

Study Process Regulations.
Department of Sun Yat-sen Thought and Mainland China Studies.

1. The First Article. Purpose.

Master program of the department of Sun Yat-sen Thought and Mainland China Studies (hereinafter referred to as "the department") is divided into Sun Yat-sen academic research group and Mainland China Studies research group, also the department has Mainland China Studies English program. Its purpose is to raise talented people with the knowledge of social sciences and interdisciplinary research training, and who are able to understand significance of the era of Sun Yat-sen thought and apply their knowledge into life. Taking Sun Yat-sen thought as a basis, to raise talents with a global vision and the ability to dedicate themselves to the research of mainland China and cross-strait relationship, also to raise working professionals with practical knowledge of globalization and regional development, cross-strait relations, the situation in mainland China and Taiwan's development experience.

For this purpose, there is the special order of rules for students to follow.

2. The Second Article. Admission.

Students who obtained bachelor degree in domestic, foreign or independent college, recognized by Ministry of Education (including this year graduates) or students who meet the "categorized standards of equal university enrollment" and those who participated and passed selection test or admission exam, after the admission announcement are officialy enrolled in the Master program of this department.

About admission rules of English program of China Studies please contact office of International and Cross-strait affairs.

3. The Third Article. Classification of Research Fields and Research Capacity.

This department has a unified entrance examination, but officialy devided into two major research groups: Sun Yat-sen thought research group and mainland China Studies research group. Each group has elective and required courses. Credit schedule of English-Teaching Program is specified in the eleventh article of this regulations.

The master's program students are required to have the research capability, to be ready for attending social science research methods, research design and thesis writing courses.

The department is aimed at training graduate students professional research capacity through carrying out interviews, fieldwork, case studies, seminars, symposia and journal articles, papers published in various ways Symposium guidance and seminars and journal articles and publishing thesis papers, guidance while writing the thesis; the department also set up internship program to enhance students' ability to learn to use application of their knowledge in a real life.

To cultivate students' social research ability, students of the department are required to publish at least one seminar paper or take part in a public conference.

Students may publish their articles in journals and periodicals instead of seminar paper.

4. The Fourth Article. Study Credits Requirements.

Students' study credits and results as well as required courses, selective courses, basic courses, language courses, are calculated in accordance with the University "Study Principles", "Rules of Choosing Credits", the study year "Academic Degree Checking List", Study Rules of this department and other related regulations.

To graduate from this program each student must complete not less than 34 credits.

34 credits of Sun Yat-sen department include 5 required courses, that give 10 credits in total: social science research methods, research design and thesis writing, Sun Yat-sen doctrine and national development, theory and practical experience of Taiwan's development, globalization and national development, other courses are selective, students can choose up to 4 credits from other departments (including domestic and overseas).

Department of China Studies among of 34 credits includes 5 required courses, that give 10 credits in total: social science research methods, research design and thesis writing, inquiry about selected topics in mainland China, research on cross-strait relations, history of Communist Party, other courses are selective, students can choose up to 4 credits from other departments (including domestic and overseas).

Every semester each student have to take at least 2 credits, but not more than 12 credits.

Cases of students with exceptional circumstances are decided via the head of the department, these restrictions do not apply to those, whose cases were approved.

Students whose master scientific level doesn't fit requirements of this department should catch up with needed credits, so all their credits will meet the bottom line of credits listed in Academic position register book. Students from non social science departments should choose one of the following credits: politics, sociology or economics.

Master program grade system comes as follows: maximum grade is 100, the minimum required grade is 70.

5. The Fifth Article. Regulations of the Department on the Research Proposal.

The earliest time students can hand in the research proposal is the second semester of the first year.

Students of the Master Program of this department have to pass the procedure of research proposal examination, the members of the research proposal examination committee are appointed by the head of the department, the examination committee is aimed at making constructive remarks on the student's research proposal, examination results can be as follows: unconditionally approved, approved with correction, not approved, the decision is carried out by majority of votes.

At this department the examination of research proposal is organized at the end of each semester, its main goal is to help students to find the research direction, to guarantee quality of research and to make sure that the thesis would be approved after finishing.

For the reference, the content of research proposal comes as follows: thesis title, research motivation, research purpose, research value, research approach, research methodology, literature review, research structure, expected results or contribution, research time, its format has to be in accordance with stipulations of this department.

