

2025 FBS Student Handbook

This is an English summary highlighting key points from the original Student Handbook (Japanese). It shall not be regarded as official documentation. The English text is provided for reference purposes only, and please note that all official rules and regulations are based solely on the original Japanese text.

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2025 FBS Annual Academic Calendar

Semester	Month	Day	Event	Note
Spring/Summer (April 1 ~ September 30)	4	2025 4 (Fri) 8 (Tue) 15 (Tue)	FBS Guidance for New Students The University of Osaka Entrance Ceremony Classes for the spring semester start	
	5	1 (Thu) ~ 4 (Sun)	The University of Osaka Icho Festival (Preparation/Festival/Clean up)	No classes
	6	11 (Wed) 12 (Thu)	Classes for the spring semester end Classes for the summer semester start	
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	8	7 (Thu) 8 (Fri)	Classes for the summer semester end Summer break starts	
	9	30 (Mon)	Summer break ends	
Fall/Winter (October 1 ~ March 31)	10	1 (Wed) 31 (Fri)	Classes for the fall semester start The University of Osaka Machikane Festival (Preparation)	No classes
	11	1 (Sun) ~ 4 (Tue)	The University of Osaka Machikane Festival (Festival/Clean up)	No classes
	12	3 (Wed) 4 (Thu)	Classes for the fall semester end Classes for the winter semester start	
	1	2026 4 (Sun) 6 (Mon) 16 (Fri)	Winter break ends Classes for the winter semester re-start Preparation for the Common Test for University Admissions	No classes
	2	Early February 2 (Mon) ~ 5 (Thu) 6 (Fri) 20 (Fri) • 24 (Tue)	Classes for the winter semester end Interim Exam (Master's Thesis Presentation) Spare day for Interim Exam Dissertation Defense	
	3	Late March	The University of Osaka Commencement Ceremony FBS Commencement Ceremony	

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

Program Overview and Curriculum

1. 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. Degrees

Master's Degree: 修士(生命機能学)/修士(理学)/修士(工学)/修士(学術)

Doctoral Degree: 博士(生命機能学)/博士(理学)/博士(工学)/博士(学術)

2. Requirements for completion and how to fulfill the required credits

■ Students admitted to the first year:

Students must acquire 40 credits or more, as shown below.

- ① Group A: 2 credits

Earn 1 credit (2 subjects) from Advanced Liberal Arts Educational Subjects and 1 credit (2 subjects) from Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects.

Students who receive education and research guidance in English may substitute Advanced Global Literacy Educational Subjects for Advanced Liberal Arts Educational Subjects.

- ② Group B: 2 credits

- ③ Total from Group A and B: 16 credits

- ④ Group C: 14 credits

- ⑤ Group D: 2 credits

- ⑥ Group E: 8 credits

Subject Group		Year	Requirements			
Group A	Core Subjects	1	2 credits	16 credits	30 credits *Requirements to take an Interim Exam.	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	10 credits		
Group E	Research Subjects		8 credits			

* Students who have earned 30 or more credits in total from Group A to Group C subjects in accordance with the requirements are eligible to take the Interim Exam.

Those who pass the exam will be awarded a master's degree and may proceed to take subjects in Group D and Group E. Students who fail the Interim Exam will be required to repeat the year.

* Students taking the "Transdisciplinary Program for Biomedical Entrepreneurship and Innovation" must complete an additional 20 credits from the program's course subjects.

* Students taking the "Humanware Innovation Program" must complete an additional 12 credits from the program's course subjects.

■ 3rd-year transfer students:

In addition to receiving necessary research guidance, students must 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	

3. About Each Subject Group

○ Group A

There are three types of courses: lecture-based, practical (hands-on), and introductory. Most of the courses are offered as intensive lectures.

To develop a broad academic background, students are encouraged to consult closely with their supervisor and take courses outside the field of their undergraduate studies.

Introductory courses are designed to provide an overview of ongoing research at FBS. They are offered in Japanese in the spring semester and in English in the fall semester.

The semester in which each course is offered alternates every year, so a course with the same name may be offered in a different semester the following year.

○ Group B

There are three types: (a), (b), and (c).

a) Students should participate in journal clubs, research progress meetings, and seminars held within the home laboratory. Students are also expected to attend various seminars both inside and outside the university and submit five reports* in both the first and second year (total 10 reports).

b) Biomechanics*

This course is designed for students to report on the progress of their research to faculty members outside their home laboratory (co-supervisors), engage in discussion, and receive constructive feedback. Another objective is to help students refine their presentation skills in preparation for the interim presentation held at the end of the second year.

For further details, please refer to the relevant section.

c) Special Lectures

This course is offered as an intensive lecture held over approximately two days.

*About five reports

- To broaden your knowledge beyond your own research field, please actively participate in various seminars, both on and off campus.
- Seminars held by your own laboratory are not eligible.
- Please consult with your supervisor to decide which seminars to attend.
- Details regarding how to submit reports, etc., will be sent to your OU email address.
- Seminars held at FBS are announced via email, the website, posters, and other means. Many seminars are offered, including the "FBS Colloquium." A number of these seminars are conducted in English by international researchers and others.

