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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Purpose:

Article 1. The Regulations prescribe matters necessary to the conferment of academic degrees by Hiroshima University (hereafter, This University), based on the stipulations set forth in Article 13, Paragraph 1 of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 9 of 1953), Article 46, Paragraph 2 of Hiroshima University General Provisions (April 1, 2004 Regulation No. 2), and Article 46, Paragraph 3 of Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations (January 15, 2008 Regulation No. 2).

Chapter 2 Requirements for Degree Conferral & Majors

Requirements for Degree Conferral:

Article 2. A bachelor's degree shall be conferred upon a person who graduates from This University.

(2) A master's, doctorate, or professional degree shall be conferred upon a person who completes a course of study at This Graduate School.

(3) In addition to the matters prescribed in the preceding two paragraphs, a doctorate degree shall be conferred even upon a person who does not undertake a doctorate course at This Graduate School when such a person submits a dissertation, and passes screening of the dissertation and an interview.

Names of Majors:

Article 3. The names of the majors set forth in Appended Table 1 shall be affixed when conferring a bachelor's degree.

(2) The names of the majors set forth in Appended Table 2 shall be affixed when conferring a master's degree and doctorate degree.

- (3) The names of the majors set forth in Appended Table 3 shall be affixed when conferring a professional degree.

Chapter 3 Application for Doctorate Degree Conferral & Method of Dissertation
Screening, etc.

Application for Doctorate Degree Conferral & Acceptance:

Article 4. A single dissertation shall be required to apply for conferment of a doctorate degree, of which 2 copies shall be submitted. However, a separate paper may be attached for reference.

- (2) When necessary for screening of the dissertation set forth in the preceding paragraph, the submission of a translation of the dissertation, model, sample, etc. may be required.
- (3) In cases where a person to which Article 2, Paragraph 3 is applicable applies for conferment of a doctorate degree, s/he shall indicate the name of the major to be affixed to the degree and submit a Degree Application Form to the president through the dean of the relevant graduate school or basic organizations for the delivery of inter-graduate school programs (hereinafter referred to as “Graduate Schools, etc.”), along with a dissertation, table of contents, summary, curriculum vitae, and screening fee of 57,000 yen. However, a person who had been enrolled in a doctorate course at This Graduate School for a period exceeding the predetermined term of study, acquired predetermined credits (in cases where the acquisition of credits in a second term doctorate course is not prescribed, the acquisition of credits is not required), and withdrawn after receiving instruction on such as creating a dissertation (hereafter, a Person Who Withdrew After Completing Curricula in a Doctorate Course at This Graduate School), may be exempt from the screening fee when applying for conferment of a doctorate degree within 1 year from the time of withdrawal, without being readmitted.
- (4) When a dissertation is submitted in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the president may entrust the screening to a faculty meeting (hereafter, the Faculty Meeting) at Graduate Schools, etc. deemed appropriate based on the name of the major to be affixed to the degree.
- (5) The received dissertation and screening fee shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

Screening Committee/Interview Committee:

Article 5. The Faculty Meeting shall establish a Screening Committee consisting of at least 3 members for the purpose of screening the doctoral dissertation and conducting an examination.

- (2) The Faculty Meeting shall establish an Interview Committee consisting of at least 3 members for the purpose of conducting the interview prescribed in Article 2, Paragraph 3.

- (3) When deemed necessary by the Faculty Meeting, a teacher from relevant Graduate Schools, etc. or other Graduate Schools, etc. or a teacher, etc. from another graduate school or research institute, etc. may be included in the Screening Committee or Interview Committee.

Examination and Interview Methods:

Article 6. An examination shall focus on the doctoral dissertation and cover subjects related thereto.

- (2) Written and oral interviews shall be conducted to confirm whether the applicant possesses academic ability related to the major equal to, or greater than, persons who have completed a doctorate course at This Graduate School.
- (3) As a rule, 2 varieties of foreign languages shall be introduced in the interview set forth in the preceding paragraph. However, when the Faculty Meeting recognizes the existence of special circumstances, a single foreign language may be utilized.
- (4) When a dissertation is received from a Person Who Withdrew After Completing Curricula in a Doctorate Course at This Graduate School within a period prescribed by Graduate Schools, etc., an examination may be substituted for an interview, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Article 2, Paragraph 3.

