

MA Program

IACS promotes the use of inter-Asian cultural connections as a novel framework for approaching world history and global cultures. The MA program requires students to complete a minimum of 24 credits, including 6 credits from 2 required courses and 18 credits from elective courses. Additionally, students must submit a thesis and successfully pass an oral defense to fulfill graduation requirements.

Academic Regulations for International Master's Program in Inter-Asia Cultural Studies at National Chengchi University

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第一章 總則

Chapter 1 General provisions

Article 1.	These academic regulations for master's degree candidates (hereafter referred to as 'graduate students') of the International Master's Program in Inter-Asia Cultural Studies (hereafter referred to as 'the program') at National Chengchi University (hereafter referred to as 'NCCU') are formulated in accordance with the relevant regulations of NCCU and the academic guidelines of the International Master's Program in Inter-Asia Cultural Studies, University System of Taiwan.
Article 2.	All matters relating to student enrollment, suspension of studies, retention of student status, retention of enrollment qualification, expulsion, reinstatement, transfer to other departments, credit transfers, credits and grades, graduation conditions, degree examinations, and degrees conferred shall be subject to the National Chengchi University Regulations, National Chengchi University Guidelines for Graduate Degree Examinations, and these Regulations.
Article 3.	Those who have passed an NCCU graduate school entrance exam may pursue a master's degree in the Program.

	<p>The program may accept student transfer applications within the university's stipulated quota, subject to approval by the Program Affairs Committee. Admission qualifications for international students shall be handled in accordance with the relevant regulations of NCCU.</p>
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第二章 課程及學分
Chapter 2 Course Requirements

<p>Article 4.</p>	<p>Graduate students must complete 24 credits of coursework, excluding the thesis. Course requirement is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Required courses (必修課): 3 credits. ii. Core curriculum from the program (核心類課程): 3 credits. iii. Media and Cultural Governance specialization electives (媒體與文化治理專業領域選修): at least 9 credits. iv. Free electives outside the program (自由選修): up to a maximum of 9 credits. <p>Courses taken outside this program at the same academic level may be counted as “Free Electives,” up to a maximum of 9 credits. However, if the course title is identical to a course offered by this program, it will not be counted toward graduation requirements." The recognition and transfer of graduation credits for students enrolled in dual degree programs shall be governed by the relevant regulations.</p>
<p>Article 5.</p>	<p>Graduate students who have taken master’s-level courses before enrollment may apply for course credit waiver, provided that the courses are relevant to the Program’s educational objectives. Applications shall be subject to the following regulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Eligibility and course credit waiver: Courses that have already been counted toward the graduation requirements of another degree program shall not be eligible for waiver. ii. Limit of course credit waiver: Waived credits shall be limited to free elective courses, with a maximum of 9 credits. All waivers shall be subject to approval by the Program Director.

	<p>iii. Application procedure: Applications shall be processed and reviewed by the Program Director in accordance with NCCU Academic Regulations and relevant rules.</p>
Article 6.	<p>In the first academic year after admission, graduate students must enroll in at least 6 credits per semester, but no more than 12 credits. Starting from the second academic year, students are required to take a minimum of 2 credits per semester. For special circumstances, approval must be obtained from the Program Director.</p>
Article 7.	<p>Graduate students are required to submit their study plan to the Program Office each semester, from their first semester of enrollment until the semester of graduation, before the end of the course add/drop period.</p>

第三章 導師制

Chapter 3 Advisor System

Article 8.	<p>Prior to the confirmation of their thesis advisor, the Program Director shall be responsible for the following matters for graduate students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Guidance on study plans and course selection. ii. Academic and general advising. iii. Coordination of cohort or student group activities. <p>Once the thesis advisor has been confirmed, all matters related to academic and research guidance shall be the responsibility of the thesis advisor.</p>
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第四章 指導教授

Chapter 4 Thesis Advisors

Article 9.	<p>Advising Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. As a principle, students' thesis advisors shall be full-time assistant professors or above who are teaching in the program at NCCU.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Advisors from institutions outside the Program may be allowed upon approval by the Program Committee. iii. If cross-university advising is required, a co-advisor from the Program (assistant professor or higher) must be appointed with approval from the Program Committee.
Article 10.	<p>Advisor Confirmation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Students are required to find their thesis advisor by the end of the third semester and complete the <u>Thesis/Creative Work Proposal Defense Application Form</u>. The form must be approved by both the thesis advisor and the Program Director before being submitted to the Registration Section of the Office of Academic Affairs. ii. The same procedure applies to the change of thesis supervisor. The replacement of the thesis supervisor must be approved and signed by the original advisor, the new advisor, and the Program's director, and shall be governed by the relevant regulations.

第五章 學位論文／作品創作計畫大綱提案審查（資格考核）

Chapter 5 Thesis/Creative Work Proposal Review (Qualifying Examination)

Article 11.	<p>Graduate students who have completed 18 credits may apply for the thesis proposal review, which may involve an academic thesis or a creative work.</p> <p>The application must be approved by the thesis advisor. According to the NCCU Guidelines for Graduate Degree Examinations, the Examination Committee shall consists of three to five members, with the thesis advisor serving as an ex-officio member. At least one-third of the committee members must be external to the university.</p>
Article 12.	<p>An interval of three months is required between approval of thesis proposal and the official degree examination.</p>

第六章 學位論文／作品創作及學位考試

Chapter 6 Thesis and Degree Examinations

Article 13.	Graduate students are required to write their thesis in Chinese, which may be either an academic thesis or a creative work report and does not count toward the credit requirements.
Article 14.	<p>Formatting Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In general, Master’ thesis, including the abstract, shall be written in traditional Chinese. Students completing thesis in another language must first obtain approval from the Program’s director. The thesis title and abstract must nevertheless be written in traditional Chinese. ii. Graduate students who submit creative work as their academic thesis are required to submit a creative report alongside their graduation project. The report should include the creative concept, theoretical foundation, content direction, methods and techniques, value and contributions. The report should be no less than 15,000 words. The submission format can be in paper, disk, CD, or other electronic storage media.
Article 15.	<p>After submitting their thesis topic, students should apply for the degree examination within the time limit specified by NCCU.</p> <p>The students should prepare the Turnitin Report before the degree examination. The permissible similarity index shall not be more than 30%. If the similarity is higher than 30% due to special circumstances, please provide written explanation for the examination committee to consider.</p>
Article 16.	<p>The Degree Examination Committee shall have three to five members (including the thesis advisor, at least one internal member and one external member). External members must account for more than one-third of the committee.</p>
Article 17.	<p>The members of the Master’s Degree Examination Committee shall be specialized in the subject field of the student studying master’s degree and shall have one of the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Current or former professor, associate professor, assistant professor. ii. Academia Sinica Academician, current or former Academia Sinica researcher, associate researcher, or assistant researcher.

	<p>iii. Holds a doctoral degree and has had significant academic accomplishments.</p> <p>iv. His / her subject field shall be a rare, specialized profession or a professional practice, and he / she has had significant academic or professional accomplishments.</p>
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第七章 附則

Chapter 7 Supplementary Provisions

Article 18.	If this regulation is anywhere incomplete, students should consult with the related rules set by the NCCU Academic Affairs Regulations.
Article 19.	This regulation shall be issued after being approved by the College of Communication Affairs Meeting and submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs at NCCU for record. The same procedures shall apply to any subsequent amendments.

英文版僅供參考，若有歧義，以中文版為準。

These regulations were translated from the original Chinese. In the event of any discrepancies between the two versions, the Chinese always takes precedence.