*About Biomechanics

- Conduct two meetings per year with the sub-supervisor. If the sub-supervisor decides, additional meetings may be held.
- The timing of these meetings should be discussed and decided with the sub-supervisor. Generally, they are held immediately after the sub-supervisor is assigned (around August for students enrolling in April and around February for those enrolling in October), or at the beginning or end of each semester.
- Details on how to arrange meetings, etc., will be sent to your OU email address.

- Group C*
Conduct daily research activities in the home lab.

- Group D
Conduct research outside the home lab in order to gain experience in a different field and broaden your academic background.
Consult with your supervisor to determine the research activities and coordinate with the host lab. The research activities should follow A, but B is also acceptable.
 - A. Conduct research in another laboratory within FBS.
 - 1) Participate in research (approximately 2 weeks in total)
 - 2) Engage in research activities such as seminars, colloquia, and journal clubs. (approximately once a week for a total of 8 weeks). It is preferable to have an opportunity to present during this period.

 - B. Other
If the supervisor determines that the student is "participating in research in another laboratory," the activity can be recognized for credit. Examples include:
 - 3) Participation in practical courses or short-term intensive courses in Japan or abroad.
 - 4) Attendance at lectures or journal clubs conducted by international faculty members.
 - 5) Participation in research at other laboratories in Japan or abroad.
 - 6) Participation in internships at companies.

- Group E *
Conduct daily research activities in the home lab.

***About group C and E**

The "Research Ethics" e-learning course is a mandatory requirement. This course is typically conducted in the spring semester. While it does not confer academic credits, completion is essential for:

- First-year students to fulfill Group C requirements.
- Third-year students to fulfill Group E requirements.

Therefore, students must complete this course in both their first and third years. Further details will be sent to your OU email address.

4. Research Instruction Plan and Research Progress Report

You are required to discuss the Research Instruction Plan and the Research Progress Report with your supervisor. These documents must be submitted to the Educational Affairs Section by the end of each academic year (end of February for students enrolled in April, and end of August for students enrolled in October). For new students, this process should be completed after your supervisor has been officially assigned. Further details will be sent to your OU email address.

Laboratory Placement

■ Tentative Assignment to Home Lab

(April enrollment: until Jun/October enrollment: until December)

- First-year students will be assigned to a lab tentatively for about three months after enrollment.
- If you wish to change your lab, please make sure to consult both the faculty members of the current and prospective labs as early as possible.

■ Permanent Assignment to Home Lab

(April enrollment: from July / October enrollment: from January)

- After submitting the "Supervisor/Sub-supervisor Registration Sheet" to the Educational Affairs Section, your permanent lab assignment will be confirmed.
- Further details about the sheet will be sent to your OU email address.

Sub-supervisor

In addition to the primary supervisor, a sub-supervisor system is in place to provide students with guidance on their research areas and other various matters. When selecting a sub-supervisor, please consult thoroughly with your primary supervisor before making a decision.

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.

Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree

1. Master's Degree

At FBS, a master's degree is conferred upon fulfilling requirements equivalent to the completion of a master's program. An interim exam is held in the second year, during which students are required to submit a paper equivalent to a master's thesis. Upon passing the evaluation, students will be awarded a master's degree.

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. 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 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 insufficient, students will be required to repeat the year, even if they pass the Interim Exam. The degree will be awarded once the required credits are completed while still enrolled in the program in the following years.
 - 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.

■ **Schedule** *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.

* The above is a general guideline. Detailed information will be sent to second-year students who may become eligible, so please make sure to check it.

■ **Thesis Examiners**

The committee shall consist of two or more professors from FBS, including a Chair (supervisor) and a Vice Chair. If necessary, Associate Professors or faculty members from other graduate schools may also be included as a 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

Requirements for Doctoral Degree Application Eligibility, Conditions for Conducting Preliminary Defense, and Review Procedures

(Established on October 1, 2004)

(Partially revised on October 9, 2024)

Those seeking to obtain a doctoral degree must be enrolled for the prescribed duration, have completed or be expected to complete the required credits, receive research guidance, and fulfill the following requirements for doctoral degree application eligibility and other related conditions as specified by FBS.

The requirements for doctoral degree application eligibility, conditions for conducting the Preliminary Defense, and review procedures are as follows.

[Requirements for Doctoral Degree Application Eligibility]

Applicants must apply with the approval of their supervisors (professors).

[Conditions for Conducting the Preliminary Defense]

In order to undergo the Preliminary Defense, the applicant must have submitted an international original paper as the first author (co-first authorship is also acceptable) and received at least one round of comments from reviewers.

[Review Procedures]

The review process consists of two stages: the Preliminary Defense and the Dissertation Defense. Those who pass the Preliminary Defense through the prescribed procedures will be eligible to take the Dissertation Defense.

1. Doctoral Degree Application

Those who meet the requirements for doctoral degree application eligibility must submit the Application for Degree (for the Preliminary Defense) along with the dissertation (in paper format) to the Doctor's Degree Qualifications Committee (DQC).

