

National Taiwan Normal University
Department of Chinese as a Second Language
Master's Degree Program Regulations

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Article 1 The National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU, or “the University”) Department of Chinese as a Second Language (“the Department”) *Master's Degree Program Regulations* were formulated in accordance with the University's *Degree Conferral and Graduate Degree Exam Regulations*.

Article 2 Matters unaddressed herein shall be handled in accordance with the applicable regulations of the University.

Article 3 The Department is formally registered as “華語文教學系” (English name: Department of Chinese as a Second Language) with the Ministry of Education (MOE). The title of degrees conferred by the Department shall be “Master of Arts” (M.A.).

Article 4 Graduate students in the Department shall take 32 course credits and complete a master's thesis in order to graduate. Of the 32 credits, two courses (two credits total) are compulsory. Students must select at least one course in each of the four major disciplines (Linguistics, Culture, Language Learning, and Language Teaching) as well as six elective course credits from among the available elective courses offered by the Department. Please refer to the appendix for course requirements. Students must obtain the prior approval of their advisor (or the Department Chair, if they have yet to be assigned an advisor) in order to have elective course credits from other departments or institutions counted towards their graduation credits.

Article 5 Graduate students who have taken and passed graduate-level courses offered by a public or registered private university, the Academia Sinica, a foreign tertiary educational institution recognized by the MOE, or the University's School of Continuing Education may apply to transfer up to nine such credits upon review and approval by the Department.

- Article 6
- 1) Graduate students in the Department shall meet the foreign language proficiency standards stipulated by the MOE's Certification Examination for Proficiency in Teaching Chinese as a Second/Foreign Language prior to graduation; otherwise, they shall produce a record of at least 10 course credits attained in two different foreign languages in the past five years.
 - 2) International and overseas Chinese students in the Department must pass the advanced level (TOCFL4) in the listening and reading tests of the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language prior to graduation; otherwise, they shall have attained at least four course credits in the Chinese language or a specific dialect of Chinese.
 - 3) Graduate students in the Department who are from the mainland area shall produce proof

of language proficiency equivalent to the foreign language proficiency standards stipulated by the MOE's Certification Examination for Proficiency in Teaching Chinese as a Second/Foreign Language prior to graduation.

- 4) In the event of extraordinary circumstances, a special request may be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

- Article 7
- 1) Local students may write their master's thesis in either Chinese or English. However, as part of the initiative to improve their Chinese writing skills, international and overseas Chinese students must write their thesis in Chinese. Upon passing the thesis oral defense, students shall bind their thesis into a book (in accordance with the format stipulated by the University) and submit it by the stipulated deadline.
 - 2) Pursuant to the University's *Guidelines for the Implementation of Academic Research Ethics Training*, master's students admitted in or after Academic Year 2016–17 are required to pass the Academic Ethics Test. Graduate students may log into the Academic Research Ethics Education website to take courses and the Academic Ethics Test online in the semester during which their advisor signs their thesis advising agreement. Students may only begin writing their thesis after they pass the test.
 - 3) Graduate students may apply to be advised by two co-advisors. Students whose advisor is not affiliated with the Department shall have a professor of the Department serving as co-advisor.
 - 4) Matters related to the Department's thesis examinations shall be subject to the University's *Degree Conferral and Graduate Degree Exam Regulations*.
- Article 8 Graduate students must have presented one conference paper or published one journal article in order to apply for the thesis oral defense.
- Article 9 Students must pass either the MOE's Certification Examination for Proficiency in Teaching Chinese as a Second/Foreign Language ("Test of Spoken Chinese and Expressions") or the oral test of the entrance examination for the University's Mandarin Teacher Training Program prior to graduation; otherwise, they must take the "Chinese Pronunciation and Oral Expression" course (2 credits, course code: CLU1087) offered by the Department's Program of Applied Chinese Language and Culture and obtain a grade of B– or better.
- Article 10 Graduate students shall submit their graduate thesis to the Department Office at least 14 calendar days in advance of the graduate thesis finalization and submission deadline in the semester of their expected graduation (as indicated on the University's academic calendar) for signing and approval by the Department Chair.

Appendix:
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1. Total required credits

Compulsory credits	Elective credits	Minimum credits required for graduation
2	30	32

2. Compulsory credits: 2 credits

Course classification code	Course code	Course name	Credit(s)	Hour(s)		Remarks
				Lecture	Lab/ Practicum	
400	CLM0035	Weekly Seminar (I)	1	1		
400	CLM0092	Weekly Seminar (II)	1	1		

3. Elective credits: 30 credits

Students must select at least one course from each of the four major disciplines (Linguistics, Culture, Language Learning, and Language Teaching). Students shall also select at least six elective course credits from among the available elective courses offered by the Department each semester.

The English version is provided for reference only.

The Chinese version shall prevail in case of any discrepancies between the English and Chinese versions.