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Student Handbook



**Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences,
Osaka University**

This Student Handbook is a translation from the original and shall not be regarded as official documentation. The English text has been provided merely as a reference. Please note that any official rules are based solely on the Japanese text.

AY2024 FBS Annual Academic Calendar

Semester	Month	Day	Event	Note
Spring/Summer (April 1 ~ September 30)	4	2024 2 (Tue) 3 (Wed) 10 (Wed)	Osaka University Entrance Ceremony FBS Guidance for New Students Classes for the spring semester start	
	5	1 (Wed) ~ 4 (Sat)	Osaka University Icho Festival (Preparation/Festival/Clean up)	No classes
	6	11 (Tue) 12 (Wed)	Classes for the spring semester end Classes for the summer semester start	
	7	30 (Tue) 31 (Wed)	Entrance exam (5-year) [summer exam] Spare day for entrance exam (5-year)	
	8	5 (Mon) 7 (Wed) 8 (Thu)	Entrance exam (Transfer to the 3rd year) [Oct. Enrollment] Classes for the summer semester end Summer break starts	
	9	30 (Mon)	Summer break ends	
Fall/Winter (October 1 ~ March 31)	10	1 (Tue)	Classes for the fall semester start	
	11	1 (Fri) ~ 5 (Tue)	Osaka University Machikane Festival (Preparation/Festival/Clean up)	No classes
	12	2 (Mon) 3 (Tue)	Classes for the fall semester end Classes for the winter semester start Entrance exam (5-year) [winter exam]	
	1	2025 5 (Sun) 6 (Mon) 17 (Fri) 29 (Wed)	Winter break ends Classes for the winter semester re-start Preparation for the Common Test for University Admissions Entrance exam (Transfer to the 3rd year) [Apr. Enrollment]	No classes
	2	Early February 3 (Mon) ~ 6 (Thu) 7 (Fri) 26 (Wed) ~ 27 (Thu)	Classes for the winter semester end Interim Examination (Master's Thesis Presentation) Spare day for Interim Examination Dissertation Defense	
3	Late March	Osaka University Commencement Ceremony FBS Commencement Ceremony Information session of the entrance examination		

*Above are the major annual events; other events will be announced on the KOAN bulletin board, e-mail, etc.

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Educational Program

■ Course duration and degrees awarded

The Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (hereinafter called “FBS”) offers a 5-year doctoral course. In FBS, the following degrees are conferred upon students who meet the specified requirements. For details, please refer to “Degree Conferral.”

- Degrees in Japanese
 修士(生命機能学)/修士(理学)/修士(工学)/修士(学術)
 博士(生命機能学)/博士(理学)/博士(工学)/博士(学術)
- Degrees in English
 Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy

■ Requirements for completion and how to fulfill the required credits

○ Students admitted to the 5-year doctoral course:

Students must take subjects and acquire a total of 40 credits or more, as shown below.

(1) Acquire at least 2 credits from Group A

* Acquiring 1 credit (2 subjects) from *Advanced Liberal Arts Educational Subjects* (offered in Japanese / spring semester), and another 1 credit (2 subjects) from *Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects* (offered in English / fall semester) are mandatory. However, for students receiving education and conducting research in English, it is possible to substitute *Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects* for *Advanced Liberal Arts Educational Subjects*. In other words, by taking 2 credits (4 subjects) only from *Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects*, they will fulfill the minimum requirements for Group A.

(2) Acquire at least 12 credits from Group B.

(3) Acquire a total of at least 16 credits from both Group A and Group B.

(4) Acquire 14 credits from Group C.

(5) Acquire 2 credits from Group D.

(6) Acquire 8 credits from Group E.

Subject Group		Year	Requirements			
Group A	Core Subjects	1	2 credits	Total 16 credits	Total 30 credits *Requirements to take an Interim Exam.	Total 40 credits
Group B	Elective Subjects	1-2	12 credits			
Group C	Research Subjects		14 credits			
Group D	Project Research Subjects	3-5	2 credits	Total 10 credits		
Group E	Research Subjects		8 credits			

* In some cases, courses from other graduate schools, etc. may be recognized (counted) as subjects in Group A or Group B. For details, please refer to the section "Subjects Recognized (Counted) as Group A or Group B Subjects" on the following pages. However, even in such cases, the subjects indicated in the "Curriculum Overview" must still be completed to fulfill the required credits.

* Those who have acquired a total of 30 credits or more from Group A, Group B, and Group C according to the requirements will undergo an Interim Exam. Successful candidates will be awarded a master's degree and will be eligible to take courses in Group D and Group E. However, those who fail the Interim Exam will be considered as repeating students and will not be able to take courses in Group D and Group E.

* Students taking the Transdisciplinary Program for Biomedical Entrepreneurship and Innovation must complete at least 20 credits from the program's course subjects. For further details, please contact the FBS Educational Affairs section <seimei-daigakuin@office.osaka-u.ac.jp> for details.

○ **3rd-year transfer students:**

In addition to receiving necessary research guidance, students must take and complete courses as follows, and acquire a total of 10 credits.:

Subject Group		Year	Requirements	
Group D	Project Research Subjects	3-5	2 credits	Total 10 credits
Group E	Research Subjects		8 credits	

○ **Useful links**

- Subject lists: <https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/student/curriculum/>



- Syllabus: https://koan.osaka-u.ac.jp/syllabus_ex/campus



Curriculum Overview

■ Years 1 and 2

○ Group A:

In Group A, there are lecture subjects, practical training subjects, and research introduction subjects, with most subjects being offered as intensive lectures. To broaden your background, it is important to consult with your supervisor and consider studying fields different from those you have studied in your undergraduate studies.

Introductory subjects are courses designed for research introduction purposes. They are offered in Japanese as *Advanced Liberal Educational Subjects* in the spring semester and in English as *Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects* in the fall semester. The offering semester is rotated annually, so courses with the same name will be offered in different semesters the following year. To graduate, it is mandatory to take at least two courses (1 credit each) of *Advanced Liberal Educational Subjects* and *Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects* offered by FBS.

NOTE) Even if you take *Advanced Liberal Educational Subjects* and *Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects* offered by other graduate schools, it is mandatory to obtain the required number of credits for *Advanced Liberal Educational Subjects* and *Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects* offered by FBS.

○ Group B:

Please obtain a minimum of 12 credits required for completion by earning 8 credits from (a), 2 credits from (b), and additional credits from (c) and/or subjects that can be counted as Group B.

(a). Elective Subjects (Total 8 credits)

Participate in journal clubs, research progress report sessions, seminars, etc. held in the student's home lab, etc. In addition, submit 5 seminar reports/year. For details, please refer to the instructions on page 7.

(b). Biomechanics Subjects (Total 2 credits)

The purpose is for students to report their research progress to faculty members other than their home lab. (sub-supervisor), engage in discussions, and seek advice. Additionally, the aim is to practice for the Interim Exam conducted at the end of the second year and refine their presentation. For details, please refer to the instructions on page 9.

(c). Special Lectures

Intensive lectures, typically offered from the autumn semester onwards, are conducted over a period of about two days.

○ Group C:

This is not a lecture subject. Evaluation will be based on master's level research activities conducted in the student's home lab., etc. regularly.

■ **Years 3 to 5** *Only those who pass the Interim Exam can take the following subjects:

○ **Group D (Project Research Subjects)**

This subject aims to broaden students' backgrounds by providing opportunities to participate in research in a lab other than their home labs, thereby gaining experience in different fields. For details, please refer to the instructions on page 10.

○ **Group E**

This is not a lecture subject. Evaluation will be based on doctoral level research activities conducted in the student's home lab., etc. regularly.

■ **Research Ethics**

"Research Ethics" is not a regular course subject but an e-learning course that is typically conducted in the spring semester. There are no credits awarded for this course; however, completion of "Research Ethics" is a mandatory requirement for first-year students to complete Group C and third-year students to complete Group E. Please make sure to take the course in both your first and third years. For further details, please check the notification sent to your Osaka University email address (uXXXXXXX@ecs.osaka-u.ac.jp) separately.

■ Curriculum Overview Chart

	Group A: Core Subjects	Group B: Elective Subjects	Group C: Research Subjects
1st year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Introduction to Physics I · Introduction to Mathematics I · Protein Structure and Chemistry · Exercise in Physics · Exercise in Computer Science · Introduction to Nanobiology I~III · Introduction to Biomolecular Networks I~VI · Introduction to Integrated Biology I~V · Introduction to Organismal Biosystems I~IV · Introduction to Neuroscience I~IV · Introduction to Biophysical Dynamics I~III · Introduction to Biomedical Engineering I~IV · Courses approved as Group A subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Nanobiology I (A~D) · Biomolecular Networks (A~F) · Integrated Biology I (A~E) · Organismal Biosystems I (A~D) · Neuroscience I (A~F) · Biophysical Dynamics I (A~D) · Biomedical Engineering I (A~G, S) ※ Please refer to the Subject List and register one of the above subjects with your supervisor's name. ※ If you cannot find your supervisor's name on the list, please register "Biomedical Engineering IS" · Biomechanics I · Special Lectures I~VIII ※ Some courses may not be offered · Courses approved as Group B subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Seminar in Nanobiology I (A~D) · Seminar in Biomolecular Networks I (A~F) · Seminar in Integrated Biology I (A~E) · Seminar in Organismal Biosystems I (A~D) · Seminar in Neuroscience I (A~F) · Seminar in Biophysical Dynamics I (A~D) · Seminar in Biomedical Engineering I (A~G, S) ※ Please refer to the Subject List and register one of the above subjects with your supervisor's name. ※ If you cannot find your supervisor's name on the list, please register "Seminar in Biomedical Engineering IS" ※ <u>To satisfy the requirements for Group C, be sure to complete Research Ethics (e-learning).</u>
2nd year		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Nanobiology II (A~D) · Biomolecular Networks II (A~F) · Integrated Biology II (A~E) · Organismal Biosystems II (A~D) · Neuroscience II (A~F) · Biophysical Dynamics II (A~D) · Biomedical Engineering II (A~F, S) ※ Please refer to the Subject List and register one of the above subjects with your supervisor's name. ※ If you cannot find your supervisor's name on the list, please register "Biomedical Engineering IIS" · Biomechanics II · Special Lectures I~VIII ※ Some courses may not be offered · Courses approved as Group B subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Seminar in Nanobiology II (A~D) · Seminar in Biomolecular Networks II (A~F) · Seminar in Integrated Biology II (A~E) · Seminar in Organismal Biosystems II (A~D) · Seminar in Neuroscience II (A~F) · Seminar in Biophysical Dynamics II (A~D) · Seminar in Biomedical Engineering II (A~F, S) ※ Please refer to the Subject List and register one of the above subjects with your supervisor's name. ※ If you cannot find your supervisor's name on the list, please register "Seminar in Biomedical Engineering IIS"
	Interim Examination (obtaining a master's degree) ※For those who passed the exam are allowed to take Group D and E subjects.		
	Group D: Project Research Subjects	Group E: Research Subjects	
3rd ~ 5th year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Project Research I~XXXIII, S ※ It is recommended that students take this course in the early stages of 3rd-5th year ※ Please refer to the Subject List, and register one of the above subjects with your supervisor's name ※ If you cannot find your supervisor's name on the list, please register "Project Research S" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Advanced Seminar in Nanobiology (A~D) · Advanced Seminar in Biomolecular Networks (A~F) · Advanced Seminar in Integrated Biology (A~E) · Advanced Seminar in Organismal Biosystems (A~D) · Advanced Seminar in Neuroscience (A~F) · Advanced Seminar in Biophysical Dynamics (A~D) · Advanced Seminar in Biomedical Engineering (A~F, S) ※ Please refer to the Subject List and register one of the above subjects with your supervisor's name. ※ If you cannot find your supervisor's name on the list, please register "Advanced Seminar in Biomedical Engineering S" ※ <u>(3rd-year students only). To satisfy the requirements for Group E, be sure to complete Research Ethics (e-learning).</u> 	

■ Subjects Recognized (Counted) as Group A or Group B Subjects

At FBS, the following subjects offered by other graduate schools, etc. are recognized as Group A subjects. Additionally, it is possible to take the subjects listed below and have them counted as Group B subjects. However, it is required to take these subjects during your enrollment at FBS.

Even in this case, please make sure to obtain at least 2 credits from Group A subjects and 10 or more credits from Group B subjects that are offered by FBS, following the rules specified in the "Curriculum Overview."

(Article 6, Paragraphs 3 to 5 of the regulations of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, Osaka University)

[Subjects that can be approved as group A subjects]

- General Education
 - Mechanics I / Mechanics II / Electromagnetism I / Electromagnetism II
- School of Science
 - Optical Physics / 動物生物学 A / 植物生理学
- School of Engineering
 - Instrumentation and Control Engineering / Optical Electronics
- School of Engineering Science
 - Electronic Circuit / Bio-Cybernetics / Neurophysiology

[Subjects that can be counted as Group B subjects]

- "Advanced Liberal Educational Subjects" and "Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects" offered by other graduate schools on an annual basis.
 - * For specific subjects, please refer to the FBS website under Students > Curricula details > Subjects / Schedule / Syllabus (<https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/student/curriculum/>)



- Cross-border Graduate School Education Courses / International Exchange Subjects
 - * For International Exchange Subjects, only courses designated for graduate students and those belonging to the Global Initiative group can be certified.
 - * Regarding Global Human Resource Development Training 1/2/3, only one of these courses can be certified. However, for "Global Human Resource Development Training 1," up to two courses (equivalent to 1 credit) can be certified.

Note:

Some of the above-mentioned courses may not be offered or may have registration restrictions. Each student is responsible for confirming this independently and registering for courses accordingly.

■ 5 Seminar Reports (Group B)

In this section, we will provide information about Group B subjects targeted at first and second-year students, excluding "Intensive Courses" and "Biomechanics." Examples of such subjects include Nanobiology IC, Biomolecular Networks IA, Biomedical Engineering IS, etc. To obtain credits for these subjects, it is mandatory to participate in daily research meetings, etc. in the home lab, etc. Additionally, students must attend seminars held both on and off campus and submit five reports.

The purpose of these reports is to broaden students' knowledge beyond their research fields. Therefore, we encourage active participation in various seminars both on and off campus. Seminars held at FBS will be notified through the website's bulletin board, posters, and other channels. Many seminars are conducted in English. Additionally, FBS Colloquia is included as an eligible seminar.

Please consult with your supervisor or the instructor of the course to decide which seminars to attend. If multiple seminars are held on the same day, you may only submit reports for up to three seminars per day.

[Submission Deadline]

- ✓ Within 2 weeks after the attended seminar in principle.
- ✓ April-enrolled students: By the end of January
October-enrolled students: By the end of July

[Submit to]

Original=> Supervisor or a lecturer of the Group B subject (please refer to the "Subject List")
Scanned copy=> FBS Educational Affairs section via CLE

[Procedure]

- STEP 1. Attend a FBS Colloquia, or other seminar after consulting with your supervisor or a lecturer.
 - ※ When attending an on-site seminar, please bring the printed report form to the seminar and have the lecturer's signature or seal (Hanko) on it.
 - ※ When attending an online seminar, the lecturer's signature or seal (Hanko) is not required.
- STEP 2. Submit the original seminar report (in Microsoft Word or handwritten) to your supervisor or a lecturer.
- STEP 3. Submit a copy of the report to FBS Educational Affairs via CLE.
The "copy" can be a photo of the report.

Notes:

- Submit 5 reports each year during your 1st and 2nd years (a total of 10 reports).
- The format will be as listed on the next page. However, if it spans multiple pages, you may use any format for the second page onwards.

■ Biomechanics I & II (Group B)

[Basic policy]

To provide students with an opportunity to reassess their research from various perspectives, during their first and second years, they engage in discussions with members from labs other than their own regarding their research.

[What to do]

Students report the progress of their research to their sub-supervisors, engage in discussions, and seek advice. Furthermore, they practice and refine their presentations in preparation for the Interim Examination conducted at the end of their second year.

[The frequency and timing of meetings]

Meetings are conducted twice a year (though there may be occasions where a third meeting is held at the discretion of the co-supervisor).

The timing of these meetings typically occurs shortly after the sub-supervisor is appointed (April enrollees: around August of the first year / October enrollees: around February of the first year), at the beginning and end of each semester.

[Evaluation]

Based on the conducted interviews, the sub-supervisor evaluates the academic performance.

[Procedures] *Detail will be sent to each student's OU email address

STEP 1. Log in to KOAN and check the registration status for the course "Biomechanics."

* This course is registered by the FBS Educational Affairs Section under your co-supervisor's subjects.

STEP 2. Email the sub-supervisor to request a meeting. At that time, please attach the Progress Report format (2 pages) to the email.

* The sub-supervisors' email address is saved in CLE.

STEP 3. After the first meeting, please report the date of the meeting via the designated form.

* No report is required for subsequent meetings.

STEP 4. After the meeting, comments from the sub-supervisor will be submitted to the FBS Educational Affairs Section. Upon receipt of the comments, they will be forwarded to the students and their supervisors as feedback via email.

■ Project Research Subjects (Group D)

[Basic Policy]

From the third year onwards, for a certain period, students will have the opportunity to participate in research in laboratories other than their home lab, allowing them to gain experience in different fields and broaden their background knowledge.

[Methods]

The method of lab rotation is primarily based on the following principle (①), but it can be flexibly implemented as described in (②) to accommodate the circumstances of each laboratory and individual students.

① Participate in research at one of FBS's Core Research Labs or Affiliated Labs.

* In this case, evaluation will be conducted by the host supervisor.

(a). Participate in daily research in a host lab for two weeks in total.

(b). Attendance at seminars, colloquia, journal clubs, and other research activities in the host lab is expected once a week as a basic requirement, with a total of approximately 8 weeks of participation. Furthermore, it is desirable to provide students with opportunities for presentations.

② Other than (①), if the student's supervisor determines that they are participating in research in another laboratory, it can be recognized as credits under Group D. Below are examples of cases where such recognition may be possible for reference:

* In this case, evaluation will be conducted by the supervisor at the students' home lab.

(c). Participate in a practical experimentation course or short-term intensive course in Japan or overseas.

(d). Attend lectures or journal clubs given by a non-Japanese faculty:

- In case a student has already taken a special intensive course by one foreign faculty member and wishes to take a different intensive course by another foreign faculty member.
- In case a student intends to attend a journal club conducted by a foreign faculty member who is not in charge of a special intensive lecture course
- Other

(e). Participate in research in a lab in Japan or overseas.

(f). Participate in an internship at a company.

[When to conduct]

It is preferable to conduct the lab rotation as early as possible after April of the 3rd year. However, the circumstances of each laboratory will be considered.

[Maximum number of students accepted in each lab]

Maximum 5 in general. However, the circumstances of the host laboratory will be considered.

[How to select a host lab]

It is desirable to consult with the supervisor to determine the host lab and negotiate acceptance.

■ Research Plan

All FBS students are required to create a designated "Research Plan" and "Research Instruction Report" following a meeting with their supervisor and submit them to the FBS Educational Affairs Section at the end of the academic year (April enrollees: February 28 / October enrollees: August 31). Further details will be notified separately to each student's OU email address. For new students, please conduct the meeting after the supervisor has been officially determined.

Agreement regarding a Research Plan for the Doctorate Program of Frontier Biosciences,
Osaka University

5 October 2020

Approval from the Academic Affairs Committee

14 October 2020

Approval from the Research Division Committee

Pursuant to the provision of the Graduate School Regulations, Article 5-4 Paragraph 1, the drafting of a Research Plan (hereafter referred to as the "Plan") which clarifies the guidance method and content for postgraduate students at the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences shall be determined as follows:

1. The Plan shall be drafted by a specified date every year.
2. The student and supervisor shall draft the Research Plan together according to the procedures below:
 - i. Sufficient discussions between student and supervisor shall be conducted to create a Plan and Research Instruction Report.
 - ii. The supervisor is to explain the Research Plan to the student, and both are to devise appropriate ways for both supervisor and the student to refer back to it.
3. The supervisor shall revise the Research Plan as required and endeavor to improve its effectiveness.
4. The Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences reserves the right to hold a hearing to ask the supervisor about the results of the Research Plan.
5. Students of the doctorate program shall submit the drafted Research Plan to FBS Educational Affairs at the end of the academic year.
6. Research Plans submitted to FBS Educational Affairs shall be kept on record for 5 years.
7. The Academic Affairs Committee shall reserve the right to determine any other requirements not mentioned in this Agreement if the need arises.

