

## **Enforcement Guidelines for Master's Program Students' Direct Admission into the Doctorate Program in the Graduate Institute of Political Economy**

Article 1 The guidelines are instituted according to the "Regulations Governing Master's Program Students' Direct Admission into Doctorate Programs" decreed by the Ministry of Education, and the "Regulations on Processing Direct Admission into the Doctorate Program from the Master's Program in National Cheng Kung University".

Article 2 Those regular students who have studied in the master's program of the Graduate Institute of Political Economy (hereunder referred to as the Institute) for one year and those on-the-job students who have studied in the master's program of the Institute for two years, satisfying the standards listed in the following three items are eligible to apply for direct entry into the doctorate program.

1. The average academic performance of each academic year is ranked in the first 1/3 of the class, or the rank is within the first 2/3 of the class and there is a special condition making the Institute rate the student as having excellent academic performance.
2. At least one paper is published in relevant academic symposiums or academic journals (not limited to the first author)
3. The thesis proposal shall have been examined and passed by the Institute

Article 3 The master's program students applying for direct admission into the doctorate program shall submit the following documents:

1. An application
2. An original copy each of the applicant's university and graduate school transcripts (40%)
3. Recommendation letters from two professors of the department where the applicant studied or the relevant department/institute (10%).
4. A study plan for studying for a doctoral degree (20%)
5. Other academic publications which may help in the examination of the application (30%)

Article 4 The methods to select the students for direct admission into the doctorate

program include data examination and interview; specific criteria on each are separately announced. The interview will not be held until the data examination has been passed.

Article 5 The application shall be filed before May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Article 6 Graduate students directly studying for a doctoral degree shall finish the 15 credits required for their master's program in addition to meeting the total credits required for the doctorate program.

Article 7 Other matters not included shall be subject to related laws and regulations. In the case that the related laws and regulations are indefinite or dubious, the case shall be brought to the Institute's affairs meeting for resolution.

Article 8 The guidelines shall be discussed and approved by the institute affairs operation committee before submitting them to the institute affairs meeting for confirmation. After the confirmation, they shall be sent to the school for future reference before being enforced. The same also applies to revision.