Screening Period:

Article 7. The screening and examination or interview for a doctoral dissertation shall be completed within 1 year from the acceptance of the dissertation. However, when special circumstances exist, that period may be extended up to 1 year, following deliberations at the Faculty Meeting.

Screening Committee/Interview Committee Reports:

Article 8. When the screening and examination for a dissertation has been concluded, the Screening Committee must immediately report to the Faculty Meeting in writing a summary of the dissertation content, a summary of the dissertation screening, and a summary of the examination results.

- (2) When the interview has been concluded, the Interview Committee must immediately report to the Faculty Meeting in writing a summary of the results.

Faculty Meeting Discussions and Decisions:

Article 9. The Faculty Meeting shall make a decision as to whether a doctorate degree should be conferred, following discussions based on the reports set forth in the preceding article.

- (2) The decision set forth in the preceding paragraph requires the attendance of two-thirds of the members that make up the Faculty Meeting (excluding members overseas on business or undergoing long-term convalescence) and a consensus of at least two-thirds of the members in attendance.

- (3) When deemed necessary by the Faculty Meeting, a teacher from the relevant Graduate Schools, etc. or other Graduate Schools, etc. or a teacher, etc. from another graduate school or research institute, etc. may be required to attend the discussion. However, that attendee may not be included in the decision.

Faculty Meeting Report:

Article 10. When the Faculty Meeting deems that a doctorate degree may be granted, the dean of the Graduate Schools, etc. must inform the president in writing of a summary of the dissertation content, a summary of the results of the dissertation screening and examination, and a summary of the interview results together with the dissertation.

- (2) When the Faculty Meeting deems that a doctorate degree may not be granted, the dean of the Graduate Schools, etc. must report such intent to the president in writing.

Chapter 4 Doctorate Degree Conferral, etc.

Doctorate Degree Conferral:

Article 11. The president shall grant a diploma to a person to whom a doctorate degree is to be conferred based on the report in the preceding article, and to persons to whom a doctorate degree may not be conferred, a non-conferment notice shall be issued.

Record of Doctorate Degree Conferral:

Article 12. When This University grants conferral of a doctorate degree, the president shall make a record of it in a register of degrees and report it to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

Publicizing a Dissertation Summary:

Article 13. When This University grants conferral of a doctorate degree, a summary of the dissertation content related to the conferment of said doctorate degree and a summary of the results of the dissertation screening shall be publicized on the internet within 3 months from the date on which said doctorate degree is granted.

Publicizing the Dissertation:

Article 14. A person granted a doctorate degree from This University must publicize the entire dissertation related to the conferment of said doctorate degree within 1 year from the date on which said doctorate degree is granted. However, this shall not apply when publication has already taken place prior to the granting of said doctorate degree.

- (2) Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding paragraph, in cases where unavoidable circumstances exist, with the approval of the president, a person granted a doctorate degree may publicize an abstract of the content in place of the entire dissertation related to the conferment of said doctorate degree. In this case, the president shall make the dissertation available for inspection in its entirety upon request.

- (3) The publication provided for in the stipulations set forth in the preceding two paragraphs carried out by the person to whom the doctorate degree was granted shall be conducted on the internet with the cooperation of This University.
- (4) When publicizing the dissertation related to the conferment of said doctorate degree in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the preceding three paragraphs, “a degree dissertation screened by Hiroshima University” must be clearly written.

Chapter 5 Miscellaneous Provisions

Retraction of a Master’s, Doctorate, or Professional Degree Conferral:

Article 15. When a person granted a master’s, doctorate, or professional degree by This University falls under one of the following items, the president shall retract the conferment of the master’s, doctorate, or professional degree following discussions by an education and research council (hereafter, Council) and rescind the diploma.

- [1] When it is found that the master’s, doctorate, or professional degree was accepted through unjust means
 - [2] When a behavior is demonstrated that disgraces that honor
- (2) In cases where the discussion set forth in the preceding paragraph is carried out at the Council, the attendance of at least two-thirds of the Council members (excluding members overseas on business or undergoing long-term convalescence) and a consensus of at least three-fourths of the members in attendance shall be required.
 - (3) When a degree conferral is retracted, it shall be announced, along with the grounds for retraction.

