment committee of five or more members who have been recommended by the applying student's main supervisor and approved by the Graduate School Doctoral Program Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Doctoral Program Committee").

10-4 The tests mentioned above in Clause 1 shall focus on the thesis/dissertation and related subjects and be conducted either orally or in writing.

10-5 Members of the assessment committees mentioned above in Clauses 2 and 3 may include faculty members from other graduate schools or research institutions, However, their number must not exceed half the total number of committee members.

(Evaluation period)

Article 11 In accordance with the provisions of the KUT Regulations (Article 9, Clause 2), the assessment and examination of theses/dissertations submitted by degree applicants shall be completed within three months. However, this period may be extended with the express approval of the university president.

(Decision on granting master's degrees)

Article 12 The assessment committees stipulated above in Article 10, Clause 1 shall report the results of their thesis assessment and examination to the university president via the head of the course to which the applying student belongs.

12-2 Based on the reports stipulated in the preceding clause and following deliberation by the Faculty Council, the university president shall certify program completion and make the final decision on granting a degree.

(Decision on granting doctoral degrees)

Article 13 The assessment committees stipulated above in Article 10, Clause 1 shall report the results of their dissertation assessment and examination, along with a written opinion, to the dean of the Graduate School of Engineering.

13-2 The dean of the Graduate School of Engineering shall convene the Doctoral Program Committee and, using the reports mentioned in the preceding clause, conduct a preliminary review on whether to certify program completion and report the results to the university president.

13-3 Regarding the preliminary reviews mentioned in the preceding paragraph, a pass or fail decision shall require the consent of two-thirds or more of the attending Doctoral Program Committee

members, in accordance with Article 5 of the Doctoral Program Committee guidelines by Kochi University of Technology's Graduate School of Engineering.

13-4 Based on the reports stipulated above in the Clause 2 and following deliberation by the Faculty Council, the university president shall certify program completion and make the final decision on granting a degree.

(Degree conferral)

Article 14 The university president shall grant degrees to those who are eligible and notify those who have failed to meet the criteria of their results.

14-2 Master's degree diplomas shall be in the format specified in Form 2, and Doctoral degree diplomas shall be in format specified in Form 3.

(Degree conferral reporting)

Article 15 Following the conferral of a doctoral degree, the University shall submit a Degree Conferral Report to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology within three months of the conferral date.

(Dissertation abstract publication)

Article 16 Following the conferral of a doctoral degree, the University shall, within three months of the conferral date, publish online abstracts of the said dissertation's content and evaluation results.

(Dissertation publication)

Article 17 Following the conferral of a doctoral degree, the University shall, within one year of the conferral date, publish the full text of the dissertation pertaining to the said doctoral degree.

17-2 Notwithstanding the preceding clause, the University may publish a summary of a dissertation in place of the full text if the doctoral degree recipient makes such a request, and the University deems the situation unavoidable. In such cases, the University shall make the full text of such dissertations available for viewing upon request.

17-3 The publication stipulated in the preceding two clauses shall be conducted via the internet.

(Revocation of master's and doctoral degrees)

Article 18 If it is found that someone who was granted a degree from the University obtained their degree through fraudulent means, the university president shall, after deliberation with the Faculty Council, revoke the degree, have the diploma returned, and publicly announce this fact.

18-2 If the recipient of a degree commits an act that brings dishonor to that degree, their degree may be revoked in similar fashion to the preceding clause.

18-3 When the Faculty Council makes the decision to revoke a degree as stipulated in the preceding two clauses, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5, Clause 4 of the Kochi University of Technology's Faculty Council Regulations, it shall require the consent of at least two-thirds of the members in attendance at the Faculty Council meeting.

Chapter 4: Miscellaneous Provisions

(Other)

Article 19 Matters not specified in these regulations shall be stipulated separately as necessary.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 1999.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2000.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on December 4, 2000.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2001.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2002.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2003.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on February 18, 2004.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2004.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2007.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2008.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2009. However, the provisions regarding bachelor's degree titles stipulated in Article 2 and the format of diplomas specified in the separately attached forms shall apply only to students who enrolled in the 2009 academic year or later, while the previous regulations shall continue to apply to students who enrolled in the 2008 academic year or

earlier.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2013.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2015.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2018, and shall apply to students who enrolled in the 2018 academic year or later.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2024.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2025.