The Application for Degree consists of the Dissertation Title Form, Recommendations Form for Preliminary Defense Committee Members (chair and vice-chairs), Abstract, and a Recommendation Letter from the Supervisor.

<Review of Doctoral Degree Applications and Related Matters>

The Doctor's Degree Qualifications Committee (DQC) will review the submitted degree application and dissertation before determining the Preliminary Defense Committee members (PDC members) for each applicant. The PDC members will consist of faculty members whose area of specialization is closely related to that of the applicant (hereafter referred to as "the candidate"), and they will hold the Preliminary Defense and the Preliminary Defense Committee (PDC).

The PDC will consist of at least three members (professors or associate professors), including two professors affiliated with FBS. The chair will be a full-time professor from the FBS Core Laboratory. Based on the judgment of each PDC, members (equivalent to professors and associate professors) from other graduate schools, universities, or research institutions may be added. The supervisor will not be included as a PDC Member.

2. Preliminary Defense

Those whose doctoral degree applications have been approved through the review process may undergo the Preliminary Defense. The Preliminary Defense will be conducted privately by the candidate and the PDC members, where the candidate will present their dissertation and engage in a question-and-answer session.

The timing of the Preliminary Defense will be set for at least one week before the Dissertation Defense. The venue and schedule will be coordinated by the candidate in consultation with each PDC member. When making arrangements, please consider the possibility that the Preliminary Defense may take place two or more times.

Regarding the condition for conducting the Preliminary Defense, "comments from reviewers," the candidate will submit them directly to the PDC Members.

<Preliminary Defense Committee (PDC)>

After the Preliminary Defense, the dissertation shall be reviewed in the PDC. 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 while the review is pending.

The PDC will evaluate the candidate's dissertation and research capabilities. Additionally, in determining pass or fail, full consideration will also be given to any academic papers where 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, etc. Those who wish to undergo the Dissertation Defense must submit the required application documents to the Dean of the Graduate School through the FBS Educational Affairs Section.

<Dissertation Committee>

The Dissertation Committee will consist of at least three professors affiliated with FBS and will conduct the Dissertation Defense. The chair of the Dissertation Committee will be the candidate's supervisor (professor). The vice-chairs will, in principle, be selected from the PDC members.

The regular Dissertation Defense is held in August or February; however, depending on the date of passing the Preliminary Defense, it may also be conducted in other months as determined by the Doctor's Degree Qualifications Committee (DQC). Each candidate will have 20 minutes: 10 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for the question-and-answer session.

4. Regarding the Doctoral Dissertation

In FBS, the following guidelines are established regarding the content and format of the doctoral dissertation.

- (1) The dissertation must be a single independent paper written by the applicants themselves and should be a sole-authored paper. It should be written using "I" instead of "we".
- (2) The dissertation must possess sufficient academic value, and its content must demonstrate a high degree of originality.
- (3) It must include a chapter that is written in a way that researchers from fields outside the relevant discipline can understand the background, objectives, value, significance, and novelty of the research.

- (4) While it is acceptable for the dissertation to include content from papers that have already been published by the applicant, it should be written as a cohesive and unified paper.
- (5) It should be written in either English or Japanese (English is preferred).
- (6) Those who write their dissertation in Japanese must include an English abstract of approximately 200 to 300 words between the cover page and the Japanese abstract.
- (7) Based on the above, the doctoral dissertation shall consist of the following components:
- ① Cover Page (Title, Name, Completion Date)
 - ② Abstract
 - ③ Table of Contents
 - ④ Main Text
 - ⑤ Achievements (published papers and conference presentations, etc. If co-authored, the applicant's primary contributions must be clearly stated.)

Additionally, the doctoral dissertation should be prepared in A4 format.

5. **Other**

- (1) The number of copies required for the degree application documents and dissertation, as well as the submission schedule, will be notified separately.
- (2) Those who have been enrolled in FBS for five years or more (or for three years or more if they have transferred into the third year) and have acquired the required credits may "withdraw with required credits." They may apply for the doctoral degree within three years after withdrawal.

Reference: English-Japanese Terminology Table

English	Japanese
Third-Party Committee	第三者委員会
Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense)	予備審査前面談
Doctor's Degree Qualifications Committee (DQC)	博士号資格審査委員会
Preliminary Defense	予備審査 (会)
Preliminary Defense Committee Members (PDC Members)	予備審査委員
Preliminary Defense Committee (PDC)	予備審査委員会
Dissertation Defense	本審査 (会)
Dissertation Committee	本審査委員会
Chair	主査
Vice-chair	副査
Withdrawal with Required Credits	単位修得退学
Core Laboratory	基幹講座
Educational Affairs Section	大学院係

■ Completion Date and Eligibility

Completion Date	Eligible Applicants		
	Early Completion	Normal Completion	Extended Completion
June	×	×	○
September	○	○	○
December	×	×	○
March	○	○	○
Notes	Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense) is required. Consult with the Educational Affairs Section one year before the intended date of degree acquisition. Additionally, after the Pre-Pre Defense, the qualification review will also be necessary.		Applicants who have exceeded the normal 5-year (3 years for 3rd-year transferred students) completion term, or those aiming to obtain a degree within three years after "withdrawal with required credits."