Laboratories currently accepting graduate students at the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (FBS)

【This list is based on information at the time of application guidelines creation and is subject to change】

1. Full-time/Specially Appointed Faculties (Categorized by field/As of April 1, 2024)

Research field	Name of faculty	Laboratory
Nanobiology	Professor:	
	ISHIJIMA Akihiko*	Laboratory of Nano-Biophysics
	UEDA Masahiro	Laboratory of Single Molecule Biology
Biomolecular Networks	Professor:	
	TAKASHIMA Seiji*	Laboratory of Medical Biochemistry
	FUKAGAWA Tatsuro	Laboratory of Chromosome Biology
	TACHIBANA Makoto	Laboratory of Epigenome Dynamics
	HIROSE Tetsuro	RNA Biofunction Laboratory
	Associate Professor:	
OKAMOTO Koji	Laboratory of Mitochondrial Dynamics	
Integrated Biology	Professor:	
	KAI Toshie	Germline Biology Group
	IKEDA Fumiyo	Ubiquitin Biology Laboratory
	INOUE Daichi	Laboratory of Cancer Pathology
	Associate Professor:	
MORITA Ritsuko	Laboratory for Stem Cell Homeostasis	
Organismal Biosystems	Professor:	
	ISHII Masaru	Laboratory of Immunology and Cell Biology
	SASAKI Hiroshi*	Laboratory for Embryogenesis
	NAGASAWA Takashi*	Laboratory of Stem Cell Biology and Developmental Immunology
TSUMAKI Noriyuki	Laboratory of Tissue Biochemistry	
Neuroscience	Professor:	
	YAGI Takeshi*	KOKORO-Biology Group
	KITAZAWA Shigeru*	Dynamic Brain Network Laboratory
	NISHIMOTO Shinji	Perceptual and Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory
HORIE Takeo	Laboratory for Single-cell Neurobiology	
Biophysical Dynamics	Professor:	
	KURAHASHI Takashi*	Physiological Laboratory
	INOUE Yasushi	Nano-Biophotonics Group
KIMURA Shin-ichi	Photophysics Laboratory	
Biomedical Engineering (Affiliated Laboratory)	Professor:	
	TAKAKURA Nobuyuki*	Laboratory of Tissue Regeneration, RIMD (Research Institute for Microbial Diseases)
HARA Eiji	Laboratory of Cancer Biology, RIMD (Research Institute for Microbial Diseases)	

	NAKAGAWA Atsushi*	Laboratory of Supramolecular Crystallography, IPR (Institute for Protein Research)
	KURODA Shun'ichi*	Department of Biomolecular Science and Reaction, SANKEN (The Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research)

2. Adjunct Faculties

Affiliation	Name of Faculty	Department
Graduate School of Human Sciences	Professor:	
	YASOSHIMA Yasunobu	Behavioral Physiology Laboratory
Graduate School of Science	Professor:	
	MATSUNO Kenji*	Laboratory of Cell Biology
	IMADA Katsumi	Laboratory of Macromolecular Structure
	OBUSE Chikashi	Laboratory of Genome Structure and Function
Graduate School of Medicine	Professor:	
	HARADA Akihiro	Cell Biology
	YAMASHITA Toshihide	Molecular Neurosciences
	OKAMURA Yasushi*	Integrative Physiology
	MORO Kazuyo	Innate Immune
	KAWAHARA Yukio	RNA Biology and Neuroscience
	SHIMOMURA Ichihiro*	Metabolic Medicine
	HAYASHI Katsuhiko	Germline Genetics
	TAKEBE Takanori	Stem Cell and Organoid Medicine
OSANAI Makoto	Physiological Functional Imaging	
Graduate School of Dentistry	Professor:	
	NODA Takeshi	Center for Frontier Oral Science
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Science	Professor:	
	INOUE Tsuyoshi	Structure and Function Analysis of Biomolecules
Graduate School of Engineering Science	Professor:	
	SAKAI Shinji	Biochemical Materials Engineering Group
United Graduate School of Child Development	Professor:	
	SATO Makoto*	Molecular Brain Science
RIMD (Research Institute for Microbial Diseases)	Professor:	
	HORIGUCHI Yasuhiko*	Department of Molecular Bacteriology
	YAMAMOTO Masahiro	Department of Immunoparasitology
	YAMASAKI Sho	Department of Molecular Immunology
	ISHITANI Tohru	Department of Homeostatic Regulation
	IIDA Tetsuya*	Department of Bacterial Infections
	IWANAGA Shiroh	Department of Molecular Protozoology
	KOBAYASHI Takeshi	Department of Virology
WATANABE Tokiko	Department of Molecular Virology	

CiDER (Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research)	Professor:	
	ISE Wataru	Regulation of Host Defense Team
SANKEN (The Institute of Scientific and Industrial Research)	Professor:	
	NAGAI Takeharu	Department of Biomolecular Science and Engineering
	TANIGUCHI Masateru	Department of Bio-Nanotechnology
IPR (Institute for Protein Research)	Professor:	
	TAKAGI Junichi*	Laboratory for Protein Synthesis and Expression
	KATO Takayuki	Laboratory for CryoEM Structural Biology
	FURUKAWA Takahisa*	Laboratory for Molecular and Developmental Biology
CAMaD (Center for Advanced Modalities and DDS)	Specially Appointed Professor:	
	AKIRA Shizuo*	
IFReC (Immunology Research Frontier Center)	Specially Appointed Professor:	
	KISHIMOTO Tadimitsu*	Immune Regulation
	SAKAGUCHI Shimon*	Experimental Immunology
	NAGATA Shigekazu*	Biochemistry & Immunology
	Professor:	
	SUZUKI Kazuhiro	Immune Response Dynamics
Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Science	Professor:	
	SHIMEGI Satoshi	Sports and Health Education Division
Institute for Advanced Co-Creation Studies	Specially Designated Professor:	
	SUZUKI Keiichiro*	Genome Engineering/Genome Editing
Graduate School of Information Science and Technology	Professor:	
	NAKANO Tamami	Cognitive Neuroinformatics

3. Faculties at the Cooperated Institutes

Affiliation	Name of Faculty	Laboratory
NIBIOHN (National Institutes of Biomedical Innovation, Health and Nutrition)	Guest Professor:	
	KATAGIRI Toyomasa	Protein Function and Bioinformatics
RIKEN BDR (Center for Biosystems Dynamics Research)	Guest Professor:	
	TAIJI Makoto	Systems Science of Biological Dynamics
	OKADA Yasushi	Systems Science of Biological Dynamics
	WANG Yu-Chiun	Developmental Biology
	SHIBATA Tatsuo	Developmental Biology
CiNet (Center for Information and Neural Networks)	Guest Professor:	
	SUZUKI Takafumi	Information and Neural Networks
	HARUNO Masahiko	Information and Neural Networks

* Faculty members whose names are followed by "*" are either scheduled for retirement within five years from your enrollment or are approaching the end of their employment term. Continuous guidance may not be available from enrollment to completion. Therefore, please be sure to confirm this directly with your prospective supervisor.

Laboratory Placement

■ **Tentative Home Lab Placement (Apr. enrollees: by July / Oct. enrollees: by January)**

Students will be temporarily assigned to a laboratory upon enrollment. In cases where the laboratory is undecided at the time of enrollment, students should visit their desired laboratories and negotiate individually while concurrently taking courses starting from April (or October). Please note that some laboratories may not be able to accept students due to capacity, so it is advisable to initiate negotiations at an early stage.

■ **Permanent Home Lab Placement (Apr. enrollees: after July / Oct. enrollees: after January)**

Please notify the FBS Educational Affairs Section of your home laboratory (supervisor) and sub-supervisor by submitting the following form. Please note that priority will be given to students who choose to remain in the same laboratory as their tentative assignment. If you wish to change your home laboratory from your tentative assignment, please make sure to communicate sufficiently with both the supervisors of the tentative and desired laboratories.

■ **Sub-supervisor**

In addition to the supervisor, we have introduced the sub-supervisor system to address students' various consultations related to research and other matters. This system applies to students enrolling from the academic year 2018 onwards, and completing Biomechanics (Group B subject) is mandatory. Please make sure to consult with your supervisor when determining the sub-supervisor.

(Sample Format)

生命機能研究科 研究室本配属及び副指導教員届
Supervisor/ Sub-supervisor Registration Sheet

提出日 (Date of submission) :

研 究 科 Graduate School	生命機能研究科 Frontier Biosciences	学籍番号 Student No.	32A
連 絡 先 Lab Phone No.	内線 Ext.	学生氏名 Name	
本配属指導教員名 (必ず内諾を得ておくこと) Name of Supervisor (Be sure to get approval in advance)			
		第1希望 (内諾を得ておくこと) First choice (Be sure to get approval in advance)	
		第2希望 (必ず記入) Second choice	
副指導教員名 (必ず第2希望まで記入すること) Name of Sub-Supervisor (Be sure to fill in both first and second choice)			

*The sub-supervisor will be determined by the Faculty Meeting of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences after adjusting based on the student's preferences.

Agreements regarding sub-supervisor

1. Sub-supervisor can supervise a student on behalf of the supervisor with the approval of the FBS Educational Affairs Committee.
2. Sub-supervisor for a student whose supervisor belongs to a laboratory other than the *FBS Core Laboratory* must be a full-time professor of the *FBS Core Laboratory*.
3. The sub-supervisor may not necessarily be a professor, but it is desirable for them to be from a different research field.
4. As a general rule, each faculty member can sub-supervise up to four students per each grade. However, in cases where there is high demand from students for a particular faculty member, adjustments may be made in the Faculty Meeting, allowing for more than five students to be sub-supervised by that faculty member.
5. The sub-supervisor is responsible for "Biomechanics" (Group B subject) and providing guidance, advice, and evaluation to students.

Degree Conferral

1. Master's Degree conferral

At FBS, upon meeting the requirements equivalent to the completion of a master's program, a master's degree is conferred. In the 5-year integrated doctoral program, an Interim Exam is conducted in the second year. Upon submission of a paper equivalent to a master's thesis and passing the Interim Exam, a master's degree is awarded.

The policies of the Interim Exam is as follows:

FBS Policies Regarding the Interim Examination

(With approval from the Faculty Meeting of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences and the Faculty Meeting, Feb 24, 2003)

(Revised Oct 23, 2019)

- (1) As one of the requirements for completing the doctoral program at FBS, students are required to take the Interim Exam.
- (2) The Interim Exam is scheduled for the end of the second year's winter semester (or the end of the summer semester for October enrollees). Those who do not take the exam at this time, or those who take it but fail, will be required to take the Interim Exam at the end of the subsequent winter semester (or the end of the subsequent summer semester for October enrollees) based on the supervisor's decision. However, for individuals who are unable to take the exam due to reasons such as studying abroad, illness or other exceptional circumstances deemed worthy of consideration, regardless of the above-mentioned period, the Educational Affairs Committee will determine the exam date individually.
- (3) Those intending to take the Interim Exam are required to submit a paper equivalent to a master's thesis.
- (4) The Interim Exam will be conducted following the same procedures as the master's degree examination.
- (5) Those who pass the Interim Exam will be awarded a master's degree and will be qualified to take courses under Group D and Group E, as well as submit a doctoral dissertation.
- (6) The conditions for applying for the Interim Exam are as follows:
 - ① Those eligible to apply for the Interim Exam must have been enrolled in the FBS doctoral program for two years or more by the end of the academic year and are expected to have acquired the required credits. If the required credits are not met, even if the Interim Exam is passed, the student will still be required to repeat the year. The attainment of the master's degree will only be recognized once the required credits are fulfilled in subsequent years of enrollment.
 - ② The application period for the Interim Exam will be determined separately by the Educational Affairs Committee.
- (7) If an individual with a master's or doctoral degree enrolls in the first year of the program, they will be required to take the Interim Exam as outlined above.
- (8) Those who transfer into the third year will be exempt from the Interim Exam.
- (9) Those who fail the Interim Exam will not progress to the third year and will repeat the second year.
- (10) According to the above, students cannot remain in the same year for more than three years.
- (11) In case of any doubts or questions regarding the handling of the Interim Exam, it will be discussed by the Educational Affairs Committee and decided upon by the Faculty Meeting of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences and the Faculty Meeting.

■ **Interim Examination timetable (TBA)** *Statements in () is for October-enrolled students

Mid-July (June)	Deadline: "Thesis Examiners Sheet" "Diploma Confirmation Sheet" (Deadline: "Thesis Title Sheet" and "Abstract")
Early-Dec.	Deadline: "Thesis Title Sheet" and "Abstract"
Mid-Jan. (Early-Aug.)	Deadline: "Thesis"
Early-Feb. (Late-Aug.)	Interim Exam and review
Early-Mar. (Early-Sep.)	Pass/fail judgment of master's degree
Late-Feb. (Early Sep.)	Deadline: "Final version of the thesis"

* Only in cases where revisions are instructed at the Interim Exam.

*This is a reference. Details will be sent from the FBS Educational Affairs section at a later date.

■ **Note when taking the Interim Examination**

At FBS, you need to have the prospect of acquiring 30 credits to take the Interim Exam. Since obtaining the required 30 credits is a prerequisite, if you lack the necessary credits at the time of the pass/fail decision of the Interim Exam in early March (early September for October enrollment), you will be required to repeat the second year even if you pass the Interim Exam. In this case, you would obtain your master's degree in the new academic year, upon fulfilling the required 30 credits. It is assumed that you will still be enrolled after April (after October for October enrollment). Especially for those who plan to obtain a master's degree in their second year, withdraw, and start working, etc. from April (or October for October enrollment), please be sure to pay attention. For those who continue to be enrolled, you cannot take third-year allocated courses until you pass the Interim Exam and obtain a master's degree, in other words, after obtaining the required 30 credits. Please be mindful to prevent such situations from occurring and ensure that you do not lack the necessary credits.

■ **Thesis Examiners**

The committee shall consist of two or more professors from FBS, comprising a Chair (supervisor) and a Vice Chair. Additionally, if necessary, Associate Professors or faculty members, etc. from other graduate schools can be included as the second Vice Chair.

[Required documents for Interim Exam application]

Documents	Submit to	Note
Thesis Title Sheet	Educational Affairs section	In selecting the Vice Chair(s), consult with the supervisor and obtain their prior consent.
Diploma Confirmation Sheet	Educational Affairs section	
Abstract	Educational Affairs section	Summarize the purpose, contents, and result of the thesis in one A4-size paper.
Thesis	Chair, Vice Chair (s) and Educational Affairs section	There is no specific format and no limit to the number of pages. Please consult it with your supervisor.
Pledge	Educational Affairs section	

2. Doctoral Degree conferral

At FBS, the requirements for doctoral degree application and review procedures are as follows:

Doctoral Degree Application Requirements and Review Procedures

(Established: 1 Oct 2004)

(Corrected partially: 10 Feb 2016)

Those seeking to obtain a doctoral degree must be enrolled for the prescribed duration, acquire or be expected to acquire the required credits, receive research guidance, and fulfill the doctoral degree application requirements as specified by FBS.

- The requirements for doctoral degree application and review procedures are as follows:

[Requirements for the Doctoral Degree Application]

When the supervisor (professor) approves the candidate's doctoral degree application of FBS.

[Review Procedures]

Review consists of two stages: Preliminary Defense and Dissertation Defense. Those who pass the Preliminary Defense through the prescribed procedures are eligible to undergo the Dissertation Defense.

1. Doctor's Degree Application

Those who fulfill the requirements for doctor's degree application are to submit their "Application for Degree (Preliminary Defense)", along with their dissertation (paper document) to the Doctor's Degree Qualifications Committee (DQC). The "Application for Degree (Preliminary Defense)" consists of the following documents.

- a) Dissertation title
- b) Recommendation form for Preliminary Defense Committee member (Chair, Vice-Chair) candidates
- c) Abstract of Thesis
- d) Recommendation for the Preliminary Defense from the student's supervisor

<Review of the Doctor's Degree Application>

After reviewing the Application for Degree (Preliminary Defense) and the dissertation, the DQC determines the members of the Preliminary Defense Committee (PDC). The PDC members should be faculty members closely related to the candidate's specialized field. They will convene the Preliminary Defense and PDC Meetings.

The PDC members must consist of three or more members (professors or associate professors), including at least two professors from FBS. Additional committee members (equivalent to a professor or associate professor) from other graduate schools or research institutions of other universities may be added by each committee. The student's supervisor cannot be included as a member of the PDC.

2. Preliminary Defense

Candidates whose doctoral degree applications have been approved are allowed to undergo a Preliminary Defense. This is a private session in which the candidate presents their dissertation to the members of the PDC, followed by a question and answer session.

It shall be held at least one week before the Dissertation Defense. The venue and schedule for the Preliminary Defense are adjusted through consultation between the candidate and the members of the PDC, taking into account the possibility of holding the Preliminary Defense more than once.

<Preliminary Defense Committee Meeting>

After the Preliminary Defense, the dissertation shall be reviewed in the PDC Meeting. Each PDC may seek explanations and opinions from the candidate's supervisor or relevant parties as needed. Additionally, it is possible to conduct another Preliminary Defense and PDC Meeting under the status of review. During the PDC Meeting, the candidate's doctoral dissertation and research abilities are evaluated. Furthermore, when making the pass/fail decision, due consideration is given to academic papers for which the candidate is the first author.

3. Dissertation Defense

Those who pass the Preliminary Defense are eligible to undergo the Dissertation Defense, which is open to the public. After the defense, the Dissertation Committee will review the dissertation. Those who undergo the Dissertation Defense must submit the required documents for the degree application to the Dean via the FBS Educational Affairs Section.

<Dissertation Committee>

The Dissertation Committee consists of three or more professors from FBS, and they conduct the Dissertation Defense. The Chair is the candidate's supervisor (professor). The Vice Chair is generally appointed from the members of the PDC.

Regular Dissertation Defenses are held in January or February (July or August for October enrollment). However, depending on the schedule of passing the Preliminary Defense, it may be conducted in other months as designated by the DQC. Each candidate in the Dissertation Defense is allocated 20 minutes (10 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for questions and answers).

4. About the Dissertation

At FBS, guidelines are established for the content and format of doctoral dissertations as follows:

- (1) The dissertation (thesis) is a single independent paper written by the candidates themselves, and it is considered a sole-authored paper. When writing, use "I" instead of "We"
- (2) The dissertation must possess sufficient academic value and demonstrate a high level of originality in its content.
- (3) The dissertation should include sections (chapters) that are written in a way that researchers outside the field can understand the background, objectives, context, significance, and novelty of the research.
- (4) While it is permissible for the dissertation to include content from papers that the candidate has already published, it should be written as one and unified paper.
- (5) The dissertation should be written in either English or Japanese (English is preferred).
- (6) For those writing their dissertation in Japanese, an English abstract of approximately 200-300 words should be included after the cover page and before the Japanese abstract.

(7) Based on the above, the dissertation shall be structured as follows:

- ① Cover page (Title, Name, Date of Completion)
- ② Abstract
- ③ Table of Contents
- ④ Main Text
- ⑤ Achievements (Published papers, conference presentations, etc. In the case of co-authorship, specify the candidate's primary contribution.)

Additionally, the dissertation shall be prepared in A4 format.

5. Other

- (1) The required number of copies of documents for the degree application and doctoral dissertation, as well as the submission deadline, will be notified separately.
- (2) Those who have been enrolled at FBS for five years or more (three years or more for those who transferred into the third year) and have obtained the required credits will be classified as "withdrawal with required credits." They will be eligible to apply for the doctoral degree within three years after withdrawal.

■ **Completion Date and Eligibility**

Completion Date	Eligible Applicants			Document Submission Deadline (preliminary defense)
	Early Completion	Normal Completion	Extended Completion	
JUNE	×	×	○	March 14, 2024 (Thu)
SEPTEMBER	○	○ *	○	June 13, 2024 (Thu)
DECEMBER	×	×	○	September 12, 2024 (Thu)
MARCH	○	○	○	January 7, 2025 (Tue)
Notes	A separate qualifying review in advance is needed. Please refer to the separate notification.	*Only 3rd-year transferred students (October admission) are eligible for the September completion.	Applicants who have exceeded the normal 5-year (3 years for 3rd-year transferred students) completion term, or those applying within 3 years after the "withdrawal with required credits".	For the detailed schedule, please refer to the separate notification.

■ **Committee members for review procedures**

"Professors from FBS" in each committee are the professors in "1. Full-time / Specially Appointed Faculties" "2. Adjunct Faculties" "3. Faculties at the Cooperated Institutes" on the "Laboratories currently accepting graduate students at the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences (FBS)" on page 12-14.

■ **Overall Process to the Doctor's Degree Conferral**

- ▼ Consultation prior to the Preliminary Defense
(Conducted only for students promoted to the 5th year and who are aiming for doctor's degree)

- ▼ Submission of documents related to the Preliminary Defense

- ▼ Preliminary Defense Committee member is fixed / notification to the applicant

- ▼ Plagiarism check (conducted by the students' supervisors)

- ▼ Preliminary Defense (30-min. dissertation presentation & 30-min. Q&A) *Closed to the public

- ▼ Notice of Preliminary Defense result / Submit the documents for the Dissertation Defense

- ▼ Dissertation Defense (10-minute presentation and 10-minute Q&A) *open to the public

- ▼ Pass/fail decision on the degree conferral

- ▼ Degree conferral

■ **Consultations prior to the Preliminary Defense**

For students advancing to their fifth year and aiming to obtain a doctoral degree, Consultations prior to the Preliminary Defense will be conducted in July (December for October entrants). Prior to that, please consult with your supervisor to select three members (one chair and two vice chairs) for consultation, and submit the required form to the FBS Educational Affairs Section.