Forms of Diploma, Written Application, etc., and Notice:

Article 16. The forms of diploma, written application, etc. set forth in Article 4, Paragraph 3, and the notice set forth in Article 11 shall be as provided for in Appended Form No. 1 to Appended Form No. 11.

Other:

Article 17. In addition to the prescriptions set forth in the Regulations, matters necessary to degree conferral shall be stipulated in each school or Graduate Schools, etc.

Supplementary Provisions

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2008.
2. The provisions then in force regarding the names of majors affixed to bachelor degrees for students admitted in or before FY2003 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Appended Table 1.
3. The provisions then in force regarding the names of majors affixed to master’s degrees or doctorate degrees for students admitted in or before FY2003 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Appended Table 2.

4. The conferment of a doctorate degree in accordance with the stipulations set forth in Article 2, Paragraph 3 shall be handled after conferring the same type of degree upon persons who have undergone a doctorate course at This Graduate School.

Supplementary Provisions (April 1, 2005 Regulation No. 31)

This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2005.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2006 Regulation No. 38)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2006.
2. The provisions then in force regarding the names of majors affixed to bachelor's degrees for students admitted to the School of General Pharmacology/Faculty of Medicine shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Appended Table 1 for the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Supplementary Provisions (May 15, 2007 Regulation No. 89)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from May 15, 2007.
2. The provisions then in force regarding forms for bachelor's diplomas for students admitted in or before FY2005 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Article 16 of the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Supplementary Provisions (January 15, 2008 Regulation No. 9)

This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2009 Regulation No. 16)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2009.
2. The provisions then in force regarding the names of majors affixed to degrees for students admitted in or before FY2008 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Appended Table 1 and Appended Table 2 for the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2010 Regulation No. 14)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2010.
2. The provisions then in force regarding the names of majors affixed to master's degrees for students admitted to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in or before FY2009 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Appended Table 2 for the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2011 Regulation No. 16)

This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2011.

Supplementary Provisions (August 2, 2011 Regulation No. 100)

This regulation shall come into effect from August 2, 2010, and the stipulations set forth in the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation shall be applied from July 1, 2011.

Supplementary Provisions (March 30, 2012 Regulation No. 27)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2012.
2. The provisions then in force regarding the names of majors affixed to degrees for students admitted to the Graduate School of Health Science or Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in or before FY2011 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Appended Table 2 for the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Supplementary Provisions (May 15, 2012 Regulation No. 102)

This regulation shall come into effect from October 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (March 29, 2013 Regulation No. 32)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2013.
2. The stipulations set forth in Article 13 of the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation (hereafter, New Regulations) shall be applied in cases where a doctorate degree was conferred on or after April 1, 2013. The provisions then in force regarding cases where a doctorate degree is conferred prior to that date shall remain applicable.
3. The stipulations set forth in Article 14 of the New Regulations shall be applied to persons conferred a doctorate degree on or after April 1, 2013. The provisions then in force regarding persons conferred a doctorate degree prior to that date shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 17, 2015 Regulation No. 17)

This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2015.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2016 Regulation No. 53)

This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (November 8, 2017 Regulation No. 146)

This regulation shall come into effect from November 8, 2017.

Supplementary Provisions (March 30, 2018 Regulation No. 58)
This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2018.

Supplementary Provisions (March 29, 2019 Regulation No. 29)
This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2019.

- Supplementary Provisions (March 25, 2020 Regulation No. 49)
1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2020.
 2. The provisions then in force regarding the names of majors affixed to degrees for students admitted to the Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences, Graduate School of Letters, Graduate School of Education, Graduate School of Social Sciences, Graduate School of Science, Graduate School of Advanced Sciences of Matter, Graduate School of Engineering, Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation or Hiroshima University Law School in or before March 31, 2020 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Appended Table 2 and Appended Table 3 for the Hiroshima University Degree Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Supplementary Provisions (August 1, 2020 Regulation No. 191)
This regulation shall come into effect from August 1, 2020.

