

Regulations of Graduate Program Study

Department of Information Management

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

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Article 1

These regulations are established based on the "Academic Regulations of National Taiwan University of Science and Technology" (hereinafter referred to as the University) to serve as guidelines for graduate students in the Department of Information Management (hereinafter referred to as the Department).

Article 2

The duration of study for master's students is limited to a minimum of one year and a maximum of four years, with a graduation requirement of at least 36 credits. The duration of study for doctoral students is limited to a minimum of two years and a maximum of seven years, with a graduation requirement of at least 24 credits.

Article 3

Non-international students (as classified by the admission process) must complete four credits of English courses before graduation. Students who pass a language proficiency test equivalent to the GEPT Intermediate Level (as listed in Appendix 1) may apply for exemption, which must be processed alongside their degree examination application.

Article 4

Non-international doctoral students (as classified by the admission process) who have obtained a degree from an English-speaking country or have published research papers in English demonstrating excellent proficiency, as endorsed by faculty members and approved by the Department Affairs Committee, may be exempted from the four-credit English requirement.

Article 5

Master's students must complete at least 24 credits of professional courses within the Department. Doctoral students must complete at least 15 credits of professional courses within the Department.

Article 6

Graduate students must complete a zero-credit mandatory course on "Academic Research Ethics" before the end of their first academic year.

Article 7

The master's program is divided into two tracks: the Master's Program in Information Management (IM-Master) and the Master's Program in Information Security Technology and Management (IS-Master). The IM-Master is further divided into two specializations:

1. Information Technology and Applied Services (Track A)
2. Intelligent Operations and Digital Management (Track B)

For international students, the specialization is determined by the specialization of their supervising professor.

Master's students must complete the following:

1. Three English-taught courses offered by the Department (MI course codes).
2. Track-specific coursework:
 - IM-Master students must complete at least two courses from their selected specialization and at least one course from each of the other two groups (i.e., the other IM specialization and IS-Master).
 - IS-Master students must complete at least two courses from IS-Master and at least one course from each of the IM-Master tracks.

Article 8

The doctoral program is divided into two specializations:

1. Information Technology and Applied Services (Track A)
2. Intelligent Operations and Digital Management (Track B)

For international students, the specialization is determined by the specialization of their supervising professor.

Doctoral students must complete the following:

1. Three English-taught courses offered by the Department (MI course codes).
2. At least two courses from their selected specialization and at least one course from the other specialization.

Article 9

Credit transfer is handled in accordance with the "National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Department of Information Management Credit Transfer Regulations."

Article 10

The interaction between faculty advisors and graduate students must comply with the "NTUST Guidelines on the Interaction Between Thesis Advisors and Graduate Students." The thesis advisor must be a full-time faculty member from the student's program and specialization. Each faculty member can advise up to four new master's students and two new doctoral students per year. Any exceptions must be discussed in a Department Affairs Meeting. Graduate students may also choose a co-advisor who meets NTUST's qualifications for graduate thesis committee members. If a student wishes to change advisors, they must submit a "Thesis Advisor Change Application Form," which becomes effective upon approval by the Department Chair.

Article 11

Students must confirm their thesis advisor and submit the "Thesis Supervision Agreement Form" within one semester after enrollment. Failure to do so may result in the Department Affairs Committee intervening to assist in selecting an advisor. Once an advisor is selected, the advisor is responsible for guiding the student's course selection, research progress, and thesis planning.

Article 12

At the early stages of thesis writing, students must confirm with their advisor that their thesis topic and content align with the Department's academic fields. Before applying for the degree examination, students must submit their thesis title and research objectives to the Department for review to ensure alignment with the Department's academic fields. This must be completed by the semester before the degree examination or, at the latest, before the course add/drop deadline of the degree examination semester. Failure to comply will result in ineligibility for the degree examination.

Article 13

Students must obtain approval from their advisor before applying for the thesis defense, following the "NTUST Graduate Degree Examination Regulations." At the time of application, students must submit their academic transcript, current semester course enrollment list, and proof of English proficiency as specified in Article 4. Only after departmental approval may they proceed with the thesis defense.

Article 14

Students must complete a plagiarism check on their thesis before the degree examination. The similarity index must be below 20%. The plagiarism check report must be submitted to the advisor and the thesis examination committee on the day of the examination. Additionally, when completing graduation procedures, students must submit a printed thesis copy and proof of a similarity index below 20% from the university's plagiarism check system.

Article 15

Any matters not covered in these regulations shall be handled in accordance with the University's Academic Regulations. These regulations shall be implemented upon approval by the Department Affairs Meeting, with amendments following the same procedure.

Appendix 1: Language Proficiency Equivalency for GEPT Intermediate Level

GEPT		Intermediate
Cambridge Main Suite		Preliminary English Test (PET)
Linguaskill Business		140+
FLPT	Total Score of Three Written Exam	195
	Oral Exam	S-2
CEF		B1 Threshold
TOFEL	ITP	460+
	iBT	42+
TOEIC		550+
CSEPT	Level 1	230
	Level 2	240
IELTS		4+

Notes:

1. The validity of language proficiency certificates follows the expiration date specified on the certificate.
2. Certificates obtained before admission are valid.
3. Cambridge BULATS was rebranded as Linguaskill in December 2019, maintaining its equivalency at Level 2.