

Internal Regulations on the Acceptance of Master's Program Students from Foreign Partner Universities into the Master's Program at the Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University and Corresponding Completion Requirements

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(Purpose)

Article 1. In accordance with Article 19, Paragraph 2 of the Regulations of the Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter the "Regulations of the Graduate School of Economics"), these internal regulations stipulate the acceptance of Master's Program students (hereinafter "International Students") from foreign partner universities (hereinafter "Partner Universities") into the Master's Program at the Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University (hereinafter the "Master's Program") for the purpose of obtaining a double degree and prescribes the corresponding completion requirements.

(Admissions)

Article 2. Applicants shall be selected for admission based on the results of recommendation entrance examinations, which an applicant can take provided that he or she has obtained an official recommendation from his or her Partner University.

(Selection method)

Article 3. Successful applicants shall be selected based on the following documents and discussions with the Faculty Council.

- (1) Official recommendation from the corresponding Partner University
- (2) Curriculum vitae
- (3) Transcript
- (4) Research proposal

(Course of study)

Article 4. International Students shall enroll in the Two-Year Master's Program

(Course-taking requirements)

Article 5. The course-taking requirements for International Students shall be the same as those for international students in the Two-Year Master's Program (students who enrolled via Special Examinations for International Students; hereinafter "Specially Selected International Students").

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding Paragraph, International Students may take Special Research in Year 1.
3. Students may apply up to 4 credits earned under the provisions of the preceding Paragraph toward their credits required for completion of the Master's Program.

(Recognition of credits acquired prior to enrollment)

Article 6. In accordance with Article 75 of the Kobe University General Rules for Students, a student may, after discussions by the Faculty Council, apply up to 10 credits already acquired at a Partner University toward his or her credits required for completion of the Master's Program.

(Taking courses outside the Graduate School)

Article 7. In accordance with Article 14 of the Regulations of the Graduate School of Economics, International Students may take classes outside the Graduate School of Economics.

2. In order to take classes under the provisions of the preceding Paragraph, students shall obtain the permission of the Dean of the corresponding Graduate School through the Dean of the Graduate School of Economics.
3. Students may apply up to a combined total of 14 credits earned under the provisions of Paragraph 1 and/or credits acquired prior to enrollment and recognized by the Graduate School of Economics under the provisions of Article 6 toward their credits required for completion of the Master's Program.

(Master's Program completion requirements)

Article 8. International Students who earn the 30 credits required for completion of the Master's Program at exceptional levels of academic performance may complete the Master's Program in 1 year (two semesters) or 1 and a half years (three semesters) after discussions by the Faculty Council.

2. International Students who take 2 or more years to complete the Master's Program shall be subject to the completion requirements for Specially Selected International Students.

(Exceptional levels of academic performance)

Article 9. To achieve exceptional levels of academic performance as stipulated in Article 8, Paragraph 1, an International Student must fall under any of the following Items.

- (1) If the student submits a master's thesis: The student must receive an S or A on his or her master's thesis.
- (2) If the student does not submit a master's thesis or does not receive an S or A on his or her master's thesis: The student must receive an S or A on each of the term papers that he or she submits in 2 separate semesters.

Supplementary provision

These regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2011.

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