■ Committee members for review procedures

"Professors from FBS" in each committee refer to professors from the Core Research Laboratories, Affiliated Laboratories, Cooperating Institutes, and Adjunct Faculties.

■ Overall Process to the Doctor's Degree Conferral

- ▼ Consultation Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre-Defense)
(Conducted only for students promoted to the 5th year and aiming for a doctoral degree.)
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- ▼ Submission of documents related to the Preliminary Defense
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- ▼ Preliminary Defense Committee members (PDC members) are fixed and notified to the applicant
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- ▼ Plagiarism Check of the Dissertation (conducted by the applicants' supervisors)
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- ▼ Preliminary Defense (30-min. dissertation presentation & 30-min. Q&A) *Closed to the public
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- ▼ Notice of Preliminary Defense Result / Submit the documents for the Dissertation Defense
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- ▼ Dissertation Defense (10-minute presentation and 10-minute Q&A) *open to the public
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- ▼ Pass/fail decision on the degree conferral
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- ▼ Degree conferral

■ Consultations Prior to the Preliminary Defense (Pre-Pre Defense)

For students advancing to their fifth year and aiming to obtain a doctoral degree, Pre-Pre Defense will be conducted in July (December for October entrants).

Prior to that, please consult with your supervisor to select three candidates (one chair and two vice chairs), and submit the designated 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 Laboratories 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, research institutions, or other universities (equivalent to professors or associate professors) can be added as the third vice-chair 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.

<At the time of application for Pre-Pre Defense>

(1) Recommendation form for Preliminary Defense Committee members

<Application for Preliminary Defense>

- (1) Application for Degree (Form-1-①)
- (2) Recommendation form for Preliminary Defense Committee members (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) One copy of dissertation (preliminary version)
- (11) Doctoral Thesis's Internet Publication Confirmation (Form 10)
- (12) Checklist
- (13) A printed report of plagiarism check
- (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 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)

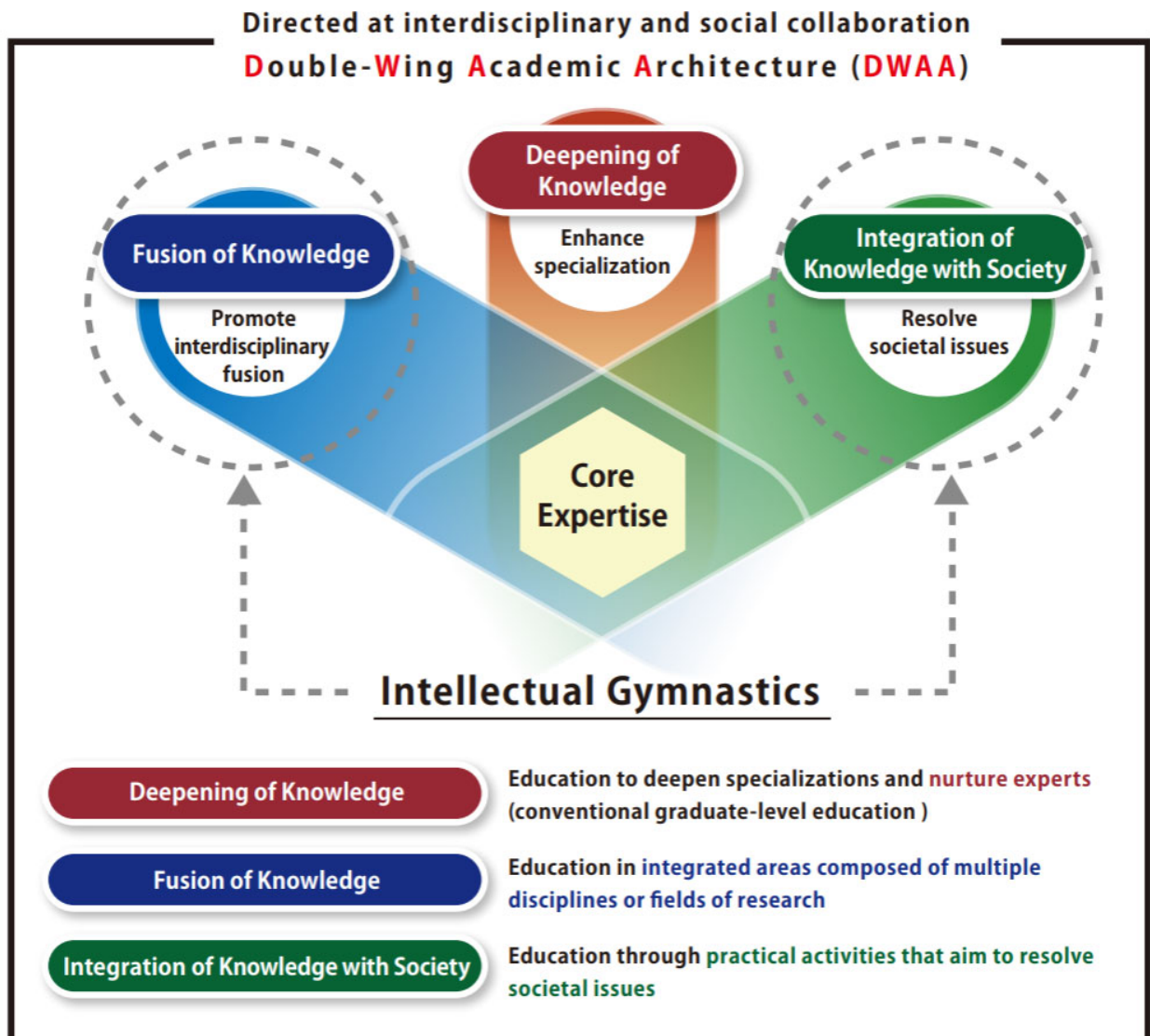
[Important Note] *Please contact the FBS Educational Affairs section for details.