Of the three members, at least two must be professors from FBS, and the Chair must be selected from the faculty of the Core Research Laboratory at FBS. Additionally, the supervisor and faculty members from the same laboratory cannot be included as members. Depending on the discretion of the members, additional vice-chairs from other departments or research institutions of other universities (equivalent to professors or associate professors) can be added as the third member or beyond.

After reviewing the application within the DQC, the members are determined. These three faculty members will later serve as the Chair and Vice Chairs for the Preliminary Defense. Further details will be provided separately.

After the consultation, a copy of the submitted report for the consultation will be provided as feedback to both the student and supervisor by the FBS Educational Affairs Section.

■ **Required documents**

*The documents below are subject to change. Please check the separate notification for additional information.

<Application for Consultations prior to the Preliminary Defense>

- (1) Recommendation form for Preliminary Defense Committee member candidates

<Application for Preliminary Defense>

- (1) Application for Degree (Preliminary defense) (Form-1-①)
- (2) Recommendation form for Preliminary Defense Committee member candidates (Form 1-②)
- (3) List of Thesis (Form 2)
- (4) Abstract of Thesis (Form 3)
- (5) Applicant History (Form 4)
- (6) Recommendation for the preliminary defense from the supervisor
- (7) Record of the applicant's research achievements
- (8) Approval Letter from Co-First Author
 - *Only when there are two or more co-first authors for the main thesis.
- (9) Name Form to use when issuing transcripts in English
- (10) Dissertation (preliminary version)
- (11) Doctoral Thesis's Internet Publication Confirmation (Form 10)
- (12) Checklist of the Application for Doctor's Degree
- (13) A printed report of plagiarism check by iThenticate
- (14) Pledge

<After the Preliminary Defense>

- (1) Result Report of the Preliminary Defense (博士学位論文予備審査結果報告書)
- (2) Result Summary and Responsible Parties (論文審査の結果の要旨及び担当者)
- (3) Recommendation of Chair/Vice-Chair Candidates for the Dissertation Defense
(本審査に係る主査・副査候補者の推薦について)

<After the Dissertation Defense (details will be notified to successful applicants)>

- (1) Result Report of the final defense (博士学位論文審査結果報告書)
- (2) Dissertation Table of Contents (Form 7) (論文審査の結果の要旨及び担当者)
- (3) Dissertation (PDF)

[Important Note] *Please contact the FBS Educational Affairs section for details.

In cases when the online publication of the dissertation (full text) has been put on hold, the degree recipient must confirm the publisher's copyright policy after being published or released in academic journals or after the patent application content becomes public. After that, please promptly submit a report to the FBS Educational Affairs section using the Doctoral Thesis's Internet Publication Suspension Form (University's Institutional Repository), Form 11.

Classes

1. Course registration, etc.

■ **Course Registration**

Regarding the courses offered at FBS, please refer to the Subject List.

The list will be sent separately via email from the FBS Educational Affairs Section. It will also be uploaded to the FBS website.

Please proceed with course registration carefully under the guidance of your supervisor.

■ **How to register for courses**

Course registration will be conducted through the Knowledge of Osaka University Academic Nucleus (KOAN: refer to "About KOAN" below). The registration period is generally around three weeks from the start of the semester. Details will be notified later, so please make sure to register within the specified period.

■ **Note on course registration**

Please be aware that you cannot register for courses that are scheduled to be held at the same time. Please check the timetable carefully.

Registration is also required for courses conducted in laboratories, such as those designated as Group B to E. (However, for Biomechanics, registration will be handled by the FBS Educational Affairs Section, so registration is not necessary.)

■ **About KOAN**

You can access KOAN from both on-campus and off-campus computers. To log in, you will need the "Osaka University Personal ID" provided at the time of enrollment. The KOAN manual is available on My Handai, so please refer to it as needed.

My Handai: <https://my.osaka-u.ac.jp> *The top page is in Japanese only

■ **Regarding taking courses at a foreign graduate school**

During enrollment at FBS, individuals planning to study at a foreign graduate school and take courses there must complete the necessary procedures and obtain permission from the Dean of the Graduate School before studying abroad.

Credits earned at the host institution can be counted towards the required credits for completion, up to a maximum of 10 credits, upon approval from the Faculty Meeting. For information on the procedure, please contact the FBS Educational Affairs Section.

* For individuals who have completed the formal procedures for studying abroad, the courses taken at the host graduate school will be evaluated based on the course certificate issued by that graduate school, including the recognition of the courses and credits earned.

* The course certificate must specify the course titles, number of credits, evaluation (including evaluation criteria), duration of the course (start and end), and total class hours. It must also bear the signature of the head of the respective graduate school.

2. Class schedule

The class schedule is posted on the FBS website under "Curricula Overview." Additionally, syllabi can be accessed from the same "Curricula Overview" page through a link to the KOAN syllabus viewing site.

Period	Time	Period	Time
1	8:50~10:20	4	15:10~16:40
2	10:30~12:00	5	16:50~18:20
3	13:30~15:00	6	18:30~20:00

3. Regarding the handling of classes (including exams) during the suspension of transportation services and the issuance of weather warnings

- For media-based classes (including regular exams), these guidelines will not apply, and classes will generally be conducted even during the issuance of weather warnings.
- However, if circumstances arise that make it difficult to conduct media-based classes, the decision to cancel classes will be made by the department responsible for the course. In such cases, notifications will be made through KOAN or other channels.
- In the event of a storm warning or special warning issued for the area where students reside or along their commute route, or in cases where evacuation or its preparation is necessary due to an earthquake of magnitude 5 or stronger, and other unavoidable circumstances prevent students from attending media-based classes, efforts will be made to ensure that students are not disadvantaged in their studies. In such cases, please contact the department responsible for the course or FBS Educational Affairs Section.

① Handling during the issuance of weather warnings

If a "storm warning" or "emergency (special) warning" is issued for the area including any of the following cities: Toyonaka, Suita, Ibaraki, Minoh, or any combination of these cities, classes will be canceled. If the announcement is made after the start of classes, the cancellation will apply from the next scheduled class.

* The term " emergency (special) warning" encompasses warnings for heavy rain, strong winds, blizzards, heavy snow, etc., without limitation, and applies to all "emergency (special) warning."

② Handling during the suspension of public transportation

In the event of a disaster causing the suspension or cessation of operations of any of the following public transportation systems (referred to as "suspension" hereafter, including partial route suspensions) along a student's commute route, classes held on the corresponding campus will be canceled. However, Classes will not be canceled for the temporary suspension due to traffic accidents, etc.

Toyonaka Campus	Hankyu Railway (Takarazuka Line: Osaka Umeda – Takarazuka) or Osaka Monorail (all lines)
Suita Campus	Hankyu Railway (Senri Line: Osaka Umeda / Tenjinbashisuji - rokuhome – Kita-senri) or Osaka Monorail (all lines)
Minoh Campus	Osaka Metro (Midosuji Line, including Kita Hankyu Railway. Osaka Umeda –Minoh-Kayano) or Osaka Monorail (all lines)

- ③ Handling upon cancellation of weather warnings or resumption of public transportation services
If a weather warning is lifted or public transportation services resume after suspension, the following measures will be taken.

The time when transportation services resume or weather warnings are lifted	Handling of classes (including exams)
Before 6:00 AM	All-day classes will be held.
6:00 – 9:00 AM	Afternoon classes will be held.
If the cancellation or warning has not been lifted by 9:00 AM	All-day classes will be canceled.

* Regarding the United Graduate School of Child Development, separate instructions will be communicated via email from the graduate school.

* Confirmation of the lifting of the warnings or resuming of the transportation service will be based on information from television, radio, the internet, etc.

- ④ Handling in the event of an earthquake

If the earthquake's magnitude is 5 or stronger and it affects any of the specified cities in Osaka Prefecture (Toyonaka, Suita, Ibaraki, Minoh), classes for that day will be canceled. If the earthquake occurs after 5:15 PM, classes for the following day will also be canceled.

If the earthquake occurs outside of the specified area or if its magnitude is less than 5, the handling will depend on the operational status of public transportation. In such cases, the procedures outlined in (②) will be followed.

- ⑤ Handling during evacuation advisories or evacuation orders due to disasters

If an evacuation advisory or order (referred to as "evacuation advisory, etc." hereafter) is issued for an area (referred to as "evacuation area") from any of the following cities in Osaka Prefecture: Toyonaka, Suita, Ibaraki, Minoh, classes may be canceled at departments located in the evacuation area. Please follow the instructions provided by the department.

- ⑥ Others

· Even when classes are conducted because they do not fall under the handling mentioned above, if students are unable to attend classes due to unavoidable circumstances such as the issuance of weather warnings similar to (1) above, earthquakes similar to (4) above, or the suspension of public transportation other than

as mentioned in (2) in areas where they reside or along their commute route, efforts will be made to ensure that students are not disadvantaged in their studies. Please contact the department responsible for the course or FBS Educational Affairs Section.

- In cases where the issuance of weather warnings, suspension of public transportation, or issuance of evacuation advisories, etc., is anticipated in advance, or in cases where emergency class cancellation measures are necessary, notifications will be provided on the university website or through KOAN.

4. Method of communication with students

Notifications and announcements for students will be made via the KOAN bulletin board or the FBS website. These platforms are accessible from off-campus computers as well, so please make it a habit to check them regularly.

Individual communication with students may be conducted via phone or email depending on the circumstances. Please ensure that your contact information in KOAN is always up-to-date. Additionally, communication from Osaka University Headquarters and the FBS Educational Affairs Section will be sent to the OU email address provided by Osaka University (u____@ecs.osaka-u.ac.jp). If you do not usually use your OU email, please set up forwarding to ensure that you can always check it to receive important messages.

5. Academic-related procedures

If you intend to take a leave of absence or withdraw from the university, please complete the necessary procedures at least one month before the start date of the leave of absence or the desired withdrawal date.

- Take a leave of absence [Required: PETITION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE]
 - If you find it difficult to continue your studies for three months or more due to illness or other reasons, you may request permission from the Dean of the Graduate School to take a leave of absence.
 - ① Handling of tuition fees
 - The handling of tuition fees associated with a leave of absence varies depending on the timing of the request, as there are payment deadlines for each semester (first semester: May, second semester: November). Therefore, the amount to be paid differs based on the timing of the request, as indicated in the following points (a) to (c). Please be sure to complete the procedures by the specified deadline.
 - a) If you request and are granted a leave of absence starting on April 1st (or October 1st) by the end of March (or September), tuition fees for the leave of absence period are not required. You will need to pay tuition fees starting from the month of your re-enrollment.
 - b) If you request and are granted a leave of absence starting on May 1st (or November 1st) by the end of April (or October), you are required to pay only one month's tuition fee by the start of the leave of absence.
 - c) If you cannot complete the procedures by the specified deadlines above, you will need to pay tuition fees for the first semester (or second semester).

- ② Handling of Enrollment Period:
 - a) Leave of absence periods are not counted towards the total enrollment period.
 - b) Leave of absence periods cannot exceed five years (or three years in the case of third-year transfer students).

- Withdraw from the graduate school [Required: Petition for withdrawal from graduate school]

If you wish to withdraw from the graduate school due to employment or other reasons, you may do so with the permission of the Dean of the Graduate School.

 - ① Handling of tuition fees

Due to the payment deadlines for each semester (first semester: May, second semester: November), the required amount to be paid varies depending on the timing of the request. Please be sure to complete the procedures by the specified deadline.

 - a) If you request to withdraw from the graduate school during the semester, between April 1st (or October 1st) and the end of April (or October), and this request is granted after completing the necessary procedures, you can withdraw by paying an amount equivalent to 1/12 of the tuition fee multiplied by the number of months until the month of withdrawal.
 - b) If the procedures cannot be completed by the deadline mentioned above, you will need to pay the tuition fees for the semester (either the first or second semester) to which the withdrawal date belongs.

- Study abroad

[Required: Request form / register for the overseas travel registration system]

If you wish to participate in a study abroad (exchange study) program to a graduate school based on agreements such as inter-university or inter-departmental student exchange agreements concluded between Osaka University and foreign institutions, you must obtain permission from the Dean of the Graduate School at least one month before the start of the study abroad period.

- Study abroad during leave of absence

[Required: PETITION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE/ register for the overseas travel registration system]

If you plan to undertake private overseas travel, such as language study abroad, and it is difficult to continue your studies for three months or more, you may request a leave of absence.

- Transfer to another graduate school at Osaka University [Required: Request form]

If you wish to transfer to another graduate school within Osaka University during your enrollment at FBS (e.g., if you wish to advance to the doctoral program of another graduate school after obtaining a master's degree), please inquire at the office of the relevant graduate school to confirm the qualifications and application deadlines, and then make your request. Please note that if you take an entrance exam instead of a departmental exam and enroll in another graduate school, examination and enrollment fees will be incurred.

- Return to studies after a leave of absence
 [Required: Request for Resumption of Studies + medical certificate (if applicable)]
 If the reason for your leave of absence has been resolved and you intend to return to your studies during the leave of absence period, please submit a Request for Resumption of Studies and obtain permission by the month before the intended reinstatement date. Additionally, if your leave of absence was due to illness or other medical reasons, please submit a medical certificate from a physician. However, if you return to your studies on the day following the expiration of the leave of absence period, no formal procedures are required.
 Please note that if you return to your studies during the leave of absence period, tuition fees will be incurred starting from the month of reinstatement.

- Change of name (including surname or given name) or change of guarantor
 [Required: Request form]
 If you wish to change your enrollment information (such as the name registered in KOAN) due to a change of name or other reasons, please submit a request at any time.

- Change of supervisor, etc. [Required: Request form]
 If you desire to change your home lab or any related personnel due to various reasons, you can do so with the consent of the relevant faculties.

- Change of address, etc.
 If there are any changes to your contact information (address, phone number, etc.), please promptly update it via the "Student Info" screen on KOAN. The contact information registered in "Student Address Registration" is necessary for various communications, such as tuition payment requests.

- Recognition of Credits Earned through Study Abroad
 [Required: Request form / transcript from the host university / syllabus]
 If you wish to have the credits earned during your study abroad recognized as part of the requirements for completion from FBS, please submit the required documents promptly upon your return. The transcript should include details such as course titles, number of credits, evaluation (including grading criteria), duration of courses (start and end), and total hours of instruction, along with authentication from the head of the relevant department or institution. Please note that credits earned beyond the required recognition limit for courses will not be counted toward completion requirements but will be recorded in your academic record.

★ Application Forms: Available at FBS Educational Affairs Section
 ★ Submit to: FBS Educational Affairs Section

6. Student ID card

The student ID serves not only as proof of enrollment at the university but also for accessing services like the automatic certificate issuing machine and library entry. Please keep it in the designated case at all times to prevent damage or loss, and carry it with you regularly. In case of damage or loss, please proceed with the necessary steps for reissuance immediately.

[Suita Campus]

Education Affairs Information Section, Education Planning Division, Department of Education and Student Affairs, 1st Basement, Administration Bureau, Tel: 06-6879-7105

[Toyonaka Campus]

Toyonaka Student Center, 2nd floor of Student Union, Tel: 06-6850-6119

7. Certificate issuance

(1) Issuance via automatic certificate issuing machine

Type of Certificate	Note
Enrollment Certificate	
Academic Transcript	
Certificates of Graduation (undergraduate) Certificate of Completion (master's)	Osaka University alumni only
Fare Discount Certificates	Limit 3 per day, 10 per year.
Health Certificate	There may be cases where individuals are unable to obtain certificates from the automatic certificate issuing machine. For further details, please inquire at the Health and Counseling Center on their respective campus.

The location and operating hours of the automatic certificate issuing machine are as follows:

Campus	Location	Hours
SUITA	Lobby, 1st floor, Suita Student Center, IC Hall	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Main entrance, 1st floor, Administration Building, Faculty of Medicine	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Beside the counter of Educational Affairs Division, 1st floor, Administration Building U1M, School of Engineering	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
TOYONAKA	Lobby, 2nd floor, Student Union, Toyonaka Student Center	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	In front of the Educational Affairs Section, 2nd floor, Building A, Center for Education in Liberal Arts and Science	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(2) Issuance by FBS Educational Affairs Section (<https://www.fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/student/certificate/>)

For certificates that cannot be issued through the automatic certificate issuing machine, please fill out an Application for Certificate at the FBS Educational Affairs Section and submit it. If you are conducting research at a campus other than Suita Campus, you may also apply via email to the FBS Educational Affairs Section. In this case, please ensure that the email is sent from your OU email address or attach a copy of your identification (such as a scan of your student ID) to confirm your identity. Please note that certificates are generally issued the next day, but depending on the timing of the application and the type of certificate, processing times may vary. Therefore, please apply with sufficient time to spare.

(3) Certificate of Withdrawal with Master's Degree (Expected)

CERTIFICATE	
Name: _____	
Date of Birth: <u>Month Day, Year</u>	
Date of Enrollment: <u>Month Day, Year</u>	
Expected Date of Conferment of Master's Degree: <u>Month Year</u>	
Expected Degree: Master of Science	
Program: Five-year Doctoral Program	
Department: Frontier Biosciences	
<p>This is to certify that the aforementioned individual is expected to obtain a master's degree and withdraw from the doctoral program at this graduate school in <u>Month Year</u>. Since the doctoral program at this graduate school is a five-year integrated program, the expected withdrawal with a master's degree is equivalent to the expected completion of the master's program.</p>	
<p>Dean of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, Osaka University</p>	
<p>Official Seal of the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, Osaka University</p>	
<p><u>Month Day, Year</u></p>	
	<p>* If you do not continue your studies after obtaining a master's degree, you will be withdrawn from enrollment (withdrawal with a master's degree). This is equivalent to completing the master's program at a non-integrated graduate school, and the FBS Educational Affairs Section issues a certificate as described. Please contact the FBS Educational Affairs Section if you require it for employment or other purposes.</p> <p>* The Certificate of Withdrawal with Master's Degree (Expected) can only be issued for the academic year when you are expected to obtain the master's degree. Please note that it cannot be issued in the first year.</p>

8. Overseas travel registration system

In the case of overseas emergencies such as a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or outbreak of infectious disease, Osaka University confirms the safety of OU students in such a place. If you travel abroad for any of the reasons noted below, be sure to enter your travel information into the system (<http://osku.jp/m0783>).

- ① When you participate in programs such as student exchange programs and training overseas sponsored by the University,
- ② When you are involved in research activity overseas for participating in academic conferences or fieldwork,
- ③ When you travel abroad for any reason other than those mentioned above, such as internships overseas, study/travel overseas, or when international students return home temporarily, regardless of whether it be for business or personal reasons.

9. Regarding group trips such as seminar excursions

Please obtain the group travel seat assignment form from a travel agency or similar establishment, fill in the required information, and then obtain certification from the Dean of the Graduate School at the FBS Educational Affairs Section.

Tuition Fees/Enrollment Fee

■ Tuition fee payment

1. Tuition fees are required to be paid within the specified period (until the end of May for the first term and the end of November for the second term). Osaka University adopts an automatic bank account transfer system for payment, allowing payment to be made via transfer from the student's own bank account. Please note that cash and postal money orders at the counter are not accepted.
2. If payment is not completed by the specified deadline, both the student and the guarantor will be reminded to make the payment. If payment is still not made after a considerable period has passed, the student will be deregistered. Additionally, if payment is not completed by the end of the fiscal year, the students will be subject to deregistration.
3. For students facing difficulties in paying tuition fees, there is an opportunity for exemption through the Osaka University Enrollment/Tuition Fee Exemption Program. Please refer to the following for more information.
4. When taking a leave of absence, if you choose to do so at the beginning of either the first or second semester, the tuition fees for that semester will be waived. However, if you opt to take a leave of absence partway through the semester, the fees for that semester will still be charged.
5. If withdrawing or taking a leave of absence during the semester, there may be cases where tuition fees are prorated by month. If withdrawing or taking a leave of absence in the middle of the first semester, you will need to pay the tuition fees for the months enrolled by the end of April. Similarly, if withdrawing or taking a leave of absence in the middle of the second semester, you will need to pay the tuition fees for the months enrolled by the end of October. However, please note that the procedures for withdrawal or leave of absence must be completed before these deadlines.

■ Osaka University Enrollment/Tuition Fee Exemption Program

If you meet the eligibility criteria, applying for this program may exempt you from paying all or part of the tuition fees (or provide an extension for the payment deadline). If you are facing financial difficulties or family circumstances that make it challenging to pay, please carefully review the information and guidelines regarding this program posted on the university's website. Please note that if you wish to apply for the program, be sure to complete the application process by the specified deadline.

