

Regulations for Students Applying Direct Admission to PhD Program at I-Shou University

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Article 1 The Regulations for Students Applying Direct Admission to PhD Program at I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) are established as per the University Act, Degree Conferral Law and Regulations for Students Applying Direct Admission to PhD Program promulgated by Ministry of Education.

Article 2 Students graduating with a Bachelor’s degree and students who have studied at the Master programs for one academic year or more may apply for direct admission to the PhD program if they satisfy the following requirements:

1. The average academic grade during the term of study is in the top one-third in the class.
2. Students with obvious potential for conducting research and are recommended by at least two faculty members (at the level of associate professor or above) of relevant department/institute/college/degree program with written documents attached.
3. Students who satisfy the requirements of applying for direct admission to PhD program stipulated by respective departments/institutes.

Students may register at the PhD program after the application is approved at the affairs

council of the department/institute/college/degree program planned to study and ratified by the President.

Article 3 The number of students recruited through direct admission by each department, institute, college and degree program in each academic year shall not exceed 40% of the total recruitment of PhD program of each department, institute, college and degree program approved by Ministry of Education for the current academic year. If the approved number of recruitment is less than five, the number of students recruited through direct admission shall be less or equal to two.

The aforesaid approved number of recruitment shall be included in the University's total number of recruitment as approved by Ministry of Education for the current academic year.

Article 4 Students applying direct admission to PhD program shall file the application to the Registration Section of the Office of Academic Affairs within the prescribed time. Late application will not be accepted.

Article 5 Students applying for direct admission to PhD program shall submit the following documents:

1. Application form.
2. The academic transcript of all semesters during the term of study.
3. Recommendation letters written by at least two faculty members (at the level of assistant professor or above) of department/institute/college/degree program that the applicant previously studied or relevant to the PhD program planned to study.
4. Other documents required by the department, institute, college or degree program applying for.

Article 6 If there is remaining quota of students applying direct admission to PhD program in each academic year or the application is suspended due to some reason, the department, institute, college or degree program shall receive the application during the winter vacation depending on the actual situation. The department/institute/college/degree program shall submit documents including the meeting minutes and application forms to the President for ratification after reviewed at the affairs council before the second semester begins. Approved applicants shall conduct registration for the PhD program within two weeks after the semester begins and apply for alteration of enrollment status.

The number of aforesaid applications shall not exceed the remaining quota of students applying direct admission to PhD program offered by each department, institute, college, degree program for the current academic year.

Article 7 Students being approved to enroll in the PhD program through direct admission shall take

at least 30 credits at the PhD program (the credits of dissertation are not included). Required courses, terms of study and the grading criteria for such students shall be in accordance with the regulations for first-year PhD students stipulated by respective departments, institutes, colleges or degree programs. The department, institute, college or degree program shall decide whether to include credits taken by such students at their first year of study at the master program.

Article 8 Students graduating with a Bachelor's degree shall obtain the bachelor degree before the application of direct admission to PhD program is approved. Students fail to obtain the degree shall be disqualified from enrolling in the PhD program.

Article 9 If students enrolled in the PhD program through direct admission discontinue the study at the PhD program and do not satisfy the regulations of withdrawal from the University, they may transfer to the department, institute, college or degree program they originally belong or to the master program offered by relevant department, institute, college or degree program in the following semester after being approved by the affairs council of the department, institute, college or degree program concerned and ratified by the President.

The aforesaid students may be conferred a Master's degree upon the completion of all required courses, submission of thesis and passing the Master's degree qualifying exam. The term of study at the PhD program shall not be included in the term of studying at the master program.

Article 10 Students enrolled in the PhD program through direct admission who passed the PhD candidate qualifying exam but failed the doctoral degree qualifying exam may be conferred a Master's degree from the department, institute, college or degree program currently enrolled in if his/her dissertation is deemed to satisfy the criteria of master degree by the Doctoral Degree Examination Committee.

Article 11 The Regulations become effective on the third day of promulgation after being adopted by the University Academic Council. The same procedure applies to any amendments to the Regulations.

Note: In the event of any disputes or misunderstanding as to the interpretation of the language or terms of the Regulations, the Chinese language version shall prevail.