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.

Double-Wing Academic Architecture

Osaka University is pushing forward its education system for graduate schools, Double-Wing Academic Architecture (DWAA), university-wide in order to produce PhD holders that can play an active role both in creating innovation in academics and other fields.

https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/education/academic_reform/souyoku



Various Programs

Osaka University has long offered a range of educational programs oriented toward the “Fusion of Knowledge” and the “Integration of Knowledge with Society.” To provide students with more flexible choices, these programs have now been reorganized as “Intellectual Gymnastics Programs”.

<https://itgp.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/programs/list/>

Information for Students

■ Student Life

For the following items, please refer to the "Student Life Guide" at the link below.

<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/campus/manual>

1. Basic Information about Study
2. Consultations about Study, Student Life, and Employment
3. Extracurricular Activities
4. Study Abroad
5. Things to know for your safety
6. Procedures and Certificates
7. On-campus facilities
8. Others
9. FAQs regarding student life

■ Course registration, etc.

• 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 and other details will be notified later.

• 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.

• 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>

• 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. The certificate must be authorized by the dean of the graduate school or an equivalent authority.

- **Class schedule**

The class schedule is posted on the FBS website under "Curricula Details." Additionally, syllabi can be accessed from the same 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

- **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 to 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.

- **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.

- Leave of absence [Submission of the designated form is required.]

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 [Submission of the designated form is required.]
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: Request form/ 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 form + 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 form 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 registered 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.

★ Forms: Available at FBS Educational Affairs Section

★ Submit to: FBS Educational Affairs Section

■ Certificate issuance

- (1) Issuance via automatic certificate issuing machine

<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/campus/certificates/testifier.html>

- (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 and submit it to the FBS Educational Affairs Section via email. When applying via email, please ensure that the email is sent from your OU email address to confirm your identity. Please note that depending on the timing of the application and the type of certificate, processing times may vary. Therefore, please apply with sufficient time to spare.

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The English text has been provided merely as a reference. Please note that any official rules are based solely on the Japanese text.

The University of Osaka 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 the University of Osaka (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 the University of Osaka: 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 "The University of Osaka" 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 the University of Osaka are 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 the University of Osaka, the regulations on the University-Wide Exchange Programs at the University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka Undergraduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2019.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 10 after the amendment, students currently enrolled in a pre-existing curriculum as of March 31, 2019, or students re-enrolling, transferring or entering as a non-first-year student from another institution, after April 1, 2019, shall remain in that pre-existing curriculum as long as they are in accordance with the provisions then in force.
3. With regard to the application of Article 10 before the amendment, in the case of the preceding paragraph, following the “Global collaboration subjects” in Paragraph 2, “Global literacy, Global initiative subjects”,

shall be added and the term “global collaboration subjects” in Paragraph 5 of the Article was deemed to be replaced with "Global literacy's international exchange subjects and global initiative subjects "

4. Notwithstanding the provision of Article 2 before the amendment, the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences’ Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences shall operate until March 31, 2019, when students enrolled in the department have graduated or left the school.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after the amendment, the AY2019 – 23 enrollment quota for the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences shall be as follows:

Left column		Right column				
School	Department	AY2019	AY2020	AY2021	AY2022	AY2023
		Enrollment quota	Enrollment quota	Enrollment quota	Enrollment quota	Enrollment quota
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Sciences	205	260	315	370	425

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after amendment, the admission quota, transfer quota and enrollment quota, and total enrollment quota AY2019 – 30 for the Faculty of Medicine’s Medical School shall be as follows:

Faculty	Department	AY2019		AY2020		AY2021	
		Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota
Medicine	Medical School	100	650	100	650	100	650
		2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10
	Total		1,330		1,330		1,330
Total enrollment quota			13,381		13,436		13,491

Faculty	Department	AY2022		AY2023		AY2024	
		Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota
Medicine	Medical School	100	650	97	647	97	644
		2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10
	Total		1,330		1,307		1,284
Total enrollment quota			13,546		13,598		13,650