Please note that applications for tuition fee exemptions will be considered separately for each semester: the first semester (from April to September) and the second semester (from October to March of the following year).

1. Outline of the program

(1) Enrollment/Tuition Fee Exemption

Individuals who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply for tuition fee

exemptions under Osaka University's unique support system. For detailed information, please refer to the Osaka University website.

- ① Individuals who face financial hardship making payment difficult and who meet academic performance criteria.
- ② For tuition fee exemption, applicants whose primary financial supporter has passed away or who (or whose primary financial supporter) have been affected by a natural disaster such as a flood or typhoon within the last six months before the payment deadline for the first or second semester (within one year for new students), thereby rendering them unable to pay the tuition fees, are eligible.

For enrollment fee exemption, applicants whose primary financial supporter has passed away or who (or whose primary financial supporter) have been affected by a natural disaster such as a flood or typhoon within the last year before enrollment, rendering them significantly unable to pay the enrollment fees, are eligible.

Application Procedure

Please access the web page via the following URL or QR code and check the application guidelines (scheduled to be posted by the end of February for the first semester and by the end of August for the second semester). Then, complete the specified procedures within the application period.

<Applying for the Enrollment/Tuition Fee Exemption Program for Enrollment/Tuition Fee Exemption: Instructions and Application System>

<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/campus/tuition/remission/system>



- (2) Deferred payment of enrollment fee/tuition fee, Installment payment of tuition fee
This program is implemented as part of Osaka University's unique support system.
Please refer to the information on the Osaka University website for details.

2. Contact

Tuition Fees Exemption Staff, Suita Student Center

E-mail: gakusei-sien-en1@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

Phone: 06-6879-7088/7161

Office hours: Weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Health and Safety Matters

■ **Student Annual Health Checkup**

The Student Annual Health Checkup is mandatory under the School Health Law and Osaka University's regulations, and all students are required to undergo it. It is conducted for a few days every April, so please be sure not to miss the notification on the website or other channels. You can undergo the health checkup at either the Toyonaka Headquarters or the Suita Branch of the Health and Counseling Center. If you do not undergo the checkup, you will not be able to obtain a health certificate required for educational internships, hospital internships, job hunting, scholarships, etc. Therefore, please make sure to undergo the checkup.

■ **Health and Counseling Center**

To ensure that students and staff at Osaka University can enjoy a fulfilling campus life, the Health and Counseling Center provides various support activities such as health support, counseling, mental health support, and support for students with disabilities. Our team consists of doctors, counselors, coordinators, medical staff, and other professionals, each contributing their expertise to these initiatives.

The Health and Counseling Center comprises the Health Management Department (Toyonaka Headquarters/Suita Branch/Minoh Branch) and the Consultation Support Department (Student Consultation Room, Accessibility Support Room, Peer Consultation Room). We handle a wide range of tasks to cater to the diverse needs of our university community.

If you are unsure about whom to contact, please feel free to consult the "Room for Consultation about Anything." We are here to assist you.

Health and Counseling Center website: <https://hacc.osaka-u.ac.jp/ja/>

○ **Health Management Department:**

Medical services for students and faculty members (internal medicine, psychiatry, orthopedics)
Women's outpatient services
Smoking cessation outpatient services
Health checkups for students (new student checkups, spring checkups, fall checkups)
Health checkups for staff (regular checkups, checkups at the time of hiring, pre- and post-travel checkups)
Health checkups for those engaged in certain types of hazardous work

○ **Consultation Support Department**

Consultations regarding support for students with disabilities – Accessibility Support Room
Professional counseling – Student Consultation Room
Peer advisor consultation – Peer Consultation Room

○ **Room for Consultation about Anything**

If you would like to talk to someone but aren't sure where to go, or if you would like to receive counseling regarding SOGI or other matters, we can refer you to an appropriate on- or off-campus consultation support institution or medical institution. If necessary, we can cooperate with or contact the institution and offer support for a smooth consultation process.

■ **Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences Student Consultation Room**

The graduate school's student counseling room is located on the 2nd floor of the Frontier Bioscience Building. If you would like to talk with us, please contact our office staff at the Student Consultation Room via email (soudan@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp) or phone (06-6879-4421). You can also contact counselors from the Student Consultation Committee directly without going through the office staff. A list of counselors is posted on the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences website. (Campus life-Consultation Services)

■ **Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences Consultation Room for Students with Disabilities**

Consultations for Students with Disabilities at the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences is headed by the FBS Educational Affairs Section. We accept consultations regarding support for students with disabilities, such as requesting special considerations and/or accommodations for study. We will consider all requests and provide support where necessary. Please send your inquiries to the email address below or visit the FBS Educational Affairs Section or the Accessibility Support Room at the Health and Counseling Center on each campus. Please feel free to inquire if you are unsure if you qualify for assistance.

Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences Consultation for Students with Disabilities:
shien@fbs.osaka-u.ac.jp

Accessibility Support Room: campuslifekenkou-acs@office.osaka-u.ac.jp

■ **Personal Accident Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (PAS)**

Personal Liability Insurance is an insurance system established to provide compensation for injuries suffered by students during educational and research activities both domestically and internationally. At Osaka University, enrollment in this insurance is mandatory for all eligible individuals. If you have not yet enrolled, please proceed with the enrollment process promptly.

1. Eligible individuals

undergraduate students, graduate students, research students, auditors, and credited auditors (including international students). However, trainees who solely utilize university facilities are not eligible. Nevertheless, JSPS Special Research Fellows are eligible.

2. Details of insurance coverage

TYPE OF INDEMNITY	TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF INSURANCE	ADDITIONAL INDEMNITY FOR HOSPITALIZATION
During regular curricular activities or school events	Indemnity for loss of life: 20 million Insurance for disability: In relation to the degree of aftereffect: 1,200,000 yen - 30 million yen Injury and/or disease requiring four or more days of actual medical treatment: 3,000 yen - 300,000 yen Number of treatment days: 1 or more	4,000 yen/day (from day 1)
While commuting to and from school facilities	Indemnity for loss of life: 10 million yen Insurance for disability: In relation to the	4,000 yen/day (from day 1)

	degree of aftereffect: 600,000 yen - 15 million yen Injury and/or disease requiring four or more days of actual medical treatment: 6,000 yen - 300,000 yen Number of treatment days: 4 or more	
During extracurricular activities at or in school facilities During the time you are in school facilities	Indemnity for loss of life: 10 million yen Insurance for disability: In relation to the degree of aftereffect: 600,000 yen - 15 million yen Injury and/or disease requiring four or more days of actual medical treatment :30,000 yen - 300,000 yen Number of treatment days: 14 or more	4,000 yen/day (from day 1)

3. How to enroll in insurance and how to file a claim

○ How to enroll

When providing guidance on enrollment procedures, we distribute an instruction and a Yucho Bank payment slip. Please make sure to pay the following amount at a post office or Yucho Bank counter. If an incorrect amount is remitted, the enrollment process cannot be completed, and even in the event of an injury covered by the insurance, insurance benefits cannot be paid. Please be sure to remit the amount corresponding to your affiliated graduate school and academic year.

Graduate School	Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences
doctor's course (1 st year)	4,050 yen/5 years
doctor's course (2 nd year)	3,300 yen/4 years
doctor's course (3 rd year)	2,600 yen/3 years
doctor's course (4 th year)	1,750 yen/2 years
doctor's course (5 th year)	1,000 yen/1 year

○ Notification of Accidents

When an insurance accident occurs, it is necessary to immediately notify the insurance company of the date, time, location, circumstances, and extent of the injury on the designated postcard. Failure to notify within 30 days from the date of the accident may result in the insurance claim not being paid out.

Please obtain the designated postcard from the Insurance Counter at the University Co-op. Once completed, the postcard will be sent from the University Co-op to the insurance company.

○ How to file a claim

The necessary documents for the claim will be provided at the Insurance Counter of the University Co-op. After filling them out, please submit them to the Insurance Counter of the University Co-op.

* Liability Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research (LSR)

The Liability Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research provides coverage for damages that must be legally compensated for causing injury to others or damaging others' property during regular curricular activities, school events, internships (limited to those approved by the university), caregiving experiences, educational practicums, childcare practicums, and travel associated with these activities. To enroll in the Liability Insurance for Students Pursuing Education and Research, individuals must first have enrolled in the Personal Accident Insurance. Prospective enrollees must ensure they are already enrolled in the Personal Accident Insurance, then visit the Insurance Counter of the University Co-op to receive the necessary documents and make the insurance payment at the post office.

4. Location of the Insurance Counter of the University Co-op

Toyonaka Campus: Insurance Section, General Affairs Division, Toyonaka COOP Office, 4F, Welfare Center

Suita Campus: Insurance Section, COOP Office, School of Engineering. COOP Welfare Building in Engineering Faculty

5. Contact

Insurance Section, General Affairs Division, Toyonaka COOP Office, 4F, Welfare Center, Toyonaka Campus (06-6841-3326)

6. Website: <https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/guide/student/general/insurance.html>

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Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations

Chapter 1: General Provisions

(Purpose)

Article 1

These regulations specify the requirements necessary for students to complete their studies, including the period of study and the content of the curriculum, at Osaka University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”).

(Declaration of Aims for Education and Research, etc.)

Article 1-2

The University shall determine and publicly announce the aims for educating individuals and other aims related to education and research for each School/Faculty (hereinafter referred to as “School”) and Department/Division (hereinafter referred to as “Department”).

(Schools and Departments)

Article 2

The University has the following Schools and Departments.

School of Letters:	Department of Humanities
School of Human Sciences:	Department of Human Sciences
School of Foreign Studies:	Department of Foreign Studies
School of Law:	Department of Law, Department of International Public Policy
School of Economics:	Department of Economics and Business
School of Science:	Department of Mathematics, Department of Physics, Department of Chemistry, Department of Biological Sciences
Faculty of Medicine:	Medical School, School of Allied Health Sciences
School of Dentistry:	Department of Dentistry
School of Pharmaceutical Sciences:	Department of Pharmacy
School of Engineering:	Division of Applied Science; Division of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science; Division of Electronic and Information Engineering; Division of Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering; Division of Global Architecture
School of Engineering Science:	Department of Electronics and Materials Physics, Department of Chemical Science and Engineering, Department of Systems Science, Department of Information and Computer Sciences

(Enrollment Quota)

Article 3

The maximum number of students accepted into the Schools and Departments specified in the preceding Article shall be as shown in Attachment 1.

(Academic Year)

Article 4

The academic year shall commence on April 1, and end on March 31 of the following year.

(Term System)

Article 5

The academic year shall be divided into four terms as follows:

Spring Term

Summer Term

Fall Term

Winter Term

2 The Spring Term starts on April 1 and the Fall Term starts on October 1, though the President may designate the first day of the Summer Term and Winter Term.

3 The Summer Term ends on September 30 and the Winter Term ends on March 31, though the President may designate the last day of the Spring term and Fall term.

(Holidays)

Article 6

University holidays shall be as follows:

Sundays and Saturdays

Holidays stipulated in the Act on National Holidays (Act No. 178, 1948)

Anniversary of the Founding of Osaka University: May 1

Spring Vacation: April 1 to April 10

Summer Vacation: August 5 to September 30

Winter Vacation: December 25 to January 7 of the following year

2. The Dean of each School may change the dates of the spring vacation, summer vacation and winter vacation from time to time in accordance with the needs of the relevant School upon obtaining permission from the President.

3. The President may designate other special holidays.

Article 7 Deleted.

Chapter 2: Students

(Period of Study)

Article 8

Four (4) years of schooling shall be required for graduation, except the Faculty of Medicine's Medical School, the School of Dentistry and the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, for which six (6) years of schooling shall be required.

2. Pursuant to the provision of Article 10-5, students who have received permission to complete the curriculum over an extended period (hereinafter referred to as "Long-term Students") shall complete their studies within the approved time limit.

(Maximum Period of Enrollment)

Article 9

The maximum period of enrollment (including that for Long-term Students) shall be eight (8) years, except the Faculty of Medicine's Medical School, the School of Dentistry and the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, for which the maximum period of enrollment shall be twelve (12) years.

2. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, the maximum period of enrollment for a student who receives permission to enroll pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 through Article 15 shall be set forth separately in

the regulations for the relevant School.

3. Any student who exceeds the maximum period of enrollment stipulated in the preceding two paragraphs shall forfeit his or her student status.

(Curriculum, Course Requirements, etc.)

Article 10

The curriculum shall include the subjects necessary to fulfill the educational aims of the University and each School and Department, based on the “Degree Awarding Policy” and the “Teaching and Learning Policy (Curriculum Policy), ” with subjects organized systematically based on liberal arts, academic majors, and global literacy.

2. Subjects shall be divided as follows:

Liberal arts

A door to academia, liberal arts education, advanced liberal arts education, informatics, health and sports education subjects, advanced seminar, communication design subjects

Academic major

Professional basic education subjects, major subjects

Global literacy

Multilingual education, advanced global literacy education, international exchange subjects

3. The subjects stipulated in the preceding paragraph and course requirements for completion shall be stipulated separately in the regulations for the relevant School. However, the subjects established through joint efforts of all Schools shall be stipulated separately as university-wide general education subjects.

4. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, the establishment of and course requirements for communication design subjects and international exchange subjects shall be stipulated separately.

5. In addition to the subjects stipulated in Paragraph 2 above, Teaching certificate subjects shall be established, and the subjects and the course requirements shall be stipulated separately.

(Graduate Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies, etc.)

Article 10-2

In addition to the curriculum stipulated in the preceding Article, the Graduate program for advanced interdisciplinary studies shall be established in order to cultivate knowledge in a wide range of areas.

2. Other matters necessary for the Graduate program for advanced interdisciplinary studies shall be stipulated separately.

(Method of Class)

Article 10-2-2

Classes shall be given in the form of lectures, seminars, laboratory work, practical training or practical implementation, or any combination of these methods.

2. Pursuant to the rules established separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “MEXT”), the classes stipulated in the preceding paragraph may be given in locations other than those for which the classes are originally intended, by using a variety of advanced media.

3. The classes stipulated in Paragraph 1 above may be given abroad, including the classes which shall be given in locations other than those for which the classes are originally intended, by using a variety of advanced media pursuant

to the provisions of the preceding paragraph.

4. Pursuant to the rules established separately by MEXT, a part of the classes stipulated in Paragraph 1 above may be given in locations other than school buildings or affiliated facilities.

(Method for Calculating Credits)

Article 10-2-3

In regard to establishing the number of credits for each subject, the following standards shall be used to calculate the number of credits, taking into consideration the educational effectiveness of the relevant class, the amount of studying required outside of class time and other factors in accordance with the method of instruction, based on the standard that a one-credit class shall comprise content that requires forty-five (45) hours of learning.

- (1) Lectures and seminars: Classes that range from fifteen (15) to forty-five (45) hours as stipulated in the regulations for the relevant School and University-Wide General Education Regulations shall be worth one credit.
- (2) Laboratory work, practical training or practical implementation: Classes that range from thirty (30) to forty-five (45) hours as stipulated in the regulations for the relevant School and University-Wide General Education Regulations shall be worth one credit.
- (3) In the event that two or more methods (lectures, seminars, laboratory work, practical training or practical implementation) are used for a single subject, depending on the combination, classes of the length stipulated in the regulations for the relevant School and University-Wide General Regulations shall be worth one credit, taking into consideration the standards listed in the preceding two items.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, for classes for a bachelor's thesis or bachelor's research, the number of credits can be stipulated based on the amount of studying required, if the results of the work are evaluated and it is deemed appropriate to grant credits for that work.

(Certificates of Learning, etc.)

Article 10-2-4

For students who have acquired credits for systematic courses with a part of the curriculum stipulated in Article 10 and according to the provisions stipulated in Article 163-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Education Law (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 11, 1947), Certificates of Learning can be issued.

2. The systematic courses in the preceding paragraph are referred to as 学修証明プログラム (the Learning Certificate Program).
3. Other necessary matters concerning the Learning Certificate Program shall be stipulated separately.

(Subjects Completed at Other Universities, etc.)

Article 10-3

Where the Dean of the relevant School (hereafter "Dean of the relevant School" shall include individuals who have been given the power to act on behalf of said Dean of the relevant School), with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, a student may complete classes at another university, Specialist college or junior college (hereafter "junior college" shall also include Specialist colleges), overseas university (hereafter "overseas university" shall include overseas universities equivalent to Specialist colleges) or overseas junior college, based on discussions with that institution. However, the process of discussion with an overseas university or junior college may be omitted if doing so is difficult due to unforeseen circumstances.

2. Credits earned by a student at a university, Specialist junior college, overseas university or overseas junior college pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph may be applied toward the credits required for graduation, up to a maximum of 60 credits.

(Education Completed at a Non-University Educational Facility)

Article 10-3-2

Where the Dean of the relevant School, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, studying completed by a student at a junior college or in an advanced course at a technical college, or other type of education facility recognized by the Minister of MEXT, may be treated by the University as the completion of subjects, and may be granted credits in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

2. Credits granted pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph shall not exceed 60 credits in total when combined with credits acquired as stipulated in Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article.

(Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Enrollment)

Article 10-4

Where the Dean of the relevant School, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, the credits acquired by a student at a university, Specialist college, junior college, overseas university or overseas junior college prior to enrollment at the University may be recognized by the University as acquired credits. (This includes credits acquired as a credited auditor stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 31 of the Standards for the Establishment of Universities, Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 28, 1956, and special course students stipulated in Paragraph 2 of the same Article)

2. Where the Dean of the relevant School, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, studies completed by a student prior to enrollment at the University as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article may be treated by the University as the completion of subjects and may be granted credits in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

3. The number of credits that can be recognized as acquired credits or granted pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs (excluding the individuals admitted to the University or accepted as a transfer student under Article 14 through Article 15) shall be limited to 60 credits in total when combined with credits granted pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 2 of Article 10-3 and Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article.

4. In addition to the approval of credits stipulated in Paragraph 1, when the credits acquired by a student as a Credited Auditor of the University are deemed to have been acquired after enrollment at the University, the period approved by the relevant School may be added to the period of study stipulated in Article 8, based on the number of acquired credits, the period required to acquire credits, and other matters deemed necessary by the said School. However, such a period may not exceed one-half of the said period of study.

(Long-Term Completion of Curriculum)

Article 10-5

When a student, due to employment or other causes, expresses the wish to exceed the maximum period of enrollment as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 8 and complete the curriculum and graduate during a planned period of time, the Dean of the relevant School may permit the planned completion of the curriculum.

(Acquisition of Required Qualifications to Obtain a Teaching Certificate)

Article 10-6

The methods for acquiring the required qualifications for obtaining a teaching certificate at the University shall be set forth separately.

(Examinations and Evaluations)

Article 10-7

An evaluation of a student's mastery of a completed subject shall be determined by a written examination conducted by the academic staff responsible for that subject. However, other evaluation methods may be used in place of a written examination.

2. Grading for examinations for each subject shall be expressed using the following system, with 100 points as the top score. S, A, B and C indicate passing grades, while F indicates a failing grade.

- S: 90 points or higher
- A: 80 – 89 points
- B: 70 – 79 points
- C: 60 – 69 points
- F: Less than 60 points

(Specification of Grading Standards, etc.)

Article 10-8

The University must clearly specify to students the method of instruction, content and annual plan for classes.

2. In order for the University to maintain a strict and objective evaluation of academic progress and approve graduation, the University must clearly specify the grading standards to students, and conduct evaluations appropriately in accordance with those standards.

(Systematic Training, etc.)

Article 10-9

The University shall conduct systematic training and research in order to enrich education and improve the content and methods of classes.

(Admission)

Article 11

Admission at the University shall commence at the beginning of the academic year. Admission may be permitted at the beginning of the Summer Term, Fall Term or Winter Term, provided that the Dean of the relevant School deems that there is a special need and that doing so shall in no way impede education.

Article 12

In order to be admitted to the University, a student must fulfill one of the following requirements:

- (1) Graduation from a high school or secondary school.
- (2) Completion of twelve (12) years of regular formal education, or completion of an equivalent school education by means of a curriculum other than the regular curriculum.
- (3) Completion of twelve (12) years of formal education overseas or an equivalent education overseas that is recognized by the Minister of MEXT.
- (4) Completion of the curriculum at a Japanese educational facility overseas that is recognized by the Minister of MEXT as providing a curriculum equivalent to a high school curriculum.
- (5) Completion of an upper secondary course at a specialized training college, with completion of the requirements designated separately by the Minister of MEXT after the date of designation (limited to schools which require three (3) or more years of study and which fulfill the standards established by the Minister of MEXT).
- (6) Designation by the Minister of MEXT.
- (7) Successful completion of the Certificate for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary

School Graduates as specified in the Rules for Certification for Students Achieving the Proficiency Level of Upper Secondary School Graduates (MEXT Ordinance No. 1, 2005). (This includes individuals who passed the University Entrance Qualification Examination referred to in the Regulations for University Entrance Qualification Examination (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 13, 1951) prior to its abolishment, as defined in Article 2 of the Supplementary Provisions to these regulations).