To register for research proposal examination students have to fill in the related documents, after checking and ratifying it can be done in the same semester.

The place of the research proposal examination is decided in accordance with regulations of this department.

In accordance with the content of students' research proposal, the committee is discussing what amendments are needed to be made, if the committee decided that there is need for corrections, students have to make them according to the committee's advice, after amendments are made, the Master thesis research proposal has to be reviewed by the original examination committee one more time and get the approval of all members, review may be made more than one time. After research proposal is approved by the department, students may report to the University topic of master thesis and name of advisor.

6. The Sixth Article. Department's Stipulated conditions of preliminary screening of the Master's degree thesis.

Within a study year (including the year of suspended schooling) one year before finishing have to give a preliminary draft of the thesis for examination, after office of the department check the draft on the subject of compliance with the stipulations of the department, under the rules of the University the thesis preliminary draft has passed examination. Regulations of the Master's degree thesis preliminary draft are stipulated by the University, oral exam committee and adviser are regulated by this department.

7. The seventh article. Master's Thesis Examination Application.

Students can apply for the Master's degree thesis only if they meet following requirements :

1. Students have to have the minimum required credits and required courses as well as basic courses (for those who catches up with the credit requirement)
2. To pass the examine of research proposal of the department ;
3. To pass English qualification exam ;
4. To attend not less then eight conferences and publish at least one paper for public examination or take part in the conference or publish scientific thesis w when studying overseas ;
5. To prepare a written application with the relevant documents.

8. The Eighth Article. Master Degree Thesis Exam.

The style of master thesis should be in accordance with framework of this department, its contents is required to have a certain scientific level and correlate with scientific standards.

Before taking master thesis exam it is required to acknowledge academic degree examination committee, after Master's degree ratification, students candidate 's and committee members qualification the examine may take place.

After approval by the adviser, one month before the exam, each student have to give thesis of appropriate format to the office of the department to pass it to the committee members to check and read.

Thesis examination committee qualification, forming of the thesis examination committee, the thesis examination procedure, as well as evaluation of examination results is regulated by the "Thesis examination Rules" of the University.

After passing the examination, on the request of the department to the University the student is granted Master's degree.

9. The Ninth Article. Practice (Internship)

Within the period of study, students of this department can choose practical courses of this department or can do internship in related structures during summer break, the rules and grades of practice /internship depend on the stipulations of the structure.

To do the practice students need to fill out the relevant forms, in order regulated by the department.

10. The tenth article. Regulations of Learning Abroad.

Students of this department can choose to study in other foreign University, credits and fees are defined by the other University ; the scientific article published during studying in the other University can replace at least publishing of one paper or review of conference paper.

This department has a right to arrange an overseas learning.

11. The Eleventh Article. English-Teaching Master Program in China Studies.

Students of English-Teaching Master Program in China Studies should comply with the Rules of this department, with choosing courses method, degree validation form of the study year, as well as these study method and other relative stipulations, required courses, selective courses, basic courses, language courses and others, also on the basis of these stipulations calculate study credits and results.

To graduate from this program each student must complete not less than 34 credits, which includes 5 required courses: Inquiry about Selected Topics in Mainland China, Seminar on Cross-Strait Relations, Politics in Mainland China, Mainland Chinese Society, Economics in Mainland China, which in total give 10 study credits. Every semester each student have to take at least 2 credits, but not more than 12 credits.

Cases of students with exceptional circumstances are decided via the head of the department, the ones whose cases were approved do not have these restrictions do not apply to those, whose cases were approved.

Students of English-Teaching Program in China Studies have to apply for Master degree thesis oral exam on the basis of Annual Academic Degree Checking List, also students have to take stipulated amount of study credits as well as all required courses in the prescribed period of time, additionally students have to complete written thesis. Students of English-Teaching Program are not required to publish their paper and undergo research proposal examination.

Articles 6, 8, 9 and 10 of this guide book also apply to the students of English-Teaching Program.

12. The Twelfth Article. Implementation.

This rules do not regulate items regulated by the following stipulations of the school "Regulations of Master degree thesis exam", "Essentials of carrying out check and ratify of candidates' Master's degree "

Present regulations were worked out by executive committee of the department, were implemented after ratification, amendments likewise.

After undergoing of all required procedures this regulations enter into force.

The present regulations apply to the students admitted after the revision of regulations, students admitted before the revision can choose which set of rules they want to follow, but after choosing this cannot be changed.