Faculty	Department	AY2025		AY2026		AY2027			
		Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota		
Medicine	Medical	98		642		95		632	
	School	2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10		
	Total			1,282		1,277		1,272	
Total enrollment quota		13,708		13,763		13,818			

Faculty	Department	AY2028		AY2029		AY2030			
		Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota	Admission/ transfer quota	Enrollment quota		
Medicine	Medical	95		627		95		623	
	School	2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10	2nd year transfer quota	10		
	Total			1,267		1,265		1,263	
Total enrollment quota		13,873		13,871		13,869			

Supplementary Provision

1. The University of Osaka Undergraduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2020.

Supplementary Provision

1. The University of Osaka Undergraduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on October 1, 2020.
2. Notwithstanding the provision after the amendment, those who are enrolled as of September 30, 2020, in the Chemistry-Biology Combined Major Program at the School of Science, the School of Engineering, and the School of Engineering Science shall be subject to previous provisions.

Supplementary Provision

1. The University of Osaka Undergraduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2022.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs 2 and 4 of Article 10 after the amendment, students currently enrolled in a pre-existing curriculum as of March 31, 2022, or students re-enrolling, transferring or entering as a non-first-year student from another institution after April 1, 2022, shall remain in that pre-existing curriculum as

long as they are in accordance with the provisions then in force.

Supplementary Provision

1. The University of Osaka Undergraduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2023.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after amendment, the enrollment quota of the school and its department listed in the left column of the following table shall be as shown in the corresponding right column, for AY 2023.

Left column		Right column	
School	Department	AY2023	
		Enrollment quota	
Medicine	Allied Health Sciences	Nursing	330
		Medical Physics and Engineering	165
		Laboratory Sciences	165
		Subtotal	660
	Total	1,307	
Engineering	Applied Science	871	
	Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science	995	
	Electronic and Information Engineering	654	
	Total	3,292	
Engineering Science	Systems Science	684	
	Total	1,748	

Supplementary Provision

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

Supplementary Provision

1. The University of Osaka Undergraduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2025.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after amendment, the 2025 - 27 enrollment quota of the schools and departments listed in the left column of the following table shall be as shown in the corresponding right column.

Left column		Right column		
School	Department	AY2025	AY2026	AY2027
		Enrollment quota	Enrollment quota	Enrollment quota
Engineering	Applied Science	879	884	889
	Electronic and Information Engineering	688	716	744
	Total	3,337	3,370	3,403
Engineering Science	Electronics and Materials Physics	400	404	408
	Systems Science	697	702	707
	Information and Computer Sciences	350	368	386
	Total	1,783	1,810	1,837

Attachment 1: Enrollment quota

School	Department	Admission/transfer quota	Enrollment quota	
Letters	Humanities	165	660	
Human Sciences	Human Sciences	137	568	
		From the 3 rd year: 10		
Foreign Studies	Foreign Studies	580	2,340	
		From the 3 rd year: 10		
Law	Law	170	700	
		From the 3 rd year: 10		
	International Public Policy	80	320	
	Total		1,020	
Economics	Economics and Business	220	900	
		From the 3 rd year: 10		
Science	Mathematics	47	188	
	Physics	76	304	
	Chemistry	77	308	
	Biological Sciences	55	220	
	Total	255	1,020	
Medicine	Medical School	95	620	
		From the 2 nd year: 10		
	Allied Health Sciences	Nursing	80	320
		Medical Physics and Engineering	40	160
		Laboratory Sciences	40	160
		Subtotal	160	640
Total		1,260		
Dentistry	Dentistry	53	318	
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmacy	80	480	
Engineering	Applied Science	222	894	
		From the 3 rd year: 3		
	Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Science	248	998	
		From the 3 rd year: 3		
	Electronic and Information Engineering	190	772	
		From the 3 rd year: 6		
	Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering	Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering	75	300
		Global Architecture	118	472
		Total	853	3,436
	Engineering Science	Electronics and Materials Physics	103	412
Chemical Science and Engineering		84	336	
Systems Science		174	712	
		From the 3 rd year: 8		
Information and Computer Sciences	Information and Computer Sciences	101	404	
	Total	462	1,864	
Total enrollment quota			13,866	

Attachment 2

1. The format for the bachelor's diploma conferred on students who have completed an undergraduate program of the University, except for individuals specified in the following paragraph.

第 号	令和 年 月 日	大阪大学〇〇学部長 氏 大阪大学総長 氏 名 名 印 印	本学〇〇学部〇〇学科所定の課程を修めて本学を卒業したことを認め 学士(〇〇)の学位を授与する	大学印	氏 名 年 月 日生	学位記

2. The format for the bachelor's diploma conferred on students of the University who have completed: the undergraduate program of the School of Foreign Studies or the Department of Biological Sciences at the School of Science, or the Human Sciences International Undergraduate Degree Program at the School of Human Sciences.