- (8) Individuals who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, and who are recognized by the University as having academic capabilities equal to or exceeding a high school graduate, based on a separate entrance examination qualifications evaluation.

Article 13

A selection examination shall be held based on the “Admission Policy” for individuals wishing to enroll in the University, and the President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, shall determine which individuals may receive approval for admission.

2. Details regarding the selection examination shall be set forth separately.

Article 14

The President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, may admit individuals who meet one of the following requirements to the University in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

- (1) Individuals who have graduated from one School and who wish to enroll in another School or other Department of the same School (for the School of Letters, School of Human Sciences and School of Foreign Studies, another field of major within the same Department).
- (2) Individuals who have withdrawn voluntarily from a School and wish to be readmitted to that School.
- (3) Individuals who have graduated from a school at a different university or Specialist college and wish to enroll in a School at the University.

2. The President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, may accept individuals (limited to individuals who have completed education as stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 90 of the School Education Law) who have graduated from a high school, upper secondary school or a special needs high school Advanced Course (limited to schools which require two (2) or more years of study and which fulfill the standards established by the Minister of MEXT) and wish to transfer to a School, as transfer students in accordance with the regulations that School.

3. The President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, may accept individuals who have graduated from a technical college and wish to transfer to the School of Engineering or School of Engineering Science, as transfer students in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

Article 14-2

The President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, may accept individuals who meet one of the following requirements and who wish to enroll in the School of Law from the third year, for admission in accordance with the regulations of that School.

- (1) Individuals who have graduated from a university or Specialist college or who have received a bachelor’s degree pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 7 of Article 104 of the School Education Law.
- (2) Individuals who have been enrolled at a university or Specialist college for at least two (2) years, and who have acquired the credits required by the School of Law (stipulated separately).
- (3) Individuals who have completed at least fourteen (14) years of formal education overseas (including any period of regular formal education completed in Japan; limited to individuals who have completed their last two (2) or more consecutive years of formal education overseas).
- (4) Individuals who have graduated from a junior college or technical college.

Article 14-3

The President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, may accept individuals who meet one of the following requirements and who wish to enroll in the School of Human Sciences from the third year for admission in accordance with the regulations of the School of Human Sciences.

- (1) Individuals who have graduated from a university or Specialist college or who have received a bachelor's degree pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 7 of Article 104 of the School Education Law.
- (2) Individuals who have been enrolled at a university or Specialist college for at least two (2) years, and who have acquired the credits required by the School of Human Sciences (stipulated separately).
- (3) Individuals who have graduated from a junior college or technical college.
- (4) Individuals who have completed formal education overseas equivalent to the requirements listed in the preceding three items.

Article 14-4

The President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, may accept individuals who wish to enroll in the School of Foreign Studies or School of Economics from the third year, the Faculty of Medicine from the second or third year, or the School of Dentistry from the third year, for admission in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

Article 15

The President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, may accept individuals who are students at a school at a different university or Specialist college and wish to transfer to the University, as transfer students in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

2. Individuals who have applied for transfer pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph must submit, with the request for transfer, a letter of permission from the president of the relevant university or Specialist college.

Article 16

In terms of the period of study, individuals who are accepted for admission pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 through the preceding Article and who are recognized as having academic capabilities equal to or exceeding those of a student who has completed the subjects for at least one (1) academic year at the University may be considered as having fulfilled at least one (1) year of academic work at the University.

2. An examination may be conducted as needed in order to ascertain the fulfillment of the above requirement in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

Article 17

An individual who wishes to enroll must submit an application form for admission along with the necessary documents stipulated separately by the appropriate deadline.

Article 18

Approval for admission shall be granted to those individuals who have submitted the necessary documents (stipulated separately) and who have completed the necessary procedures, including payment of the enrollment fee.

Article 19

Approval for admission may be withdrawn in the event of the discovery of a forgery or falsehood in the procedures described in the preceding two Articles or elsewhere.

Article 19-2

Individuals who fall under one of the following categories and who have not paid the necessary enrollment fee by the required deadline shall forfeit their status:

- (1) Individuals who applied for exemption from the enrollment fee pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 2 of Article 45-2, and who were not approved for exemption or were approved for only a partial exemption.
- (2) Individuals being considered for deferred payment of the enrollment fee pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 or Paragraph 2 of Article 45-3.

(Transfer to Another School)

Article 19-3

The Dean of the relevant School may accept students who wish to transfer to the School or Department in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

2. Students who wish to transfer to another School pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph must submit, with the request for transfer, a letter of permission from the Dean of the current School.

3. The Dean of the relevant School, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, shall determine whether to count the credits earned previously and the previous enrollment period toward graduation requirements for students transferred to the School in the case of Paragraph 1 of this Article.

(Transfer to Another University)

Article 20

Students who wish to transfer to another university or Specialist college must make a request to the Dean of the relevant School and receive permission.

(Study Abroad)

Article 20-2

Pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 of Article 10-3, a student who wishes to study at an overseas university or overseas junior college must make a request to the Dean of the relevant School, and receive permission.

2. The period for study abroad stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall be included in the calculation of the period of study as set forth in Article 8.

(Leave of Absence)

Article 21

A student who is unable to study for three (3) months or more due to illness or other reasons may take a leave of absence for the remainder of the academic year after receiving permission from the Dean of the relevant School.

Article 22

The Dean of the relevant School may order a student to take a leave of absence in the event that the student is deemed to be incapable of studying due to illness.

Article 23

The period of the leave of absence shall not be included in the calculation of the number of years enrolled.

Article 24

The period of the leave of absence must not exceed four (4) years. However, for the Faculty of Medicine's Medical

School, the School of Dentistry and the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the period of the leave of absence must not exceed six (6) years.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, for the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the period of the leave of absence may be extended, provided that the Dean of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences deems that there is an event of extenuating circumstances.

Article 25

During the period of the leave of absence, if the reason for the leave of absence is resolved, a student may return to the relevant School upon receiving permission from the Dean of the School.

(Voluntary Withdrawal)

Article 26

A student who is considering voluntary withdrawal from a School must submit to the Dean of the School a "Request for Voluntary Withdrawal" which gives a detailed account of the reason for voluntary withdrawal, and receive permission.

Article 27 Deleted.

(Graduation)

Article 28

Individuals who have been enrolled at the University for the length of time stipulated in Article 8 and who have completed the relevant subjects, received the relevant number of credits and passed the examination stipulated in the regulations for the relevant School may be approved for graduation by the Dean of the relevant School after consideration at a Faculty Meeting.

However, except in cases specified in the following paragraph, where the Dean of the relevant School deems that there is a special need and that doing so shall in no way impede education, the Dean of the relevant School may, after consideration at a Faculty Meeting, approve the graduation even if the individual is not enrolled at the University for the length of time stipulated in Article 8.

2. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, students who have been enrolled at the University for at least three (3) years (excluding the Faculty of Medicine's Medical School, the School of Dentistry and the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences), and who have been recognized as fulfilling the relevant School's required credits for graduation with exemplary grades, may be approved for graduation in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School after consideration at a Faculty Meeting.

3. The Dean of the relevant School must submit a written report to the President upon approval for graduation as stipulated in the preceding two paragraphs.

4. Among the credits required for graduation pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 above, the number of credits to be acquired by taking classes must not exceed sixty (60) as stipulated in Paragraph 2 of Article 10-2-2.

(Bachelor's Degree)

Article 29

The President shall approve individuals to graduate pursuant to the provisions of the preceding Article and confer upon them a bachelor's degree.

2. The degree specified in the preceding paragraph shall be appended with the name of the field of major in accordance with the classifications of each School or Department, as listed below.

School of Letters: Arts (文学)
School of Human Sciences: Human Sciences (人間科学)
School of Foreign Studies: Arts in Language and Culture (言語・文化)
School of Law: Laws (法学)
School of Economics: Economics (経済学)
School of Science: Science (理学)
Faculty of Medicine: Medical School – Doctor of Medicine (医学)
School of Allied Health Sciences – Nursing (看護学), Health Science (保健衛生学)
School of Dentistry: Doctor of Dental Surgery (歯学)
School of Pharmaceutical Sciences: Pharmacy (薬学)
School of Engineering: Engineering (工学)
School of Engineering Science: Engineering (工学)

3. Individuals who have received a bachelor’s degree from the University shall include the name Osaka University when using the name of the degree.

4. The format for the bachelor’s diploma is shown in Attachment 2.

(Required Withdrawal)

Article 30 Deleted.

Article 31

If a student does not attend class for an extended period of time without a valid reason, or is not expected to fulfill academic requirements, this may result in the required withdrawal of the student at the discretion of with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting and the president.

Article 32

If a student is delinquent in paying the tuition fee, and does not pay the tuition fee even after being given a reminder, this may result in the required withdrawal of the student at the discretion of the Dean of the relevant School.

(Reinstatement)

Article 32-2

The Dean of the relevant School may reinstate an individual who has been required to withdraw pursuant to the provision of the preceding Article and who has applied for reinstatement in accordance with the regulations of the relevant School.

(Disciplinary Action)

Article 33

The President may discipline a student, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, in the event that the student conducts an action that violates the regulations of the University or demonstrates an action contrary to proper student conduct.

2. Discipline may take the form of a warning, suspension or expulsion.

3. The period of suspension shall be included in the calculation of the maximum period of enrollment as stipulated in Article 9, but not count toward the period of study as stipulated in Article 8. However, in the event that the period of suspension is less than one (1) month, the period may be included in the calculation of the period of study.

4. The procedures for disciplinary action shall be set forth separately.

Chapter 3: Special Auditors, Credited Auditors, Auditors and Research Students

(Special Auditors, Credited Auditors, Auditors and Research Students)

Article 34

Based on an agreement with another university, Specialist college, junior college, technical college, overseas university or overseas junior college, the Dean of the relevant School (in cases where University-Wide Exchange Programs at Osaka University is involved, the Dean of the relevant School or the Director of the center that accepts students by the said program. The same shall apply to Articles 37, 38-2 and 40) may accept a student at that School for enrollment as a special auditor and said student can attend classes accordingly.

Article 34-2

The Dean of the relevant School may accept an individual who chooses to study one or more subjects from among the coursework to acquire credit for enrollment as a credited auditor based on the results of screening by the relevant School.

Article 35

The Dean of the relevant School may accept an individual who wishes to choose and study one or more subjects from among the coursework for enrollment as an auditor based on the results of screening by the relevant School.

Article 36

The Dean of the relevant School may accept an individual who wishes to do research on a particular subject in a School for enrollment as a research student based on the results of screening by that School.

2. The commencement date for research students shall be the start of the academic year. However, this may be adjusted in the event of extenuating circumstances.

3. In principle, the length of the period of enrollment for research students shall be limited to one (1) year. However, this may be extended in the event that an extension is deemed necessary for the purpose of the relevant research.

Article 37

Individuals who wish to enroll as special auditors, credited auditors, auditors or research students must submit an application form along with the necessary documents stipulated separately to the Dean of the relevant School.

Article 38

Extra expenses required for practical training or research shall be the responsibility of the credited auditor or research student.

Article 38-2

If a special auditor, credited auditor, auditor or research student falls under one of the following categories, this may result in the required withdrawal of the student at the discretion of the Dean of the relevant School.

- (1) Individuals who are not expected to fulfill the academic requirements.
- (2) Individuals who are delinquent in paying tuition fees, and who do not pay the tuition fees even after being given a reminder.

Article 39

In addition to these regulations, matters relating to special auditors, credited auditors, auditors and research students shall be set forth in the regulations for each School (for students participating in University-Wide Exchange Programs at Osaka University, the regulations on the University-Wide Exchange Programs at Osaka University shall apply).

Chapter 4: Special Courses

(Extension Programs)

Article 39-2

Extension Programs shall be established in the University as a special curriculum stipulated in Article 105 of the School Education Law for persons other than students of the University.

2. Other necessary matters concerning the Extension Programs shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 5: International Students

(International Students)

Article 40

In the event that there are foreigners who wish to enroll in the University as students, special auditors, credited auditors, auditors or research students, they may be accepted for enrollment at the University by the President or the Dean of the relevant School based on the results of a screening process.

2. The individuals who have been accepted pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be referred to as “international students.”

Article 41 Deleted.

Article 42 Deleted.

Article 43 Deleted.

Chapter 6: Application Fees, Enrollment Fees and Tuition Fees

(Payment of Application Fee)

Article 44

Individuals who wish to enroll in the University must pay an application fee at the time of submitting application documents.

(Exemption from Application Fee)

Article 44-2

The application fee may be exempted for an individual whose reason is deemed appropriate by the President, as stipulated separately.

(Payment of Enrollment Fee)

Article 45

Individuals who have been admitted to the University must pay the enrollment fee by the appropriate deadline.

(Exemption from Enrollment Fee)

Article 45-2

Individuals planning to enroll in the University (excluding individuals who will enroll as credited auditors, auditors and research students; this applies to the rest of this paragraph, the following paragraph, and Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the following Article) who are recognized as having difficulty in paying the enrollment fee due to one of the extenuating circumstances listed below may be granted exemption from payment of all or part of the enrollment fee.

- (1) Within one (1) year prior to enrollment, the person responsible for the academic expenses of the enrolling individual (hereinafter referred to as the “Academic Expense Payer”) has died, or the enrolling individual or the Academic Expense Payer has suffered damage caused by storm, flood or other natural disaster.

(2) There is another valid reason similar in substance to the reasons specified in the preceding item, which the President deems appropriate.

2. In addition to the matters stipulated in the preceding paragraph, all or part of the enrollment fee may be exempted for individuals planning to enroll in the University who satisfy the requirements for an enrollment fee waiver support under the Act on Support for Studying at Educational Institutions of Higher Education (Act No. 8, 2019; hereinafter referred to as the “Study Support Act”), as stipulated separately.

3. In the event that an individual has forfeited student status pursuant to the provision of Article 19-2, the enrollment fee for that student may be exempted, as stipulated separately.

4. The enrollment fee may be exempted for individuals who have been admitted to one School at the University, and, after completing procedures for enrollment in that School (excluding transfer students and students enrolling as auditors or research students), decline that enrollment and complete procedures for enrollment at a different School.

5. In addition to the four preceding paragraphs, the enrollment fee may be exempted for an individual whose reason is deemed appropriate by the President, as stipulated separately.

6. If in the event that a student who has been granted an exemption from entrance fee payments pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 45-2 is found to fall under any of the reasons specified separately, the entrance fee exemption shall be withdrawn.

Article 45-3

An enrolling individual for whom any of the following applies may be granted deferred payment of the enrollment fee, as stipulated separately.

- (1) An individual recognized as having difficulty in paying the enrollment fee by the deadline due to financial reasons.
- (2) An individual recognized as having difficulty in paying the enrollment fee by the deadline due to the reasons given in Item (1) of Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article.
- (3) Any other extenuating circumstances recognized by the President.

2. In addition to the matter stipulated in the preceding paragraph, in the event that an application for an enrollment fee exemption based on the Study Support Act is accepted from an enrolling individual, collection of the enrollment fee may be deferred, as stipulated separately.

3. The period for which deferred payment of the enrollment fee is granted as described in the preceding two paragraphs shall not exceed the academic year during which the student enrolls.

4. If in the event that a student who has been granted a deferred payment of the enrollment fee pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 of Article 45-3 is found to fall under any of the reasons specified separately, the entrance fee deferment shall be withdrawn.

Article 45-4

An individual who wishes to apply for exemption from or deferred payment of the enrollment fee pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 45-2 or Paragraph 1 or 2 of the preceding Article must submit the appropriate documents to the President by the appropriate deadline.

2. The payment of the enrollment fee by an individual who has applied for an exemption from or deferred payment of the

enrollment fee pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph may be postponed until a decision is made on whether to accept the application or not.

(Payment of Tuition Fee)

Article 46

A student must pay the annual tuition fee in two equal installments, with half of the annual amount to be paid by the appropriate deadline for the first semester (April – September), and the second half to be paid by the appropriate deadline for the second semester (October – March). However, in the case of extenuating circumstances, approval may be given for payment in monthly installments.

2. Notwithstanding the provision of Paragraph 1 of this Article, a student may pay the tuition fee for the second semester of the relevant academic year at the time of payment of the tuition fee for the first semester.

3. Special auditors, credited auditors, auditors and research students must pay the tuition fee for the number of credits or number of months for each semester of enrollment pursuant to Paragraph 1 above (excluding the proviso).

4. Individuals who have received permission to pay in monthly installments in accordance with the proviso of Paragraph 1 above must pay an amount equivalent to one-twelfth of the annual tuition fee each month. However, tuition fees due during the summer or winter vacation must be paid before the start of those periods.

Article 47

The tuition fee for a student who has withdrawn for any reason or been expelled shall be levied for that period, unless otherwise specified.

2. The tuition fee for a student who has been suspended shall be levied for that period.

(Exemption from Payment of Tuition Fee)

Article 48

The tuition fee for a student taking a leave of absence shall be exempted on a per month basis, starting from the month following the month that the leave of absence commenced (or the same month, if the leave of absence commenced on the first day of the month) until the month prior to the month that the student returns to school. However, this does not apply for the first semester if the leave of absence commences in May or later and approval has not been received by the last day of April, or for the second semester if the leave of absence commences in November or later and approval has not been received by the last day of October, and the student has not received approval for deferred payment of the tuition fee or payment in monthly installments.

2. In the event that an individual forfeits student status pursuant to the provision of Article 19-2, has been required to withdraw pursuant to the provision of Article 32 or Article 38-2, or is removed from the register due to death or being missing, the entire amount of tuition fees unpaid for that student may be exempted.

3. In the event that a student who was approved for deferred payment of the tuition fee pursuant to the provision of Article 49 decides to voluntarily withdraw from the University, the entire amount of tuition fees that were to be levied from the month following voluntary withdrawal from the University may be exempted on a per month basis.

Article 49

A student of the University (excluding credited auditors, auditors and research students [this also applies to the following paragraph]) who is recognized as having difficulty paying the tuition fee due to financial reasons, or is recognized as having other extenuating circumstances, may be exempted from payment of all or part of the tuition fee, or be allowed to defer payment,

pursuant to stipulations set forth separately.

2. In addition to the matters stipulated in the preceding paragraph, a student of the University who is recognized as having satisfied the requirements of tuition waiver support (based on the “Study Support Act”), may be exempted from payment of all or part of their tuition fee, or be allowed to defer payment, pursuant to stipulations set forth separately.

3. The period of deferment of payment stipulated in the preceding two paragraphs shall not exceed the relevant academic year.

Article 49-2

In addition to the preceding two Articles, the tuition fee may be exempted for an individual whose reason is deemed appropriate by the President, as stipulated separately.

Article 50

An individual who wishes to be exempted from or defer payment of the tuition fee pursuant to the provisions of Article 49 (including requests for payment in monthly installments, here and below) must submit a request to the President by the appropriate deadline, along with a detailed explanation of the reason for the request.

2. Payment of the tuition fee by an individual who has requested an exemption from or deferred payment of the tuition fee pursuant to the preceding paragraph may be postponed until a decision has been made on whether to accept the request or not.

Article 51

For each payment period, the President shall determine which students are to be granted an exemption from or deferment of tuition fee payments.

Article 52

In the event that a student who has been granted an exemption from tuition fee payments loses the reason for that exemption pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 of Article 49, the student shall pay the tuition fee on a monthly basis, beginning from that month until the end of the relevant term.

2. If in the event that a student who has been granted an exemption from tuition fee payments pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 49 is found to fall under any of the reasons specified separately, the tuition fee exemption shall be withdrawn.

3. When the tuition fee exemption has been withdrawn pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the tuition fee that was subject to the said exemption must be paid by the designated deadline.

4. If in the event that a student who has been granted a deferred payment of a tuition fee pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 49 is found to fall under any of the reasons specified separately, the tuition fee deferment shall be withdrawn.

5. In the event that a student who has been granted a deferred payment of a tuition fee pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 or 2 of Article 49 loses the reason for that deferment or is withdrawn from the tuition fee deferment pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the tuition fee must be paid immediately.

(Non-Levying of Tuition Fees, etc.)

Article 52-2

Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 44 and 45, application fees and enrollment fees shall not be levied on special auditors.

2. Notwithstanding the provision of Paragraph 3 of Article 46, tuition fees shall not be levied when a special auditor falls under one of the following categories.

(1) A student of a national university or national Specialist college

(2) A student of a public/private university, public/private Specialist college, public/private junior college, national/public/private technical college and is studying under a credit exchange agreement (including inter-faculty exchange agreements) which specifies a mutual, non-levying of tuition fees with the University.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 44, 45 and 46, application fees, enrollment fees and tuition fees shall not be levied on individuals who enroll under the Japanese Government Scholarship Student System Implementation Guidelines (Minister of Education decision, March 31, 1954) or individuals who enroll based on an inter-university academic exchange agreement (including inter-faculty exchange agreements) which specifies a mutual non-levying of application fees, enrollment fees and tuition fees between the University and an overseas university, etc.

