

National Sun Yat-Sen University

Guidelines for Direct Admission into Ph.D. Program

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- Article 1 The Guidelines are established in accordance with article 23 item 4 of the University Act and the “Direct Admission into the Ph.D. Program Guidelines for Students Graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree and Graduate Students in the Master’s Degree Program” as established by the Ministry of Education.
- Article 2 Students graduating with a Bachelor’s degree and graduate students who have finished the Master’s program (including the professional Master’s program) for more than one year with good academic achievement are allowed to be admitted into the Ph. D program if the following requirements are met.
1. Students graduating with a Bachelor degree
 - (1) The average academic grade during the study period ranks in the Top 10% among the students in the class of the department and shows the potential for further study;
 - (2) The student is evaluated, in special circumstances, by the department, institute or degree program as having the potential for further study.
 2. Graduate students of the Master’s program (including professional Master program)
 - (1) The average academic grade during the study period ranks in the Top 33% among the students of the Master program (including professional Master program) in the class of the department and shows the potential for further study;
 - (2) The student is evaluated, in special circumstance, by the department, institute or degree program as having the potential for further study.
- Article 3 The quota for direct admission into the Ph. D program allocated for each department, institute or degree program in each academic year shall not exceed 40% of the quota for the Ph.D. program as approved by the Ministry of Education for that department, institute or degree program in each academic year. When calculating the quota, the number shall be rounded off to the nearest decimal place. In case less than 5 students are recruited, no more than 2 students are allowed to be admitted into the Ph. D program directly.
- The quota referred to in the previous section is included in the total number of recruitment approved by the Ministry of Education for the current academic year.
- Article 4 The students of the Bachelor’s program may apply for direct admission into the Ph. D program in October every year, while the students of the Master’s program (including

professional Master program) may apply for direct admission into the Ph. D program in the summer and winter vacations.

The actual commencement day of the application is specified in the calendar of the university.

Article 5 The student who applies for direct admission into the Ph. D program needs to submit the following documentation to the desired department, institute, or degree program within the specified timeframe:

- (1) Application form;
- (2) The transcript of the Bachelor's or Master's program (including professional Master's program) in each academic year;
- (3) The recommendations of two associate professors (or above) of the original department, institute or degree program;
- (4) Other documents requested by the department, institute or degree program.

The documents referred to above are subject to review at the meeting of department affairs, institute affairs, or degree program. The result of the review, together with the minutes, will be sent to the president for approval through the Office of Academic Affairs. Direct admission into the Ph. D program is allowed only after the application is approved by the president.

Article 6 The student who is allowed to admit into the Ph. D program directly becomes the freshman of the Ph. D program in the academic year when the application is approved. The regulations for the study are determined by the department, institute or degree program.

Article 7 The undergraduate student who has been accepted for direct admission into the Ph. D program must obtain the Bachelor's degree in the current academic year and enroll in the Ph. D program in the next academic year. The qualification for the Ph. D program will not be reserved for the student.

Students referred to in the previous section that graduate one semester ahead with outstanding academic performance may enroll in the Ph. D program in the next semester after obtaining the Bachelor's degree.

Article 8 A student who has admitted into the Ph. D program directly may transfer (back) to the Master's program (including professional Master's program), subject to the resolution at the meeting of the department, institute, or degree program and approval of the president, if he/she discontinues the Ph. D program for whatever reasons or does not pass the qualifying examination for the Ph. D degree.

No application for direct admission into the Ph. D program is allowed after the student transfers (back) to the Master's program (including professional Master's program).

A Master's degree may be conferred on a student who has finished all required courses of the Master's program (including professional Master's program), presenting a Master's thesis, and passed the examination specified by the examination committee. The study period that the student has spent for the Ph. D program will not be

incorporated in the calculation of the maximum study period for the Master program (including professional Master program).

Article 9 The department, institute or degree program may confer the Master's degree on a student who studies in the Ph. D program directly if he/she has passed the qualifying examination for a Ph. D candidate but failed in the Ph. D degree examination, and his/her doctoral dissertation is confirmed by the examination committee as meeting the requirements for the Master degree.

Article 10 The graduate student of the Master's program (including professional Master program) who is allowed to be admitted into the Ph. D program directly shall not take the examination for the Master's degree. The enrollment status of the student for the direct admission into Ph. D program will be revoked if he/she passes the examination for the Master and Ph. D degrees simultaneously.

Article 11 The Guidelines are passed at the meeting of academic affairs and implemented after being approved by the president. The same procedure is applicable to the amendment of the Guidelines.

(These guidelines are enacted in Chinese, which shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English translation and the Chinese original.)