第 号	令和 年 月 日	大阪大学〇〇学部長 氏 大阪大学総長 氏 名 名 印 印	本学〇〇学部〇〇学科(〇〇)所定の課程を修めて本学を卒業したこ とを認め学士(〇〇)の学位を授与する	大学印	氏 名 年 月 日生	学位記

Note: For graduates of the School of Foreign Studies, the name of the field of major is shown in parentheses following the name of the Department. For other graduates, the name of the program is shown.

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The University of Osaka 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 the University of Osaka (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
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, The University of Osaka, 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.

(Graduate Program for Specific Research Fields, etc.)

Article 5-6

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

Graduate Degree Program for Specific Research Fields

Graduate Degree Program for Interdisciplinary Research Fields

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

Program for Leading Graduate Schools

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, etc. shall be established in order to cultivate knowledge in a wide range of areas:

Graduate Minor Program

Graduate Program for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies
Advanced Liberal Arts Module

2. Other matters necessary for each program, etc, 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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)
		Philosophy in Law (法学)
		Philosophy in Economics (経済学)
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)
	Science (理学)	Philosophy (理学)
	Science (工学)	Philosophy (工学)
United Graduate School of Child Development, The University of Osaka, 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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, The University of Osaka, 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, The University of Osaka, 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University’s graduate programs 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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, The University of Osaka, 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 the University of Osaka.

(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 the University of Osaka 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 the University of Osaka.

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 the University of Osaka.

(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 the University of Osaka.

(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 University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2021.

Supplementary Provisions

1. The University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2022.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 3 after the amendment, the Division of Studies on Cultural Forms, Division of Studies on Cultural Expressions, and Division of Studies on Cultural Dynamics of the Graduate School of Letters and the Division of Language and Culture, Division of Language and Society, and Division of Japanese Language and Culture of the Graduate School of Language and Culture shall continue to exist until the day when students enrolled in the said Division on March 31, 2022, are no longer enrolled in the said Division.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after amendment, the total enrollment quota for the graduate school and its department/division/course listed in the left column of the following table shall be as shown in the corresponding right column, for AY 2022 and 2023.

Left column		Right column				
Graduate school	Department/Division/ Course	AY2022			AY2023	
		Master's Course	Doctoral Course	Enrollment quota	Doctoral Course	Enrollment quota
Humanities	Humanities	47	14	226	28	452
	Language and Culture	32	15		30	
	Foreign Studies	25	11		22	
	Japanese Studies	40	18		36	
	Arts Studies	17	7		14	
	Total	161	65		130	
Economics	Economics	105	-	-	-	
	Business and Management	61	-	-	-	
	Total	166	-	-	-	
Total		4,245	2,971	7,216	3,036	7,442

4.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 6 after the amendment, students currently enrolled in a pre-existing curriculum as of March 31, 2022, shall remain in that pre-existing curriculum as long as they are in accordance with the provisions then in force.

5. In the case under the preceding paragraph, in applying Article 6 before the amendment, “international exchange subjects” shall be added after “Global initiative subjects” in Paragraph 4 of the same Article and “and global initiative subjects” in Paragraph 5 shall be read as “, global initiative subjects and international exchange subjects.”

Supplementary Provisions

1. The University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on August 1, 2022.

Supplementary Provisions

1. The University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2023.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after amendment, the total enrollment quota for the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and its department/division/course listed in the left column of the following table shall be as shown in the corresponding right column for AY 2023.

Left column		Right column	
Graduate school	Department/Division/ Course	AY2023	
		Master's Course	Enrollment quota
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Advanced Pharmaco- science	90	190
	Total	90	
Total		4,346	7,382

Supplementary Provisions

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

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after amendment, the total enrollment quota for the United Graduate School of Child Development and its department/division/course listed in the left column of the following table shall be as shown in the corresponding right column for AY 2024.

Left column		Right column	
Graduate school	Department/Division/ Course	AY2024	
		Master's Course	Enrollment quota
United Graduate School of Child Development, The University of Osaka, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui	Child Development	15	60
	Total	15	
Total		4,301	7,402

Supplementary Provisions

The University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on October 1, 2024.

Supplementary Provisions

1. The University of Osaka Graduate School Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2025.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Article 17 after the amendment, students currently enrolled in a pre-existing curriculum of a doctoral degree program of Osaka School of International Public Policy as of March 31, 2025, shall remain in that pre-existing curriculum as long as they are accordance with the provisions then in force.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Attachment 1 after amendment, the total enrollment quota of the graduate school and Pharmaceutical Sciences shall be as shown in the following table for AY 2025 - 27.