(Amount of Application Fees, Enrollment Fees and Tuition Fees)

Article 53

The amount of the application fee specified in Article 44, the enrollment fee specified in Article 45 and the tuition fee specified in Article 46 shall be stipulated in the Osaka University Student Fee Regulations (hereinafter referred to as “Fee Regulations”).

(Paid Application Fees, Enrollment Fees and Tuition Fees)

Article 54

Application fees, enrollment fees and tuition fees that have already been paid shall not be refunded.

2. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, if any of the following applies to an individual with regard to the selection examination stipulated in Article 13, that individual may apply for a refund of the appropriate amount of the application fee stipulated in the preceding paragraph in accordance with the amount specified below.

(1) When application documents are screened (hereinafter referred to as “Stage 1 Screening”) and successful applicants from Stage 1 are evaluated in terms of academic capability or other additional factors (hereinafter referred to as “Stage 2 Screening”), the amount equivalent to the application fees for Stage 2 Screening as specified in Paragraph 4 of Article 2 of the Fee Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the “Stage 2 Screening application fee amount”) can be refunded to individuals who failed to pass the Stage 1 Screening.

(2) An individual who, after submitting an application, is determined to be ineligible for application due to subjects not taken in the National Center for University Entrance Examinations' Common Test for University Admissions may be granted a refund for the Stage 2 Screening application fee amount.

3. If, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2 of Article 46, a student pays the second semester tuition fee together with the first semester tuition fee, and then takes a leave of absence or voluntarily withdraws before the end of the first semester, an amount equivalent to the second semester tuition fee may be refunded when requested by the individual who made the payment.

4. If, pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2 of Article 45-2 or Paragraph 2 of Article 49, if individuals who paid the enrollment fee are accepted for an exemption of said enrollment fee or tuition fee, an amount equivalent to the enrollment fee or tuition fee may be refunded.

Chapter 7: Dormitories, etc.

(Dormitories)

Article 55

The University shall provide housing facilities (hereinafter referred to as “Dormitories”) for domestic and international students.

Article 56

Necessary matters related to Dormitories shall be set forth separately.

Supplementary Provision

1. The Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2019.

(The rest is omitted.)

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Osaka University Graduate School Regulations

Chapter 1: General Provisions

(Purpose, Aims, etc.)

Article 1

These regulations specify the requirements necessary for students to complete their studies, including the period of study and the content of the curriculum, at the Graduate Schools of Osaka University (hereinafter referred to as “University”).

2. The graduate program of the University shall aim to teach and research academic theories and applications and achieve a mastery of profound knowledge, as well as cultivate the in-depth knowledge and superior capabilities needed to engage in a vocation requiring a high degree of specialization, and contribute to the advancement of society.

3. The graduate program of the University shall determine and publicly announce the aims for educating individuals and other aims related to education and research for each graduate school and department/division/course.

(Programs and Standard Period of Study)

Article 2

The graduate program of the University shall be a doctoral degree program. However, the Graduate School of Medicine shall offer a master’s degree program and a doctoral degree program, and the Osaka University Law School shall offer a graduate law school program.

2. The standard period of study for the master’s degree program shall be two (2) years.

3. The standard period of study for the doctoral degree program shall be five (5) years. However, the standard period of study to complete the doctoral degree programs offered by the Division of Medicine at the Graduate School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Dentistry or the Course for Medical Pharmacy at the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (hereinafter referred to as “Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy”) shall be four (4) years.

4. The doctoral degree program shall be divided into an initial two-year course (hereinafter referred to as “Master’s Course”) and a subsequent three-year advanced course (hereinafter referred to as “Doctoral Course”). However, this division shall not be established for the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy and the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

5. The standard period of study for the Master’s Course referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be two (2) years, and this shall be treated as equivalent to a master’s degree program.

6. The standard period of study for the graduate law school program shall be three (3) years.

7. Pursuant to the provision of Article 10, for students who have received permission to complete the curriculum over an extended period of time (hereinafter referred to as a “Long-term Student”), the standard period of study shall be the period of time that was authorized.

(Graduate Schools, Departments/Divisions/Courses and Programs)

Article 3

The graduate schools, departments/divisions/courses and related programs at the Graduate Schools of the University shall be as listed in the table below.

Graduate School	Department/Division/Course	Type of Program
Humanities	Humanities, Language and Culture, Foreign Studies, Japanese Studies, Arts Studies	Doctoral degree program
Human Sciences	Human Sciences	Doctoral degree program
Law and Politics	Law and Political Science	Doctoral degree program
Economics	Economics, Business and Management	Doctoral degree program
Science	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Macromolecular Science, Earth and Space Science	Doctoral degree program
Medicine	Medicine, Health Sciences	Doctoral degree program
	Medical Sciences	Master’s degree program
Dentistry	Oral Science	Doctoral degree program
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Advanced Pharmaco-science, Medical Pharmacy	Doctoral degree program
Engineering	Biotechnology, Applied Chemistry, Precision Engineering and Applied Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Materials and Manufacturing Science, Electrical, Electronic and Infocommunications Engineering, Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering, Global Architecture, Management of Industry and Technology	Doctoral degree program
Engineering Science	Materials Engineering Science, Mechanical Science and Bioengineering, Systems Innovation	Doctoral degree program

Graduate School	Department/Division/Course	Type of Program
Osaka School of International Public Policy	International Public Policy, Comparative Public Policy	Doctoral degree program
Information Science and Technology	Pure and Applied Mathematics, Information and Physical Sciences, Computer Science, Information Systems Engineering, Information Networking, Multimedia Engineering, Bioinformatic Engineering	Doctoral degree program
Frontier Biosciences	Frontier Biosciences	Doctoral degree program
Osaka University Law School	Legal Practice	Graduate law school program
United Graduate School of Child Development, Osaka University, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui	Child Development	Doctoral degree program

2. Osaka University Law School referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be a professional graduate school defined in Paragraph 2 of Article 99 of the School Education Law (Act No. 26, 1947).

(Purpose of Courses)

Article 4

The master's degree programs and Master's Courses shall aim to cultivate research capabilities in a field of specialization or, additionally, cultivate superior capabilities for engaging in a vocation requiring a high degree of specialization, through in-depth education over a broad field.

Article 5

The Doctoral Course, the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy and the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences shall aim to cultivate individuals who can conduct independent research as researchers in a field of specialization, and foster the advanced research capabilities necessary for carrying out a highly specialized vocation as well as a rich knowledge that serves as the foundation for such capabilities.

Article 5-2

The graduate law school program shall have the sole purpose of providing training in the legal profession among the professional doctoral degrees stipulated in the Standards for the Establishment of Professional Graduate Schools.

Chapter 2: Curriculum

(Policy for Development of Curriculum)

Article 5-3

The curriculum in the graduate program of the University shall include the subjects organized systematically based on academic majors, global literacy and liberal arts.

Article 5-4

The graduate program of the University (excluding professional graduate schools, which applies here and in Paragraph 1 of Article 5-6, Article 9-2, Paragraph 1 of Article 9-4, and Article 12) shall establish the necessary subjects to achieve the educational aims of the program based on the “Degree Awarding Policy” and the “Teaching and Learning Policy (Curriculum Policy),” as well as establish a system for supervising the writing of a thesis or dissertation (hereinafter referred to as “Research Guidance”).

2. With regard to the development of the curriculum, the graduate program of the University must give appropriate consideration to fostering fundamental knowledge in the relevant field of specialization, in addition to enabling the acquisition of advanced specialized knowledge and capabilities in that field of specialization.

Article 5-5

The professional graduate school must establish the necessary subjects based on the “Degree Awarding Policy” and the “Teaching and Learning Policy (Curriculum Policy),” in the field of specialization in collaboration with industry, legal sector, etc.

2. The professional graduate school must give appropriate consideration to providing coursework involving practical research, on-site investigations or both, or two-way or multi-directional debate, question and answer sessions or other appropriate methods in the field of specialization, in order to provide a practical education that fulfills the aims of the school.

(Program for Leading Graduate Schools)

Article 5-6

In order to enhance the curricula in each graduate school, the following programs are offered by the University:

Program for Leading Graduate Schools

WISE Program (Doctoral Program for World-leading Innovative & Smart Education)

Honors Program for Graduate Schools in Science, Engineering and Informatics

Honors Program for Graduate Schools in Humanities and Social Sciences

2. Necessary matters related to each program of the preceding paragraph shall be stipulated separately.

(Graduate Minor Program, etc.)

Article 5-7

In addition to the curriculum stipulated in Article 5-3 to the preceding Article, the following programs shall be established in order to cultivate knowledge in a wide range of areas:

Graduate Minor Program

Graduate Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies

2. Other matters necessary for each program stated in the preceding paragraph shall be stipulated separately.

(Certificates of Learning, etc.)

Article 5-8

For students who have acquired credits for systematic courses with a part of the curriculum stipulated in Articles 5-3 to 5-6 and according to the provisions stipulated in Article 163-2 of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Education Law (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 11, 1947), Certificates of Learning can be issued.

2. The systematic courses in the preceding paragraph are referred to as 学修証明プログラム (the Learning Certificate Program).

3. Other necessary matters concerning the Learning Certificate Program shall be stipulated separately.

(Educational Methods, etc.)

Article 6

The education in the graduate program of the University shall be conducted in the form of coursework and Research Guidance. However, Research Guidance shall not apply to the professional graduate school.

2. The subject content, number of credits, content of Research Guidance and course requirements for each graduate school shall be established separately in the regulations for the relevant graduate school.

3. Regarding the method of instruction and method for calculating the number of credits for each subject, Article 10-2-2 and Article 10-2-3 in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

4. In addition to the subjects stipulated in Paragraph 2 above, the University shall offer the following subjects that are jointly implemented by all graduate schools.

- Subjects concerning Transdisciplinary Graduate Education Program (hereinafter referred to as “Graduate Transdisciplinary Subjects”)
- Subjects concerning Program for Leading Graduate Schools (hereinafter referred to as Leading Program Subjects”)
- International exchange subjects

5. Necessary matters concerning the Graduate Transdisciplinary Subjects, the Leading Program Subjects and international exchange subjects shall be stipulated separately.

6. When deemed particularly necessary for educational reasons, education may be provided through appropriate methods such as conducting classes or research guidance at night or at other specified times or dates.

Article 7

When deemed necessary by the Dean of the relevant graduate school (hereafter “Dean of the relevant graduate school” shall include individuals who have been given the power to act on behalf of the said Dean of the graduate school), with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school, a student may take subjects offered by another department/division/course at the relevant graduate school, subjects offered by another graduate school, subjects stipulated in Paragraph 4 of the preceding Article, or subjects offered by an undergraduate school, and receive credits as stipulated in the provisions of Article 15.

(Subjects Completed at Other Graduate Schools, etc.)

Article 8

Where the Dean of the relevant graduate school, with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, a student may complete subjects at another graduate school, at an overseas graduate school, or at the United Nations University.

2. Regarding the completion of subjects stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the provisions stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 10-3 in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

3. Credits granted pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 shall not exceed fifteen (15) credits in total, and may be received as credits stipulated in the provisions of Article 15.

(Learning within Special Courses)

Article 8-2

Where the Dean of the relevant graduate school, with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, learning completed by a student within Special Courses established by a graduate school stipulated in Article 105 of the School Education Law (limited to students eligible to take Special Courses are those eligible to enroll in a graduate school pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 of Article 102 of the School Education Law. The same shall apply in the said Article and the following Article.) may be recognized as the completion of subjects, and may be granted credits.

2. Credits granted pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph shall not exceed fifteen (15) credits in total with credits acquired pursuant to Paragraph 3 of the preceding Article.

(Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Enrollment)

Article 8-3

Where the Dean of the relevant graduate school, with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, the credits acquired by a student

for completing coursework at a graduate school, at an overseas graduate school or at the United Nations University prior to enrollment in the graduate program of the University, may be recognized by the graduate program of the University as acquired credits. (This includes credits acquired as a credited auditor pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Article 31 of the Standards for the Establishment of Universities, Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 28, 1963, applied *mutatis mutandis* to Article 15 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools, Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 28, 1974, and as a Special Courses student stipulated in Paragraph 2 of the same Article.)

2. Except for the credits acquired in the graduate program of the University, credits acquired pursuant to the preceding paragraph can be applied toward the total stipulated in Article 15, provided that the number of credits shall be fifteen (15) or less (excluding the individuals admitted to the University pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Article 24-2, or accepted for readmission or transfer pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Article 32), and the total number of credits recognized as acquired credits pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 3 of Article 8 and Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article must not exceed twenty (20) credits.

Article 8-4

Regarding the professional graduate school, the completion of subjects at another graduate school, at an overseas graduate school, or at the United Nations University, or learning within Special Courses, and approval of credits acquired prior to enrollment shall be pursuant to the provisions of the professional graduate school.

Article 9

Where the Dean of the relevant graduate school, with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school, deems it effective from an educational standpoint, a student may receive Research Guidance at another graduate school or overseas graduate school (excluding Research Guidance a student of the International Collaborative Department, as defined in Article 45, receives at the Overseas Partner Graduate School as defined in Article 46), based on discussions with that graduate school.

2. The period for receiving Research Guidance stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall not exceed one (1) year for students in the master's degree program and the Master's Course.

(Specification of Grading Standards, etc.)

Article 9-2

The graduate program of the University must clearly specify to students the methods for and content of coursework and Research Guidance as well as an annual plan for coursework and Research Guidance.

2. In order for the graduate program of the University to maintain a strict and objective evaluation of academic achievements and the thesis or dissertation and approve program completion, the graduate program of the University must clearly specify the grading standards to students, and conduct evaluations appropriately in accordance with those standards.

Article 9-3

The professional graduate school must clearly specify to students the methods for and content of coursework and an annual plan for classes.

2. In order for the professional graduate school to maintain a strict and objective evaluation of academic achievements and approve program completion, the professional graduate school must clearly specify the grading standards to students, and conduct evaluations appropriately in accordance with those standards.

(Systematic Training, etc.)

Article 9-4

The graduate program of the University shall conduct systematic training and research in order to enrich education and improve the content and methods of classes and Research Guidance.

2. The professional graduate school shall conduct systematic training and research in order to enrich education and improve the content and methods of classes.

(Long-term Completion of Curriculum)

Article 10

The Dean of the relevant graduate school may permit the planned completion of the curriculum based on stipulations established separately when a student, due to employment or other factors, expresses the wish to exceed the standard period of study as stipulated in Paragraphs 2, 3, and 5 of Article 2 and complete the curriculum and degree course during a specific period of time.

(Acquisition of Required Qualifications to Obtain a Teaching Certificate)

Article 10-2

The methods for acquiring the required qualifications for obtaining a teaching certificate at the graduate schools of the University shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 3: Completion of Course and Conferment of Degree

(Examinations and Evaluations)

Article 11

A student's mastery of a completed subject shall be evaluated by a written examination, oral evaluation or research report. However, other evaluation methods may be used in place of an examination.

2. Grading for examinations for each subject shall be expressed using the following system, with 100 points as the top score. S, A, B and C indicate passing grades, while F indicates a failing grade.

S: 90 points or higher

A: 80 – 89 points

B: 70 – 79 points

C: 60 – 69 points

F: Less than 60 points

(Submission of a Thesis or Dissertation, etc.)

Article 12

Students in the graduate program of the University shall submit a thesis or dissertation to the Dean of the relevant graduate school during the period of enrollment and take a final examination. However, this provision shall not apply to students who are to be evaluated based on research results on a specific topic stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 15, and who are to be subjected to examination and evaluation stipulated in Paragraph 2 of Article 15.

Article 13

Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding Article, an individual who has been enrolled in the Doctoral Course for three (3) or more years, acquired the stipulated number of credits and received the necessary Research Guidance may be permitted by the Dean of the relevant graduate school to submit a doctoral dissertation and take a final examination, even after voluntary withdrawal from the graduate school.

2. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding Article, an individual who has been enrolled in the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy for four (4) or more years, acquired the stipulated number of credits and received the necessary Research Guidance may be permitted by the Dean of the relevant graduate school to submit a doctoral dissertation and take a final examination, even after voluntary withdrawal from the graduate school.

3. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding Article, an individual who has been enrolled in the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences for five (5) or more years (or three (3) or more years in the case of individuals approved to enroll pursuant to the provision of Article 24-2), acquired the stipulated number of credits and received the necessary Research Guidance may be permitted by the Dean of the relevant graduate school to submit a doctoral dissertation and take a final examination, even after voluntary withdrawal from the graduate school.

4. The Dean of the relevant graduate school must have the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting to grant the permission pursuant to the provisions of the preceding three paragraphs.

(Evaluation of Thesis or Dissertation, etc.)

Article 14

A Dissertation Committee shall be established at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school to evaluate theses or dissertations and conduct final examinations.

2. A presentation session on the content of the dissertation shall be conducted when evaluating the said dissertation.

3. The assistance of an academic staff member from another graduate school, etc. may be received when deemed necessary for the evaluation of the thesis or dissertation referred to in the preceding paragraph after discussion at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

4. The provisions of Paragraph 1 and the preceding paragraph shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to examinations and evaluations stipulated in Paragraph 2 of the following Article.

(Requirements for Completion)

Article 15

The requirements for the completion of the master's degree program or the Master's Course shall be enrollment in the relevant program/course for at least two (2) years, acquisition of at least thirty (30) credits in the required subjects pursuant to the requirements of the relevant graduate school, and, after receiving the necessary Research Guidance, the successful completion of a master's thesis or research results on a specific topic in accordance with the aims of the curriculum and successful completion of a final examination. However, for an individual who has shown exceptional research performance, a period of enrollment of at least one (1) year may be deemed sufficient to complete the master's degree program or the Master's Course, only when specially approved by the Dean at the relevant graduate school with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school.

2. When it is deemed necessary to fulfill the aim of the Master's Course, the requirements for the completion of the said Master's Course shall be the successful completion of examination and evaluation stipulated in the following in lieu of the successful completion of a master's thesis or research results on a specific topic.

- (1) Examination concerning advanced specialized knowledge and capabilities in the relevant field of specialization as well as fundamental knowledge in related field(s) of specialization, which should be acquired and cultivated during the said Master's Course.
- (2) Evaluation concerning capabilities necessary to perform proactive research related to a doctoral dissertation, which should be acquired during the said Master's Course.

3. The provisions of the preceding paragraphs shall be applied only to individuals taking the curriculum with a consistent aim for nurturing individuals in the doctoral degree program with a standard period of study of five (5) years stipulated in Paragraph 3 of Article 2.

4. The requirements for the completion of the doctoral degree program (excluding the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy) shall be enrollment in the relevant program for at least five (5) years (including the period of two (2) years of enrollment in the relevant master's degree program or Master's Course in the case of individuals who have completed the said master's degree program or the Master's Course), acquisition of at least thirty (30) credits in the required subjects pursuant to the requirements of the relevant graduate school, and, after receiving the necessary Research Guidance, the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation and a final examination. However, for an individual who has shown exceptional research performance, a period of enrollment of at least three (3) years (including the period of two (2) years of enrollment in the relevant master's degree program or Master's Course in the case of individuals who have completed the said master's degree program or the Master's Course) may be deemed sufficient to complete the doctoral degree program, only when specially approved by the Dean at the relevant graduate school with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school.

5. The requirements for the completion of the doctoral degree program (excluding the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy) for individuals who completed the master's degree program or the Master's Course within the period of enrollment as stipulated in the proviso in Paragraph 1 above shall be enrollment of at least three (3) years in addition to the period of enrollment in the master's degree program or the Master's Course, acquisition of at least thirty (30) credits in the required subjects pursuant to the requirements of the relevant graduate school, and, after receiving the necessary Research Guidance, the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation and a final examination. However, for an individual who has shown exceptional research performance, a period of enrollment of at least three (3) years (including the period of enrollment in the master's degree program or the Master's Course) may be deemed sufficient to complete the doctoral degree program, only when specially approved by the Dean at the relevant graduate school with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school.

6. The requirements for the completion of the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy shall be enrollment of at least four (4) years, acquisition of at least thirty (30) credits in the required subjects pursuant to the requirements of the relevant graduate school, and, after receiving the necessary Research Guidance, the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation and a final examination. However, for an individual who has shown exceptional research performance, a period of enrollment of at least three (3) years may be deemed sufficient to complete the program, only when specially approved by the Dean at the relevant graduate school with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school.

