

高知工科大学学位規程

Degree Regulations of Kochi University of Technology

Chapter 1: General regulations

(Purpose)

Article 1

These regulations shall govern matters stipulated by Kochi University of Technology Regulations (hereafter “KUT Regulations”) and other necessary matters regarding degrees granted by Kochi University of Technology (hereafter “KUT”), based on the rules set out in Article 13-1 of *Degree Regulations* (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953).

(Types of degree)

Article 2

Degrees granted by KUT shall be bachelor’s (engineering, science and engineering, information engineering, economics or management), master’s (engineering or arts and sciences), and doctorate (engineering or philosophy).

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When a person who has been granted a degree cites his/her degree, he/she must add the name of KUT.

Chapter 2: Bachelor’s degree

(Granting a bachelor’s degree)

Article 3

Approvals by the president of KUT as stipulated in Article 58 and 59 of KUT Regulations must be discussed at the Faculty Council.

(Diploma)

Article 4

The diploma for a bachelor’s degree shall be in accordance with the separate sheet Form 1 or Form 2.

Chapter 3: Master’s degree and doctorate degree

(Granting a master’s degree)

Article 5

A master’s degree shall be granted to those who have completed the master’s program in line with KUT Regulations.

(Granting a doctorate degree)

Article 6

A doctorate degree shall be granted to those who have completed the doctoral program in line with KUT Regulations.

(Advanced engineer)

Article 7

A doctorate (advanced engineer) shall be granted to those who have been accredited as having acquired advanced expertise, mainly in the relevant field; have been judged on the basis of performance as having the potential to become an advanced engineer in the future; and have passed the dissertation assessment.

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Those who intend to apply for a doctorate (advanced engineer) must pass the academic achievement assessment interview at least six months before the dissertation assessment.

(Advanced researcher)

Article 8

A doctorate (advanced researcher) shall be granted to those who are accredited as having achieved remarkable research outcomes and advanced research capability in a cutting edge research field and have passed the dissertation assessment.

8-2

Those who intend to apply for a doctorate (advanced researcher) must have published a research paper in a KUT designated academic society collection of papers and passed the preliminary assessment of doctoral dissertation (hereafter “preliminary assessment”) at least one year before the dissertation assessment. Those who wish to enroll in the Special Course for Mid-career Professionals at KUT graduate school are also permitted to take the preliminary assessment.

(Special case for granting a degree)

Article 9

Despite the regulation stipulated in Article 6, those who have studied in KUT’s doctoral program for three years or longer, have acquired the prescribed credits and left school after fulfilling the requirements stipulated in Article 7-2 or Article 8-2 above may be approved upon application for a doctorate degree and be granted a degree only if application is made within three years of withdrawal from school.

(Application for a degree)

Article 10

Those who are going to apply for either a master’s or a doctorate degree must submit a degree application form along with copies of the dissertation or thesis (one copy in the case of master’s and two copies in the case of doctorate) to the president of KUT.

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In some cases submission of reference materials may be required as necessary for assessment of the dissertation or thesis.

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Dissertations or theses and other documents will not be returned once they have been submitted.

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The form for the degree application stipulated in Article 10-1 above shall be stipulated separately.

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The period for submission of degree applications is June or December.

(Assessment for granting of a degree)

Article 11

Assessments regarding granting of a master's or doctorate degree shall be conducted based on the *Guidelines for degree granting judgment* formulated by the Education and Research Council.

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The head of the master's program course shall appoint an assessment committee of three or more members to assess the master's thesis.

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Prior to the assessment described in Article 11-1, the main supervisor of the doctoral student shall appoint five or more assessment committee members to assess the doctoral dissertation, and shall obtain the approval of the Graduate School Doctoral Program Committee (hereafter "Doctoral Program Committee").

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The assessment committee members of the doctoral student must submit written opinions regarding the relevant dissertation to the dean of the graduate school after the assessment is completed.

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The final examination stipulated in Article 80-1 and 81-1 of the KUT Regulations shall be conducted in either oral or written form, centered around the dissertation and related subjects.

(Assessment period)

Article 12

The assessment period shall be three months or shorter. However, if the Education and Research Council specifically approves, the period can be extended.

(Decision to grant a master's degree)

Article 13

Approval by the president of KUT as stipulated in Article 82 of KUT Regulations must be discussed at the Faculty Council

13-2

The head of the master's program course shall create an *Assessment of master's thesis and final examination result report* and submit it to the president of KUT.

(Decision to grant a doctorate degree)

Article 14

Approval by the president of KUT, as stipulated in Article 82 of KUT Regulations, must be discussed at the Faculty Council

14-2

Based on the *Assessment of doctoral dissertation and final examination result report*, the dean of the graduate school shall hold a Doctoral Program Committee meeting, discuss whether or not to approve a dissertation and report the decision to the president.

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To approve a dissertation as stipulated in Article 14-2, the approval of two thirds or more of the Doctoral Program Committee members participating in the meeting is required.

(Granting a degree)

Article 15

The president of KUT shall grant a degree to those who are qualified, and, for those who are judged not to be granted, shall notify them of that result.

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The diploma for a master's degree shall be in accordance with Form 2 (separate) and for doctorate degree shall be in accordance with Form 3 (separate).

(Degree granting report)

Article 16

When granting a doctorate degree, KUT shall submit a degree granting report to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology within three months of the date of granting of the degree.

(Announcement of degree granting)

Article 17

When granting a doctorate degree, KUT shall announce on the Internet in outline form the content of the dissertation related to the granting of the degree and an outline of the result of the dissertation assessment within three months of the date of the granting of the degree.

(Publication of dissertation)

Article 18

When granting a doctorate degree, KUT shall publish the entire dissertation related to the granting of the degree within one year of the date of the granting of the degree.

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Despite the regulation in Article 18-1, if KUT acknowledges, at the request of the person who was granted a doctorate degree, that there are mitigating circumstances, KUT can publish a summary of the dissertation related to the granting of the degree instead of the entire dissertation. In this case, KUT shall offer the entire dissertation for viewing upon demand.

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The publication stipulated in Article 18-2 shall be on the Internet.

(Revocation of a master's or doctorate degree)

Article 19

When it is confirmed that a person who was granted a degree committed unethical behavior in the research, the president shall revoke the degree after discussion at the Faculty Council, have the person return the diploma and publicly announce the fact.

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When it is confirmed that a person who was granted a degree committed some action that dishonors that degree, the degree may be revoked in line with Article 19-1 above.

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When the Faculty Council reaches a decision regarding a case as in Article 19-2 above, the approval of two thirds or more of the participants at the Faculty Council is required, despite the stipulation of Article 5-4 of the

KUT Faculty Council Regulations.

(Miscellaneous regulations)

Article 20

Necessary provisions in addition to these regulations shall be stipulated separately.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 1999.

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These regulations shall be in effect as of December 4, 2000.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2001.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2002.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2003.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of February 18, 2004.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2004.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2007.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2008.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2009. However, the regulation governing the names of bachelor degrees, as stipulated in Article 2 and the form of diplomas, as stipulated in the separate sheet, shall apply to those who enrolled in academic year 2009 and thereafter; and the previous regulations shall apply to those who enrolled in 2008 or earlier.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall be in effect as of April 1, 2013.