NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY
International College
Master's Program in Biodiversity Rules for Academic Requirements

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Article 1 National Taiwan University (NTU or "the University") International College Master's Program in Biodiversity ("the Program") formulates the NTU International College Master's Program in Biodiversity Rules for Academic Requirements ("the Rules") in accordance with the Degree Conferral Act and the NTU Rules Governing Thesis/Dissertation Defense.

Article 2 The maximum period of study of the Program is four years. Leave of absence may not exceed two years.

Article 3 Students of the Program may follow the Academic Track or the Practical Track to graduate.

1. Academic Track: Students shall complete the master's oral defense and then submit their theses.
2. Practical Track: Students shall complete designated courses in the first semester, pass the review of their Professional Internship Proposal, participate in professional internships, complete a Professional Practice Thesis, pass the master's oral defense, and then submit the professional practice thesis.

Article 4 Students of the Program shall complete at least 24 credits.

There are 10 credits of Required Courses, and the rules are listed as follows:

1. Biodiversity and Conservation Biology (2 credits).
2. Human Dimensions of Biodiversity (2 credits).
3. Seminars in Biodiversity (1 credit, shall be taken four times for a total of 4 credits).
4. Students following the Academic Track referenced in Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article shall complete the course Research Training, which is offered by their advisors (1 credit, which shall be taken twice for a total of 2 credits).
5. Students following the Practical Track referenced in Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article shall complete the course Internship in Biodiversity (1 credit, which shall be taken twice for a total of 2 credits).
6. Thesis (M.S.) (0 credit).

Required Elective Courses: Choose at least one 3-credit course from the “Biostatistics and Data Analysis course group”.

Elective Courses: Students shall complete at least 11 credits of elective courses, including at least 5 credits from courses offered by the Program.

Article 5 All students in the Program, except those following the Practical Track, shall follow the Academic Track.

Students who wish to take the Practical Track shall complete the course Biodiversity and Conservation Biology in the first semester and submit the Application Form and the Internship Proposal to the Program's Student Off-Campus Internship Committee for evaluation.

Only students who apply for professional internships as outlined in the preceding Paragraph and pass the review may begin their internships. Only those who have completed their internships may apply to the Program for their master's degree examinations.

Students who apply for professional internships as outlined in Paragraph 2 and have their applications rejected may reapply in the following semester.

Students who apply for professional internships as outlined in Paragraph 2 and pass the review may switch track to the Academic Track with their advisors' approval. However, such change may only be conducted once.

Article 6 Students who wish to apply for degree examinations shall submit their application during the semester in which they expect to complete all credits and courses specified in Article 4, complete thesis related courses mentioned in Article 4, Paragraph 2, Subparagraph 4, and then obtain their advisors' approval during the same semester. Only students who meet these conditions may apply to the Program for degree examinations.

Students in the Program shall abide by the following rules when writing their thesis:

Students of the Academic Track: Thesis topics shall be relevant to the results of their Research Training courses.

Students of the Practical Track: Thesis topics shall be relevant to the results of their Internship in Biodiversity courses.

The application deadline for the degree examination referred to in Paragraph 1 shall comply with the University's announcement.

Article 7 Students who pass the degree examination shall submit their completed theses and relevant documents in accordance with Article 9, Paragraphs 3 through 6 of the NTU Rules Governing Thesis/Dissertation Defense before the departure procedures may be carried out.

Students who do not pass the examination and have not reached their maximum period of study may retake the degree examination once more in the following semester or academic year. Students who fail their second attempt shall be withdrawn from the Program.

If students in the Program have applied for the degree examination but are unable to complete it due to unforeseen circumstances, they shall report the situation and apply to the University to withdraw from the examination before the end of the current semester as scheduled in the NTU Academic Calendar.

Students who fail to withdraw their application or take their degree examination by the specified end of the semester shall be deemed to have used one of their degree examination attempts.

Article 8 The Master's Degree Examination Committee shall consist of 3 to 5 members, including the student's advisor as the ex officio member.

The remaining committee members shall be recommended by the advisor from among the qualified candidates specified in Article 5, Subparagraph 3 of the NTU Rules Governing Thesis/Dissertation Defense, approved by the Director of the Program, and then appointed by the NTU President.

There shall be at least two such committee members mentioned in the preceding Paragraph, one of which shall not be a faculty member of the Program.

Article 9 The internship institutions mentioned in Article 5, Paragraph 2 refer to those that have been approved and announced by the Student Off-Campus Internship Committee.

Only institutions or organizations that meet the following conditions may be approved as internship institutions:

1. The institution operates in the field of biodiversity.
2. They have sufficient manpower to supervise internships and the capability of instructing students in English.

Students who wish to undertake professional internships at institutions or organizations not listed in Paragraph 1 shall first obtain approval from the institution or organization, and submit their application to the Professional Internship Committee, with the Student Off-Campus Internship Committee Application Form attached. Students may only proceed with their professional internship at the institution or organization after receiving approval from the Student Off-Campus Internship Committee.

Article 10 Matters not addressed herein shall be handled in accordance with the Degree Conferral Act, the NTU Academic Regulations, the NTU Rules Governing Thesis/Dissertation Defense, and other relevant regulations.

Article 11 The Rules shall be passed by the Program Affairs Committee and College Affairs Meeting, and then implemented on the date of promulgation.