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs 4 and 5 above, in the case of individuals who hold a master's degree or a professional degree (hereinafter, "professional degree" shall be defined according to the provisions outlined in Article 5-2 of the Degree Regulations (Minister of Education Ordinance No. 9, 1953), or qualified for enrollment in a Doctoral Course based on academic capabilities recognized as equal to or exceeding those of individuals who hold a master's degree pursuant to the provisions of Article 156 of the Ordinance for Enforcement, and who enrolled in the Doctoral Course, the requirements for the completion of the relevant course/program shall be enrollment in the course/program for at least three (3) years and, after receiving the necessary Research Guidance, the successful completion of a doctoral dissertation and a final examination. However, for an individual who has shown exceptional research performance, a period of enrollment of at least one (1) year may be deemed sufficient to complete the course/program, only when specially approved by the Dean at the relevant graduate school with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school.

8. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, when deemed necessary by a graduate school, the graduate school may stipulate the acquisition of a prescribed number of credits in the necessary subjects as a requirement for the completion of the course/program referred to in the preceding paragraph.

9. The requirements for the completion of the graduate law school program shall be enrollment of at least three (3) years and acquisition of at least ninety-eight (98) credits in the required subjects pursuant to the requirements of Osaka University Law School. However, for individuals who have been recognized as possessing the fundamental knowledge of the law required to complete the graduate law school program (hereinafter referred to as “Individual with Fundamental Legal Knowledge”), a period of enrollment of at least two (2) years may be deemed sufficient to complete the program, only when specially approved by the Dean with the approval of a Faculty Meeting at Osaka University Law School.

(Shortening of the Period of Enrollment in Graduate School)

Article 15-2

In the event that the credits acquired at the graduate program of the University or at another graduate school prior to enrollment in the graduate program of the University (limited to the credits acquired only after qualifying for enrollment pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Article 102 of the School Education Law, and including credits acquired as a credited auditor pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Article 31 of the Standards for the Establishment of Universities, applied *mutatis mutandis* to Article 15 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools) may be recognized by the graduate program of the University as acquired credits, and when the relevant graduate school deems that students have completed part of the curriculum of a master’s degree program or a doctoral degree program (excluding Doctoral Course) of the said graduate school, or a graduate law school program, through acquisition of the said credits, individuals may be recognized as having been enrolled for the period pursuant to certification of the said graduate school, based on the number of acquired credits, the period required for acquiring credits, and other matters deemed to be necessary, provided that the period shall be one (1) year or less. However, even in this case, students in the master’s degree program or the Master’s Course must be enrolled for at least one (1) year.

2. The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not be applied to the period of enrollment of the doctoral degree program stipulated in Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the preceding Article, in the case of individuals who have completed the master’s degree program or the Master’s Course (excluding the period of enrollment of the master’s degree program or the Master’s Course which are included in the period of enrollment of the doctoral degree program pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 4 of the preceding Article), and to the period of enrollment of Individual with Fundamental Legal Knowledge.

(Conferment of Degrees)

Article 16

The President shall confer a master’s degree or doctoral degree on individuals who have completed a course/program pursuant to the provisions of Paragraphs 1 through 7 of Article 15 and the preceding Article.

2. The President shall confer a degree of Juris Doctor on individuals who have completed the graduate law school program pursuant to Paragraph 9 of Article 15 and the preceding Article.

3. In addition to individuals specified in Paragraph 1, for the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, the President may confer a master's degree on individuals who have fulfilled the requirements equivalent to the completion of the master's degree program or the Master's Course stipulated in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 15.

Article 17

The degrees stipulated in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of the preceding Article shall be appended with the name of the field of specialization in accordance with the classifications of each graduate school, as listed below.

Graduate school	Master's degree	Doctoral degree
Humanities	Arts (文学)	Literature (文学)
	Arts in Language and Culture (言語文化学)	Philosophy in Language and Culture (言語文化学)
	Arts in Japanese Studies (日本語・日本文化)	Philosophy in Japanese Studies (日本語・日本文化)
Human Sciences	Human Sciences (人間科学)	Human Sciences (人間科学)
Law and Politics	Laws (法学)	Philosophy in Law (法学)
Economics	Economics (経済学)	Philosophy in Economics (経済学)
	Applied Economics (応用経済学)	Philosophy in Applied Economics (応用経済学)
	Business Administration (経営学)	Philosophy in Business Administration (経営学)
Science	Science (理学)	Philosophy (理学)
Medicine	Medical Science (医科学)	Philosophy in Medical Science (医学)
	Public Health (公衆衛生学)	
	Health Science (保健学)	Health Science (保健学)
	Science in Nursing (看護学)	Science in Nursing (看護学)
Dentistry		Philosophy in Dental Science (歯学)
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences (薬科学)	Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences (薬科学)
		Philosophy in Pharmacy (薬学)
Engineering	Engineering (工学)	Philosophy in Engineering (工学)
Engineering Science	Engineering (工学)	Philosophy in Engineering (工学)
		Philosophy in Science (理学)
Osaka School of International Public Policy	International Public Policy (国際公共政策)	International Public Policy (国際公共政策)
Information Science and Technology	Information Science and Technology (情報科学)	Philosophy in Information Science and Technology (情報科学)
	Science (理学)	Philosophy (理学)
	Engineering (工学)	Philosophy in Engineering (工学)
Frontier Biosciences	Science (生命機能学)	Philosophy (生命機能学)

Graduate school	Master's degree	Doctoral degree
	Science (理学)	Philosophy (理学)
	Science (工学)	Philosophy (工学)
United Graduate School of Child Development, Osaka University, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui	Child Development (小児発達学)	Child Development (小児発達学)

2. The degree of Juris Doctor stipulated in Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article shall be appended with the term “Professional Degree (専門職) .”

3. Notwithstanding the provision stipulated in Paragraph 1 above, in the case of individuals who specialized in interdisciplinary fields, the degree conferred on them may be appended with the term “Philosophy, Science (学術) ,” when deemed appropriate by the President with the approval of a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

Article 18

In addition to the provisions stipulated in the preceding Article, other matters related to the master's degree, doctoral degree and degree of Juris Doctor shall be pursuant to the provisions in the Osaka University Degree Regulations.

Article 19 Deleted.

Chapter 4: Enrollment, Leave of Absence, Voluntary Withdrawal, Transfer, Change of Graduate School, Study Abroad, Readmission and Change of Department/Division/Course

(Requirements for Enrollment, etc.)

Article 20

Individuals who may enroll in the master's degree program, Master's Course, and doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences and the graduate law school program are as follows:

- (1) Individuals who have graduated from a university or specialist college.
- (2) Individuals who have received a bachelor's degree pursuant to Paragraph 7 of Article 104 of the School Education Law.
- (3) Individuals who have completed sixteen (16) years of formal education overseas.
- (4) Individuals who have completed sixteen (16) years of formal education overseas through completion in Japan of a correspondence course offered by a school in that country.
- (5) Individuals who have completed the relevant coursework designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “MEXT”) at an educational facility in Japan which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the

same level of curriculum as a university in that country (hereafter “university in that country” or “overseas university” shall include overseas universities equivalent to specialist colleges) (limited to those facilities recognized as providing the equivalent of sixteen (16) years of formal education in that country).

- (6) Individuals who have received the equivalent of a bachelor's degree through the completion of coursework (including but not limited to the completion of a correspondence course in Japan offered by a school overseas and which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country designated by Item (5)) which requires three (3) or more years of study at an overseas university or school (limited to schools evaluated by organizations that are certified by overseas governments, or relevant agencies, on the comprehensive progress of their education and research, or schools which are designated separately by the Minister of MEXT).
- (7) Individuals who have completed a specialized course at a specialized training college, with requirements designated separately by the Minister of MEXT, after the date designated by the Minister of MEXT (limited to those schools which require four (4) or more years of study and which fulfill the standards established by the Minister of MEXT).
- (8) Individuals designated by the Minister of MEXT.
- (9) Individuals who have been enrolled at a graduate school pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2 of Article 102 of the School Education Law and who are recognized as having adequate academic skills to study at the relevant graduate school.
- (10) Individuals who have been enrolled at a university or specialist college for three (3) or more years and who are recognized by the relevant graduate school as having acquired the prescribed number of credits with exemplary grades. (including those recognized as having the basic knowledge of the law required by a law school and competence/qualifications equivalent to, or higher than, that knowledge based on an evaluation of acquired credits and the results of examinations).
- (11) Individuals who have completed fifteen (15) years of formal education overseas; individuals who have completed fifteen (15) years of formal education overseas through completion in Japan of a correspondence course offered by a school in that country; or individuals who have completed the relevant coursework designated separately by the Minister of MEXT at an educational facility in Japan which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country (limited to those facilities recognized as providing the equivalent of fifteen (15) years of formal education in that country) who are recognized by the relevant graduate school as having acquired the prescribed number of credits with exemplary grades.
- (12) Individuals who are at least twenty-two (22) years of age and who are recognized by the relevant graduate school as having academic capabilities equal to or exceeding those of a university or specialist college graduate, based on a separate admission qualification evaluation.

Article 21

Individuals wishing to enroll in the master’s degree program, Master’s Course, doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences or the graduate law school program must submit an application form for admission, along with the appropriate documents.

Article 22

Regarding individuals wishing to enroll in the master's degree program, Master's Course or the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, an evaluation of academic capabilities shall be conducted based on the "Admission Policy" and a decision made on which individuals shall be accepted for enrollment by the President with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, based on a comprehensive evaluation of documents that include a statement of interest in the program, transcript, etc.

2. Regarding individuals wishing to enroll in the graduate law school program, a decision shall be made on which individuals shall be accepted for enrollment based on the "Admission Policy" by the President with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, based on the provisions stipulated by the Osaka University Law School.

Article 23

Individuals who may enroll in the Doctoral Course are as follows:

- (1) Individuals who hold a master's degree or a professional degree.
- (2) Individuals who have received a degree in a foreign country that is equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree.
- (3) Individuals who have received a degree overseas equivalent to a master's degree or professional degree through the completion in Japan of a correspondence course offered by a school overseas.
- (4) Individuals who have received the equivalent of a master's degree or professional degree through the completion of the relevant coursework designated separately by the Minister of MEXT at an educational facility in Japan which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a graduate school in that country.
- (5) Individuals who have received a degree that is equivalent to a master's degree through the completion of a course offered by the United Nations University.
- (6) Individuals who have completed the relevant coursework offered by an overseas school, an educational institution designated by Item (4) above or the United Nations University and who are recognized as having academic capabilities equal to or exceeding those of an individual who holds a master's degree upon passing the examination and evaluation equivalent to those stipulated in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools.
- (7) Individuals designated by the Minister of MEXT.
- (8) Individuals who are at least twenty-four (24) years of age and who are recognized by the relevant graduate school as having academic capabilities equal to or exceeding those of an individual who holds a master's degree or professional degree, based on a separate admission qualification evaluation.

Article 24

Regarding applicants wishing to enroll in the Doctoral Course who have received a master's degree from the graduate program of the University, a decision shall be made on which individuals shall be

accepted for enrollment based on an evaluation of academic performance, master's thesis, etc. in the relevant Master's Course, or, for other applicants, an evaluation based on the "Admission Policy" and the provisions stipulated by the relevant graduate school. The evaluation shall be made by the President with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting.

Article 24-2

Individuals who wish to enroll in the third year of the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences may be accepted by the President with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting for enrollment based on the provisions stipulated by the graduate school.

2. Regarding the individuals accepted for enrollment pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph, requirements for completion shall be established separately by the relevant graduate school.

Article 25

Individuals who may enroll in the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy are as follows:

- (1) Individuals who have graduated from a university course in medicine, dentistry or pharmacy whose main purpose is to cultivate practical clinical ability, or veterinary medicine (hereinafter referred to as a "Course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine").
- (2) Individuals who have completed eighteen (18) years of formal education overseas.
- (3) Individuals who have completed the equivalent of eighteen (18) years of formal education overseas through the completion in Japan of a correspondence course offered by a school in that country.
- (4) Individuals who have completed the relevant coursework designated separately by the Minister of MEXT at an educational facility in Japan which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country (limited to those facilities recognized as providing the equivalent of eighteen (18) years of formal education in that country).
- (5) Individuals who have received the equivalent of a bachelor's degree through the completion of coursework (including but not limited to the completion of a correspondence course in Japan offered by a school overseas and which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country designated by Item (4)) which requires five (5) or more years of study at an overseas university or school (limited to schools evaluated by organizations that are certified by overseas governments, or relevant agencies, on the comprehensive progress of their education and research, or schools which are designated separately by the Minister of MEXT).
- (6) Individuals designated by the Minister of MEXT.
- (7) Individuals who have been enrolled at a graduate school pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 2 of Article 102 of the School Education Law and who are recognized as having adequate academic skill to study at the relevant graduate school.

- (8) Individuals who have been enrolled at a university for at least four (4) years (limited to a Course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine) and who are recognized by the relevant graduate school as having acquired the prescribed number of credits with exemplary grades.
- (9) Individuals who have completed sixteen (16) years of formal education overseas (limited to those individuals who have completed a Course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine); individuals who have completed sixteen (16) years of formal education overseas through completion in Japan of a correspondence course offered by a school in that country (limited to those individuals who have completed a Course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine); or individuals who have completed the relevant coursework designated separately by the Minister of MEXT at an educational facility in Japan which ranks in an overseas educational system as providing the same level of curriculum as a university in that country (limited to those facilities recognized as providing the equivalent of sixteen (16) years of formal education in that country; limited to those individuals who have completed a Course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine) who are recognized by the relevant graduate school as having acquired the prescribed number of credits with exemplary grades.
- (10) Individuals who are at least twenty-four (24) years of age and who are recognized by the relevant graduate school as having academic capabilities equal to or exceeding those of an individual who has completed a Course in Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy or Veterinary Medicine, based on a separate admission qualification evaluation.

Article 26

Regarding individuals who wish to enroll in the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy, the President, with the approval of the relevant Faculty Meeting, shall determine which individuals shall be accepted for enrollment based on the provisions stipulated by the relevant graduate school.

Article 27

The provisions stipulated in Article 21 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to those individuals who wish to enroll in the Doctoral Course, the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy or the third year of the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

(Maximum Period of Enrollment)

Article 28

The maximum period of enrollment shall not exceed four (4) years for the master's degree program and the Master's Course, five (5) years for the Doctoral Course, six (6) years for the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy and the graduate law school program, and seven (7) years for the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences. However, for the Doctoral Course, Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy, the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences and the graduate law school program only, the maximum period of enrollment may be extended in the case of extenuating circumstances, after consideration at a Faculty Meeting.

2. A student who exceeds the maximum period of enrollment stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall forfeit his or her student status.

(Start of Enrollment)

Article 29

Enrollment in graduate school shall commence at the beginning of the academic year. Enrollment may be permitted at the beginning of the Summer Term, Fall Term or Winter Term, provided that the Dean of the relevant graduate school deems that there is a special need and that doing so shall in no way impede education.

2. Regarding regulations on procedures for admission, approval and rescission of approval, voluntary withdrawal from the University and transfer, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

3. Individuals who fall under one of the following categories and who have not paid the necessary enrollment fee by the required deadline shall forfeit their status:

- (1) Individuals who applied for exemption from the enrollment fee pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 1 of Article 38, and who were not approved for exemption or were approved for only a partial exemption.
- (2) Individuals being considered for deferred payment of enrollment fees pursuant to the provision of Article 38-2.

(Leave of Absence)

Article 30

The period of a leave of absence must not exceed two (2) years for the master's degree program and the Master's Course, three (3) years for the Doctoral Course and the graduate law school program, four (4) years for the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy and five (5) years for the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences. However, the maximum period for a leave of absence may be extended in the case of extenuating circumstances, after consideration at a Faculty Meeting.

2. In addition to the preceding paragraph, for regulations regarding the leave of absence, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(Study Abroad)

Article 31

A student who wishes to study at an overseas graduate school must make a request to the Dean of the relevant graduate school, and receive permission.

2. The period of studying abroad pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall be included in the calculation of the period of study as stipulated in Paragraphs 2, 3, 5 and 6 of Article 2.

(Transfer within the University)

Article 32

A student who wishes to transfer to a different graduate school within the University or change department/division/course may be granted permission by the Dean of the relevant graduate school with the approval of a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school based on the results of a screening process.

2. A student who wishes to readmit in the University or transfer to the University from a graduate school at another university or the United Nations University may be granted permission by the President with the approval of a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school based on the results of a screening process.

3. Regarding transfers described in the preceding two paragraphs, determination of the number of credits granted for previously completed coursework and the period of enrollment shall be determined by the Dean of the relevant graduate school with the approval of a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

Chapter 5: Required Withdrawal, Reinstatement and Disciplinary Action

(Required Withdrawal, etc.)

Article 33

Regarding regulations for required withdrawal, reinstatement and disciplinary action, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Chapter 6: Application Fees, Enrollment Fees and Tuition Fees

(Payment of Application Fee)

Article 34

Individuals who wish to enroll at the University must pay an application fee at the time that the application form is submitted. However, application fees shall not be levied on individuals who have completed the master's degree program or Master's Course in the graduate program of the University or the graduate law school program and who wish to enroll in the Doctoral Course, Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy or the third year of the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

2. The provision stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall also apply *mutatis mutandis* to individuals who have completed a Master's Course, graduate law school course or graduate school of teacher education at a graduate school of Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University or University of Fukui, and who wish to further enroll in the United Graduate School of Child Development, Osaka University, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui.

(Payment of Enrollment Fee)

Article 35

Individuals who are accepted for enrollment at the University must pay an enrollment fee by the designated deadline. However, enrollment fees shall not be levied on individuals who have completed the master's degree program or Master's Course in the graduate program of the University or the graduate law school program, and who wish to further enroll in the Doctoral Course, Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy or the third year of the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

2. The provision stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall also apply *mutatis mutandis* to individuals who have completed a Master's Course, graduate law school course or graduate school of teacher education at a graduate school of Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University or University of Fukui, and who wish to further enroll in the United Graduate School of Child Development, Osaka University, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui.

(Payment of Tuition Fee)

Article 36

Graduate school students must pay the annual tuition fee in two equal installments, with half of the annual amount to be paid by the deadline for the first semester (April – September), and the second half to be paid by the deadline for the second semester (October – March).

2. Regarding the payment of tuition fees and payment in monthly installments, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(Amount of the Application Fee, Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee)

Article 37

The amount of the application fee specified in Article 34, the enrollment fee specified in Article 35 and the tuition fee specified in Article 36 shall be stipulated in the Osaka University Student Fee Regulations (hereinafter referred to as "Fee Regulations").

(Exemption from Application Fee)

Article 37-2

Regarding exemption from the application fee, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(Exemption from Enrollment Fee)

Article 38

An individual planning to enroll in the graduate program of the University (excluding individuals who will enroll as credited auditors, auditors and research students; the same applies to the remainder of this paragraph) who is recognized as having difficulty in paying the enrollment fee due to financial reasons or due to one of the extenuating circumstances listed below may be granted exemption from payment of all or part of the enrollment fee, pursuant to provisions stipulated separately.

- (1) Within one year prior to enrollment, the person responsible for the academic expenses of the enrolling individual (hereinafter referred to as “Academic Expense Payer”) has died, or the enrolling individual or Academic Expense Payer has suffered damage caused by storm, flood or other natural disaster.
- (2) There is another valid reason similar in substance to the reasons specified in the preceding paragraph, which the President deems appropriate.

2. In the event that an individual forfeits student status pursuant to the provision of Paragraph 3 of Article 29, the student may be granted exemption from payment of all or part of the enrollment fee.

Article 38-2

In addition to the provisions stipulated in the preceding Article, for other provisions regarding exemption from or deferred payment of the enrollment fee, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(Exemption from Payment of Tuition Fee)

Article 39

Regarding exemption from or deferred payment of the tuition fee, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(Paid Application Fee, Enrollment Fee and Tuition Fee)

Article 39-2

Application fees, enrollment fees and tuition fees that have already been paid shall not be refunded.

2. Notwithstanding the provision of the preceding paragraph, for individuals who wish to enroll in the graduate law school program pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Article 22, when application documents are screened (hereinafter referred to as “Stage 1 Screening”), and successful applicants from Stage 1 are evaluated in terms of academic capability or other additional factors (hereinafter referred to as “Stage 2 Screening”), the amount equivalent to the application fee for Stage 2 Screening as specified in Paragraph 5 of Article 2 of the Fee Regulations can be refunded upon request to individuals who failed to pass the Stage 1 Screening.

3. If, as stipulated in Paragraph 2 of Article 36, a student pays the second semester tuition fee together with the first semester tuition fee pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Article 46 of the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations *mutatis mutandis*, and then takes a leave of absence or voluntarily withdraws before the end of the first semester, an amount equivalent to the second semester tuition fee may be refunded when requested by the individual who made the payment.

Chapter 7: Enrollment Quota

(Enrollment Quota)

Article 40

The enrollment quota of the graduate program of the University shall be as shown in the Attachment.

Chapter 8: Special Research Students, Special Auditors, Credited Auditors, Auditors, Research Students and International Students

(Special Research Students, etc.)

Article 41

The graduate program of the University shall establish a system for special research students, special auditors, credited auditors, auditors, research students and international students.