Supplementary Provisions (September 15, 2020 Regulation No. 199)
This regulation shall come into effect from October 1, 2020.

Supplementary Provisions (January 18, 2022 Regulation No. 11)
This regulation shall come into effect from January 18, 2022.

Supplementary Provisions (February 14, 2023 Regulation No. 17)
This regulation shall come into effect from February 14, 2023.

Supplementary Provisions (March 29, 2023 Regulation No. 47)
This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2023.

Supplementary Provisions (August 7, 2023 Regulation No. 201)
This regulation shall come into effect from August 7, 2023.

Supplementary Provisions (March 11, 2025 Regulation No. 21)
This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2025.

Appended Table 1 (related to Article 3, Paragraph 1)

Name of Majors Affixed to Bachelor's Degrees

School Name	Name of Majors
School of Integrated Arts and Sciences	Liberal Arts
School of Letters	Arts
School of Education	Education
	Psychology
School of Law	Law
School of Economics	Economics
School of Science	Science
School of Medicine	Medicine
	Nursing Science
	Health Science
School of Dentistry	Dental Surgery
	Oral Health Science
School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences
	Medicinal Sciences
School of Engineering	Engineering
School of Applied Biological Science	Agriculture
School of Informatics and Data Science	Informatics and Data Science

Appended Table 2 (related to Article 3, Paragraph 2)

Name of Majors Affixed to Master's Degrees and Doctorate Degrees

Name of Graduate School, etc.	Name of Majors	
	Master's	Doctorate
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Arts	Philosophy in Humanities
	Psychology	Philosophy in Psychology
	Laws	Philosophy in Laws
	Economics	Philosophy in Economics
	Social Data Science	Philosophy in Management Sciences
	Management Sciences	Philosophy in Business Administration
	Business Administration	Philosophy in International Cooperation Studies
	International Cooperation Studies	Philosophy
	Philosophy Science	Philosophy in Education
	Education	Philosophy in Educational Psychology

	Educational Psychology	
	Education Data Science	
Graduate School of Advanced Science and Engineering	Science	Philosophy in Science
	Engineering	Philosophy in Engineering
	Informatics and Data Science	Philosophy in Informatics and Data Science
	International Cooperation Studies	Philosophy in International Cooperation Studies
	Philosophy Science	Philosophy
Graduate School of Integrated Sciences for Life	Science	Philosophy in Science
	Engineering	Philosophy in Engineering
	Agriculture	Philosophy in Agriculture
	Philosophy	Philosophy
Graduate School of Biomedical and Health Sciences	Medical Science	Philosophy in Medical Science
	Dental Science	Philosophy in Dental Science
	Public Health	Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Science
	Medicinal Science	Philosophy
	Science in Nursing	Philosophy in Medical Science
	Health Science	Philosophy in Dental Science
	Oral Health Science	Philosophy in Medicinal Science
	Philosophy	Philosophy in Nursing
		Philosophy in Health Science
		Philosophy in Oral Health Science
Graduate School of Innovation and Practice for Smart Society	Philosophy	Philosophy
		Philosophy in Engineering
		Philosophy in Informatics and Data Science
		Philosophy in Agriculture
		Philosophy in Health Science
		Philosophy in Medical Science
		Philosophy in Economics

Appended Table 3 (related to Article 3, Paragraph 3)

Name of Majors Affixed to Professional Degrees

School Name	Name of Degrees
Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences	Master of Education in Professional Development
	Juris Doctor

Appended Form No. 1 (related to Article 16)

Diploma

Appended Form No. 2 (related to Article 16)

Diploma

Appended Form No. 3 (related to Article 16)

Appended Form No. 4 (related to Article 16)

Diploma

Appended Form No. 5 (related to Article 16)

Diploma

Appended Form No. 6 (related to Article 16)

Diploma

Appended Form No. 7 (related to Article 16)

Diploma

Appended Form No. 8 (related to Article 16)

Diploma

Appended Form No. 9 (related to Article 16)

Degree Application Form

Appended Form No. 10 (related to Article 16)

Attached Documents for the Degree Application Form

Appended Form No. 11 (related to Article 16)

Form of Non-Conferment Notice issued to those who cannot be conferred a doctoral degree