

National Central University (NCU)
Master's Degree Regulations for the Institute of Network Learning
Technology (Version 13)

- Article 1: These regulations are established in accordance with the "Regulations for Graduate Degree Examinations in Doctoral and Master's Programs" of our university.
- Article 2: Students admitted as regular students have a minimum study duration of one year, while students admitted as degree in-service students have a minimum study duration of two years. However, research-oriented students admitted as regular students who are engaged in concurrent full-time employment within or outside the university and have obtained prior approved permission, may have a reduction in the number of credits required per semester, but the minimum study duration will follow the regulations for in-service students (a minimum of two years).
Regular students applying for graduation after one year of study must have their thesis published or accepted in SCI or SSCI journals (where the student is the primary author), or successfully pass the thesis review conducted by the Academic Committee of the Institute.
- Article 3: Students must select their thesis advisor within one month after the start of the first academic year. If the chosen advisor is not a full-time faculty member of the Institute, the appointment must be approved by the Institute's affairs meeting. Additionally, among the co-advisors, there must be at least one full-time faculty member from the Institute.
- Article 4: Students must obtain the approval of their thesis advisor for course selection and departure from the university. In cases where a thesis advisor has not been designated, the responsibility falls to the director of the institute.

Article 5: Students who have not completed less than one semester of study may not apply for a change of thesis advisor. During the ongoing thesis work, changing the thesis advisor is not permitted. If a change is necessary due to exceptional circumstances, the student must submit a written application to the Institute.

Within one month of receiving the student's application, the director must convene the Academic Committee for discussion and review. Once approval is granted by the Academic Committee, the student may proceed to find another thesis advisor. After changing the advisor, the student is not allowed to carry forward the research progress and outcomes achieved under the previous advisor. Research and the preparation of the thesis must commence anew with the new advisor. If there are no other professors willing to advise the student within the institute, the director may make further arrangements.

Article 6: The required number of credits for graduation is 24 credits.

Mandatory courses during the study period include:

- (一) Foundational Theory Course: "Advanced Seminar in Learning Theories" (3 credits).
- (二) Foundational Research Methodology Course: Choose at least one of the following courses: "Quantitative Research Methods in e-Learning" (3 credits) or "Qualitative Research of Digital Learning" (3 credits).
- (三) Second semester courses include "Seminar" (0 credits) and "Special Topics in Learning Technology" (0 credits).

The maximum limit for elective credits from other institutes (including external institutions) is 9 credits, which should not exceed 9 credits of the total credits required for graduation from this institute. The selection of elective courses requires the approval of both the thesis advisor and the institute director.

Article 7: Students admitted as regular students to this institute are strictly

prohibited from engaging in part-time employment within or outside the university, except under special circumstances where prior approval is obtained from the thesis advisor or institute director, and subsequently approved during the institute affairs meeting.

Article 8: Students who hold concurrent employment and receive a full-time salary from other organizations are not eligible to concurrently receive scholarships according to the school's regulations. However, research stipends for participation in research projects are not subject to this restriction.

Article 9: Students receiving scholarships or financial aid are required to undertake tasks assigned by the institute. These tasks will be evaluated by the Institute's administrative meeting. Those who do not pass the evaluation will not be eligible to apply for scholarships or financial aid in the following academic year.

Article 10: The degree examination is conducted through an oral examination, and a passing score is set at 70 points.

Article 11: For any matters not covered above, they will be handled in accordance with the regulations set forth by the Ministry of Education and the relevant rules of our university.

Article 12: These regulations have been approved by the Institute's administrative meeting and will be implemented after being confirmed by the Academic Affairs Council. The same process applies to any future revisions.