2. When a student enrolled in a curriculum offered in a graduate school at another university, at an overseas graduate school or at the United Nations University wishes to receive Research Guidance in the graduate program of the University or any of the University's Research Institutes, Joint-Use Facilities, National Joint-Use Facilities, Immunology Frontier Research Center, Center for Quantum Information and Quantum Biology, Premium Research Institute for Human Metaverse Medicine or Center for Infectious Disease Education and Research, the student may be approved for enrollment as a special research student by the Dean of the relevant graduate school or the director of the relevant research institute.

3. Regarding tuition fees and payment of tuition fees for special research students, the provisions for research students stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. However, tuition fees shall not be levied when a special research student is a student of a graduate school at a national university, or is a student of a graduate school at a public or private university who is receiving Research Guidance under an inter-university special research student exchange agreement (including inter-faculty- exchange agreements) which specifies a mutual non-levying of tuition fees with the University.

4. The application fee and enrollment fee shall not be levied on special research students.

5. Regarding the required withdrawal of special research students, the provisions for research students stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

6. Regarding special auditors, credited auditors, auditors and research students, the relevant provisions regarding special auditors, credited auditors, auditors and research students in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

7. International students shall mean foreigners enrolled as graduate students, special research students, special auditors, credited auditors, auditors, and research students

8. Notwithstanding the provisions stipulated in Paragraphs 3, 6 and 7 above, application fees, enrollment fees and tuition fees shall not be levied on students who have enrolled under the Japanese Government Scholarship Student System Implementation Guidelines (Minister of Education decision, March 31, 1954) or individuals who enroll based on an inter-university academic exchange

agreement (including inter-faculty exchange agreements) which specifies a mutual non-levying of application fees, enrollment fees and tuition fees between the University and an overseas university.

Chapter 9: Special Courses

(Extension Programs)

Article 41-2

Advanced Programs for Credited Auditors or other Extension Programs shall be established in the University as a special curriculum stipulated in Article 105 of the School Education Law for persons other than students of the University.

2. In addition to the provisions stipulated in the preceding paragraph, other matters necessary for each program stated in the preceding paragraph shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 10: Academic Year, Semester System and Holidays

(Academic Year, etc.)

Article 42

Regarding the academic year, semester system and holidays, the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Chapter 11: Organization of Academic Staff

(Organization of Academic Staff)

Article 43

Academic staff employed in the graduate program of the University shall be professors, associate professors, associate professors (lecturers) and assistant professors.

2. Education and research at the United Graduate School of Child Development, Osaka University, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui shall be implemented through the cooperative efforts of Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University, University of Fukui and the University.

Chapter 12: Graduate School Faculty Committee, etc.

(Graduate School Faculty Committee, etc.)

Article 44

A graduate school may establish a Graduate School Faculty Committee, etc. in order to discuss in more detail any of the matters being discussed at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

2. The organization of the Graduate School Faculty Committee, etc. shall be pursuant to the provisions of the relevant graduate school.

Chapter 13: Special provisions for an International Collaborative Department

(Establishment of an International Collaborative Department)

Article 45

A graduate school (hereinafter referred to as graduate schools excluding Osaka University Law School) may establish a department in collaboration with an overseas graduate school (hereinafter referred to as overseas graduate schools including the United Nations University), in order to achieve the educational aims of the program (hereinafter defined as an “International Collaborative Department”).

(Development of an International Collaborative Curriculum)

Article 46

Notwithstanding the provisions stipulated in Article 5-3 and Paragraph 1 of Article 5-4, graduate schools establishing an International Collaborative Department shall develop a curriculum (hereinafter defined as the “International Collaborative Curriculum”) with one or more overseas graduate school(s) which are collaborating in education and research at the International Collaborative Department (hereinafter referred to as “Overseas Partner Graduate School”). In that case, subjects offered by said Overseas Partner Graduate School are deemed as part of the curriculum of said graduate school at Osaka University.

(Jointly Offered Subject)

Article 47

Notwithstanding the provision stipulated in Article 5-3 and Paragraph 1 of Article 5-4, a graduate school establishing an International Collaborative Department may offer the subjects collaborating with the Partner Overseas Graduate School.

2. For graduate schools establishing an International Collaborative Department which offers subjects stipulated in the preceding paragraph (hereinafter referred to as “Jointly Offered Subject”), credits acquired by completing said Jointly Offered Subject by students in said International Collaborative Department may be regarded as credits acquired at said graduate school at Osaka University or said Overseas Partner Graduate School, provided that the number of credits shall be seven(7) or less. However, when the number of credits acquired at the relevant graduate school and the Overseas Partner Graduate School is less than the required number of credits to be acquired at the relevant graduate school and each Overseas Partner Graduate School stipulated in the provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 49, credits acquired by completing a Jointly Offered Subject may not be regarded as credits acquired at the Overseas Partner Graduate School.

(Recognition, etc. of Credits regarding International Collaborative Curriculum(s))

Article 48

A graduate school establishing an International Collaborative Department may recognize credits acquired for coursework completed under the International Collaborative Curriculum at an Overseas Partner Graduate School as acquired credits for completed coursework under said International Collaborative Curriculum at Osaka University.

2. A graduate school establishing an International Collaborative Department may recognize Research Guidance received under the International Collaborative Curriculum at the Overseas Partner Graduate School as Research Guidance under said International Collaborative Curriculum at Osaka University.

(Requirements for Completion of International Collaborative Department)

Article 49

The requirements for the completion of the master's degree program or the Master's Course of an International Collaborative Department shall be the acquisition of at least ten (10) credits of coursework under the graduate school establishing an International Collaborative Department and International Collaborative Curriculum at the Overseas Partner Graduate School, in addition to the requirements for the completion prescribed in Paragraphs 1 of Article 15 for the master's degree program or the Master's Course, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 15 for the doctoral degree program (excluding the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy), and Paragraph 6 of Article 15 for the Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry or Pharmacy, respectively.

2. The required number of credits to be acquired by completing coursework under the International Collaborative Curriculum at a graduate school establishing an International Collaborative Department and respective Overseas Partner Graduate School, shall not include credits that may be recognized as acquired credits in accordance with Article 8, Article 8-2, and Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article. However, this shall not apply to credits that may be recognized as acquired in accordance with Article 8-2, when deemed particularly necessary for organizing and implementing the International Collaborative Curriculum.

(Tuition Fees, etc. for International Collaborative Department students)

Article 50

Notwithstanding the provisions stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Articles 34, 35 and 36, International Collaborative Department students who will primarily be enrolled in the Overseas Partner Graduate School shall not be charged application fees, enrollment fees, or tuition fees by Osaka University.

(Other Matters)

Article 51

In addition to these regulations, the following matters related to an International Collaborative Department shall be stipulated separately, based on discussions with the graduate school establishing an International Collaborative Department and an Overseas Partner Graduate School.

- (1) Curriculum development
- (2) Creation of an educational organization
- (3) Admission and degree conferment
- (4) Enrollment management and student safety
- (5) Financial and student support
- (6) Evaluation of educational and research activities
- (7) Other matters concerning an International Collaborative Department

Supplementary Provisions

The Osaka University Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2021.
(The rest is omitted)

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1. The Osaka University Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2022.
(The rest is omitted)

Attachment 1: Enrollment quota

Graduate school	Department/Division/Course	Master's degree program; Master's Course; and graduate law school program		Doctoral Course; Doctoral Degree Program in Medicine, Dentistry, or Pharmacy; and doctoral degree program in Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences		Enrollment quota
		Enrollmen t per year	Enrollment quota	Enrollme nt per year	Enrollment quota	
(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)
Frontier Biosciences	Frontier Biosciences			55	275	275
	Total			55	275	
(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)	(Omitted)

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Osaka University Degree Regulations

(General Provisions)

Article 1

The degrees conferred by Osaka University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) shall be the bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, doctoral degree and degree of Juris Doctor.

2. Regulations regarding the master’s degree, doctoral degree and degree of Juris Doctor conferred by the University shall be pursuant to the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Graduate School Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate School Regulations”), as well as the provisions stipulated herein.

3. Regulations regarding the bachelor’s degree shall be pursuant to the provisions stipulated in the Osaka University Undergraduate School Regulations.

(Name of Field of Specialization Listed on Degree)

Article 2

The name of the field of specialization shall be appended to any master’s degree conferred by the University as follows:

文学:	Arts
人間科学:	Human Sciences
法学:	Laws
経済学:	Economics
応用経済学:	Applied Economics
経営学:	Business Administration
理学:	Science
医科学:	Medical Science
公衆衛生学:	Public Health
保健学:	Health Science
看護学:	Science in Nursing
薬科学:	Pharmaceutical Sciences
工学:	Engineering, Science
言語文化学:	Arts in Language and Culture
日本語・日本文化:	Arts in Japanese Studies
国際公共政策:	International Public Policy
情報科学:	Information Science and Technology
生命機能学:	Science
小児発達学:	Child Development

2. The name of the field of specialization shall be appended to any doctoral degree conferred by the University as follows:

文学:	Literature
人間科学:	Human Sciences
法学:	Philosophy in Law
経済学:	Philosophy in Economics

応用経済学: Philosophy in Applied Economics
 経営学: Philosophy in Business Administration
 理学: Philosophy in Science, Philosophy
 医学: Philosophy in Medicinal Science
 保健学: Health Science
 看護学: Science in Nursing
 歯学: Philosophy in Dental Science
 薬科学: Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences
 薬学: Pharmacy, Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences
 工学: Philosophy in Engineering, Philosophy
 言語文化学: Philosophy in Language and Culture
 日本語・日本文化: Philosophy in Japanese Studies
 国際公共政策: International Public Policy
 情報科学: Philosophy in Information Science and Technology
 生命機能学: Philosophy
 小児発達学: Child Development

3. Notwithstanding the provisions stipulated in the preceding two paragraphs, in the case of individuals who specialize in interdisciplinary fields and so forth, the degree conferred on them may be appended with the term “Philosophy, Science (学術),” when deemed appropriate by the President with the approval of a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

4. The degree of Juris Doctor shall be appended with the term “Professional Degree (専門職).”

(Requirements for Degree Conferment)

Article 3

A degree shall be conferred on an individual who has completed the prescribed course pursuant to the provisions stipulated in the Graduate School Regulations.

2. In addition to the provision stipulated in the preceding paragraph, for the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences, a master’s degree may be conferred on individuals who have fulfilled the requirements equivalent to the completion of a master’s degree program, as stipulated in the Graduate School Regulations.

3. In addition to the provision stipulated in Paragraph 1, a doctoral degree may be conferred on individuals even without having completed the prescribed graduate course, who have passed the review of a doctoral dissertation and have been confirmed as having academic abilities (hereinafter referred to as “Confirmation of Academic Abilities”) equal to or exceeding those of an individual who has completed the doctoral degree program at a Graduate School of Osaka University.

(Submission of a Thesis/Dissertation by Individuals Completing the Course)

Article 4

Individuals who have completed a graduate program of the University excluding the graduate law school program (including individuals stipulated in Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article, here and below) shall submit a degree thesis or dissertation to the Dean of the relevant graduate school, pursuant to the provisions stipulated in the Graduate School Regulations.

2. A reference, dissertation summary and curriculum vitae must be attached to a doctoral dissertation to be submitted pursuant to the preceding paragraph.

(Submission of a Dissertation by Individuals not Completing the Course)

Article 5

Individuals wishing to receive a doctoral degree pursuant to the provision stipulated in Paragraph 3 of Article 3 must submit to the President of the University a Request for Degree with a doctoral dissertation, reference, dissertation summary and curriculum vitae attached, with an indication of the field of specialization to be appended to the degree.

2. The period for submitting a dissertation as stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall be within four (4) days of payment of the dissertation review fee stipulated separately.

3. After confirming payment of the dissertation review fee stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the President shall deliver all of the application documents stipulated in Paragraph 1 of this Article to the Dean of the relevant graduate school in accordance with the field of specialization.

(Thesis/Dissertation)

Article 6

The degree thesis/dissertation to be submitted for review (including research results on a specific topic in accordance with Paragraph 1 of Article 15 of the Graduate School Regulations) shall be one paper, and a specified number of copies shall be attached. Other theses/dissertations may be attached for reference.

2. When deemed necessary in order to review the thesis or dissertation, the Faculty Meeting may require the individual submitting the thesis or dissertation to submit a translation of the thesis/dissertation, a model or a specimen.

Article 7

Theses/dissertations that have been submitted and dissertation review fees that have been paid shall not be returned and refunded, respectively.

(Entrustment of Review of Degree Thesis/Dissertation)

Article 8

When the Dean of a Graduate School receives a degree thesis/dissertation (including a thesis or dissertation which has been delivered by the President of the University pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Article 5), the review of the thesis or dissertation, final examination results and Confirmation of Academic Abilities shall be entrusted to a Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school.

(Dissertation Committee)

Article 9

A Dissertation Committee shall be established at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school for review of degree theses/dissertations which have been referred by the Dean. However, a Joint Dissertation Committee shall be established with the Overseas Partner Graduate School, defined in Article 46 (hereinafter defined as an “Overseas Partner Graduate School”), of the Graduate School Regulations, in order to review degree theses/dissertations of the International Collaborative Department, defined in Article 45 (hereinafter referred as an “International Collaborative Department”), of the Graduate School Regulations.

2. The Dissertation Committee shall comprise two or more professors of the relevant graduate school. However, for review of master’s theses, the Dissertation Committee may comprise one professor and one or more associate professors of the relevant graduate school.

3. In the case of establishing a Joint Dissertation Committee, stipulated in the proviso of Paragraph 1 of this Article, an academic staff of the Overseas Partner Graduate School shall join as a member of the committee, in addition to members

of the Dissertation Committee as stipulated in the preceding paragraph.

4. With regard to the preceding two paragraphs, the cooperation of an academic staff from another graduate school etc. may be sought when deemed necessary at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

5. The members of the Dissertation Committee shall be made public.

6. The members of the Dissertation Committee must not receive any gifts, entertainment or special benefits with regard to the review of a degree thesis/dissertation.

(Presentation Session)

Article 9-2

In the review of a degree thesis/dissertation, an open-door presentation session on the content of the thesis/dissertation shall be conducted. However, if the content of the thesis/dissertation needs to be protected as an intellectual property or if disclosing the content would constitute non-performance of obligations under the University's confidential agreement, the presentation session may be conducted closed-door.

(Final Examination for Individuals Completing the Course)

Article 10

The final examination as stipulated in the provision of Article 12 of the Graduate School Regulations shall be conducted as an oral examination or written examination on topics relevant to the degree thesis/dissertation, centered around the topic of the thesis/dissertation.

(Confirmation of Academic Abilities of Individuals not Completing the Course)

Article 11

Confirmation of Academic Abilities as stipulated in Paragraph 3 of Article 3 above shall be conducted as an oral examination or written examination for topics relevant to the degree thesis/dissertation and foreign languages.

2. Pursuant to the preceding paragraph, an examination of two foreign languages shall be conducted. However, an examination of one foreign language shall suffice when extenuating circumstances are approved at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

Article 12

The Confirmation of Academic Abilities may be omitted in the case of an individual who has withdrawn voluntarily after being enrolled in a doctoral degree program in a Graduate School for longer than the prescribed period of study, acquired the prescribed number of credits and received the necessary research guidance and who submits a doctoral dissertation within the time limit stipulated by the relevant graduate school.

(Review Period)

Article 13

Within one (1) year after a doctoral dissertation has been submitted, the Dissertation Committee must complete its review of the dissertation and final examination or Confirmation of Academic Abilities. However, in the event of extenuating circumstances, this period may be extended upon approval at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school.

(Announcement of Review Results)

Article 14

When the Dissertation Committee has completed its review of the dissertation and final examination or Confirmation

of Academic Abilities, it must immediately submit to the Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school a report in writing covering a summary of the dissertation, a summary of the review results and a summary of the examination results or results of the Confirmation of Academic Abilities, as well as an opinion on whether or not a degree shall be conferred. However, in the case of a review of a candidate for a master's degree, an opinion on whether or not a degree shall be conferred shall suffice.

(Qualifying Examination for Doctoral Dissertation Research)

Article 14-2

When an examination and evaluation stipulated in Paragraph 2 of Article 15 of the Graduate School Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "Qualifying Examination for Doctoral Dissertation Research") are to be conducted instead of a review of a master's thesis or research results on a specific topic and final examination, the provisions stipulated in Article 9 and the preceding Article shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. In such a case, the terms "review of degree theses/dissertations" in Paragraph 1 of Article 9, "review of master's theses" in Paragraph 2 of Article 9, and "review of a degree thesis/dissertation" in Paragraph 5 of Article 9, shall be read as "Qualifying Examination for Doctoral Dissertation Research".

2. In addition to the provision stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the content, methods, etc. of Qualifying Examination for Doctoral Dissertation Research shall be stipulated separately at the graduate school in accordance with the objectives of the said graduate school.

(Decision on Degree Conferment)

Article 15

Upon receipt of the report stipulated in Article 14 (including the case where *mutatis mutandis* is applied pursuant to Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article), a Faculty Meeting shall deliberate and decide whether or not a degree shall be conferred. However, pursuant to the provisions stipulated in the regulations of the relevant graduate school, a Delegate Assembly may be entrusted to decide on degree conferment on behalf of the Faculty Meeting pursuant to the provisions of Article 9 of the Faculty Meeting General Rules.

2. The decision stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall require the attendance of at least two-thirds of the members of the Faculty Meeting or Delegate Assembly as appropriate, with at least two-thirds of the attending members in agreement.

Article 16

When a decision has been made at a Faculty Meeting of the relevant graduate school on degree conferment as stipulated in the preceding Article, the Dean of the relevant graduate school must report the decision to the President of the University in writing.

2. With regard to the preceding paragraph, for a decision on doctoral degree conferment, a dissertation summary, a summary of the review results and a summary of the final examination results or results of the Confirmation of Academic Abilities must be submitted along with the doctoral dissertation.

(Conferment of Degree)

Article 17

Based on the report stipulated in the preceding Article, the President of the University shall determine whether or not to confer the prescribed degree, and shall confer the degree on individuals who have been accepted for degree conferment, and notify any candidates who were not granted a degree.

(Registration on the Degree Register)

Article 18

When the University has conferred a doctoral degree, the conferment must be registered in the degree register, and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology must be notified within three (3) months from the date the relevant degree was conferred.

(Publication of Summary of the Doctoral Dissertation)

Article 19

When the University has conferred a doctoral degree, a dissertation summary and a summary of the review results shall be published on the Internet within three (3) months from the date the relevant degree was conferred.

2. The publication stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall be conducted via Osaka University's institutional repository.

(Publication of Doctoral Dissertation)

Article 20

An individual who has been granted a doctoral degree must publish the full text of the relevant doctoral dissertation within one (1) year from the date of degree conferment. However, this does not apply in the event that the doctoral dissertation has already been published.

2. Notwithstanding the provision stipulated in the preceding paragraph, in the event of extenuating circumstances, an individual who has been granted a doctoral degree may publish a summary of the relevant doctoral dissertation rather than the full text of the doctoral dissertation upon receiving approval from the Dean of the relevant graduate school. In this case, the Dean of the relevant graduate school, with the approval of the Faculty Meeting of the graduate school, may approve the publication of the summary of the dissertation, and the individual shall make the full text of the doctoral dissertation available for inspection when requested.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs, an individual who has been granted a doctoral degree from the University shall publish the dissertation via the Internet and the University's institutional repository.

(Use of the Degree Name)

Article 21

Individuals who have received a degree from the University shall include the name "Osaka University (大阪大学)" when using the name of the degree. However, in the case of individuals who specialized in the International Collaborative Department, the university name of the Overseas Partner Graduate School shall also be included.

(Cancellation of Degree)

Article 22

In the event that an individual who has been granted a degree is recognized as having acquired the degree through dishonest means, the President of the University may, after discussion by the Education and Research Council with opinions obtained from the Faculty Meeting at the relevant graduate school, revoke the degree, request the return of the diploma, and publicize the revocation of the degree.

2. In the event that an individual who has been granted a degree behaves in a way that tarnishes the honor of that degree, the relevant degree may be revoked, pursuant to the provision of the preceding paragraph.

(Diploma Format)

Article 23

The format of the diploma shall be as shown in the Attachments.

2. The format of the diploma in the International Collaborative Department shall be written in Japanese as shown in Attachment 10 and 11. However, in consultation with Overseas Partner Graduate Schools, the official language of the country where the Overseas Partner Graduate School is located, or a language which is internationally applicable, may also be included.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 24

In addition to these regulations, provisions for other necessary matters shall be stipulated separately.

2. In addition to these regulations, the submission procedures of requests for a degree and methods, etc., of reviewing a degree thesis/dissertation may be stipulated separately in consultation with Overseas Partner Graduate Schools.

Supplementary Provisions

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The Osaka University Degree Regulations as amended shall come into effect on May 1, 2019.

Supplementary Provisions

The Osaka University Degree Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2024.

(The rest is omitted)