Graduate school	Department/Division/ Course	AY2025		AY2026	
		Doctoral Course, AY2027	Enrollment quota	Doctoral Course, Doctoral Degree Program in Pharmacy	Enrollment quota
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Advanced Pharmacoscience	48	127	36	124
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Advanced Pharmacoscience	49	121	58	
	Medical Pharmacy	97		94	
Total	Medical Pharmacy	3,098	7,414	3,095	7,411
	Total	91			
Total		3,092	7,408		

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
		Enrollment per year	Enrollment quota	Enrollment per year	Enrollment quota	
Humanities	Humanities	47	94	14	42	517
	Language and Culture	32	64	15	45	
	Foreign Studies	25	50	11	33	
	Japanese Studies	40	80	18	54	
	Arts Studies	17	34	7	21	
	Total	161	322	65	195	
Human Sciences	Human Sciences	89	159	42	126	304
	Total	89	159	42	126	
Law and Politics	Law and Political Science	35	70	12	36	106
	Total	35	70	12	36	
Economics	Economics	55	110	20	60	241
	Business and Management	28	56	5	15	
	Total	83	166	25	75	
Science	Mathematics	32	64	16	48	910
	Physics	68	136	33	99	
	Chemistry	60	120	30	90	
	Biological Sciences	54	108	23	69	
	Macromolecular Science	24	48	11	33	
	Earth and Space Science	28	56	13	39	
	Total	266	532	126	378	
Medicine	Medicine	-	-	172	688	959
	Medical Sciences	20	40	-	-	
	Health Sciences	81	162	23	69	
	Total	101	202	195	757	
Dentistry	Oral Science			40	160	160
	Total			40	160	
Pharmaceutical Sciences	Advanced Pharmacoscience	15	30	8	24	130
	Medical Pharmacy	-	-	19	76	
	Total	15	30	27	100	
Engineering	Biotechnology	63	126	12	36	2,174
	Applied Chemistry	97	194	26	78	
	Precision Engineering and Applied Physics	72	144	19	57	
	Mechanical Engineering	96	192	23	69	
	Materials and Manufacturing Science	118	236	31	93	
	Electrical, Electronic and Infocommunications Engineering	141	282	30	90	
	Sustainable Energy and Environmental Engineering	82	164	16	48	
	Global Architecture,	104	208	23	69	
	Management of Industry and Technology	38	76	4	12	
	Total	811	1,622	184	552	
Engineering Science	Materials Engineering Science	113	226	31	93	744
	Mechanical Science and Bioengineering	59	118	15	45	
	Systems Innovation	95	190	24	72	
	Total	267	534	70	210	
Osaka School of International Public Policy	International Public Policy	19	38	11	33	133
	Comparative Public Policy	16	32	10	30	
	Total	35	70	21	63	

Information Science and Technology	Pure and Applied Mathematics	12	24	5	15	449
	Information and Physical Sciences	20	40	5	15	
	Computer Science	26	52	6	18	
	Information Systems Engineering	26	52	7	21	
	Information Networking	26	52	7	21	
	Multimedia Engineering	26	52	7	21	
	Bioinformatic Engineering	24	48	6	18	
	Total	160	320	43	129	
Frontier Biosciences	Frontier Biosciences			55	275	275
	Total			55	275	
Osaka University Law School	Legal Practice	80	240			240
	Total	80	240			
United Graduate School of Child Development, The University of Osaka, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui	Child Development	15	30	15	45	75
	Total			15	45	
Total		2,118	4,316	920	3,101	7,417

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English text has been provided merely as a reference. Please note that any official rules are based solely on the

Japanese text.

The University of Osaka Degree Regulations

(General Provisions)

Article 1

The degrees conferred by the University of Osaka (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 University of Osaka 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 University of Osaka 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 the University of Osaka.

(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 the University of Osaka'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 "The University of Osaka (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 12 and 13. 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

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

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

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

Supplementary Provisions

The University of Osaka Degree Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2025.

Attachments

1. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed a master's degree program (excluding individuals who have completed a master's degree program at the United Graduate School of Child Development, The University of Osaka, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui, individuals who have completed a master's degree program at the International Collaborative Department).

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2. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed a master's degree program at the United Graduate School of Child Development, The University of Osaka, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui.

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3. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed a doctoral degree program (excluding individuals who have completed the doctoral degree program at the United Graduate School of Child Development, The University of Osaka, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui, individuals who have completed Graduate Program for Specific Research Fields, Graduate Program for Interdisciplinary Research Fields, the WISE Program (Doctoral Program for World-leading Innovative & Smart Education), individuals who have completed both a doctoral degree program and the Program for Leading Graduate Schools, and those who have completed a doctoral degree program at the International Collaborative Department).

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4. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed the doctoral degree program at the United Graduate School of Child Development, The University of Osaka, Kanazawa University, Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, Chiba University and University of Fukui.

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5. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed the Graduate Program for Specific Research Fields.

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Note: The name of the degree program for the **WISE Program (Doctoral Program for World-leading Innovative & Smart Education)** is shown in square brackets.

6. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed the Graduate Program for Interdisciplinary Research Fields.

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9. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed a graduate law school program.

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10. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have fulfilled the requirement equivalent to the completion of a master's degree program under the doctoral degree program in the Graduate School of Frontier Biosciences.

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11. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have passed the review of a doctoral dissertation without completing the graduate course.

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12. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed a master's degree program at the International Collaborative Department.

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13. The format for a diploma conferred on individuals who have completed a doctoral degree program at the International Collaborative Department.

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