

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.
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.

第二章 課程及學分

Chapter 2 Course Requirements

Article 4. Graduate students must complete 24 credits of coursework, excluding the thesis. Course requirement is as follows:

- 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.

Courses taken outside this program can be counted toward graduation credits, up to a maximum of 9 credits."

The recognition and transfer of graduation credits for students enrolled in dual degree programs shall be governed by the relevant regulations.

Article 5. Graduate students who have taken Master's courses that align with the educational goal of the Program prior to enrollment may apply to transfer credits.

Students may transfer up to 3 credits from required courses and core curriculum within the program, and up to 6 credits from elective courses, for a total maximum of 9 credits, subject to approval by the Program Director.

Article 6. 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.

Article 7. 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.

第三章 導師制

Chapter 3 Advisor System

Article 8. The program has a dual-advisor system, which includes both administrative advisors and academic advisors.

Article 9. **Administrative advisors:**
Graduate students will be assigned administrative advisors, recommended by the Program Director, who will undertake the following duties:

- i. Provide academic and life advice.
- ii. Coordinate student group activities.

Article 10. **Academic advisors:**
Graduate students will be assigned academic advisors, recommended by the Program Director, who will undertake the following duties:

- i. Provide advice on study plans and course selection.
- ii. Provide consultation for finding thesis advisors.

Article 11. The terms of academic advisors shall end once students confirm their thesis advisor. The duties of academic advisors will then be borne by thesis advisors

第四章 指導教授

Chapter 4 Thesis Advisors

Article 12. **Advising Principles:**

- i. As a principle, students' thesis advisors shall be full-time assistant professors or above who are teaching in the program at NCCU.
- 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 13. Advisor Confirmation:

- i. Students are required to find their thesis advisor by the end of the third semester and complete the Thesis/Creative Work Proposal Defense Application Form. 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 14. Graduate students who have completed 18 credits may apply for the thesis proposal review, which may involve an academic thesis or a creative work.

The application must be approved by the thesis advisor. According to the NCCU Guidelines for Graduate Degree Examinations, the Examination Committee shall consist 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.

- Article 15. An interval of **three months** is required between approval of thesis proposal and the official degree examination.

第六章 學位論文／作品創作及學位考試

Chapter 6 Thesis and Degree Examinations

Article 16. 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 17. Formatting Requirements:

- 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 18. After submitting their thesis topic, students should apply for the degree examination within the time limit specified by NCCU. 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.

Article 19. 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.

Article 20. 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:

- i. Current or former professor, associate professor, assistant professor.
- ii. Academia Sinica Academician, current or former Academia

- Sinica researcher, associate researcher, or assistant researcher.
- iii. Holds a doctoral degree and has had significant academic accomplishments.
 - 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.

第七章 附則

Chapter 7 Supplementary Provisions

- Article 21. If this regulation is anywhere incomplete, students should consult with the related rules set by the NCCU Academic Affairs Regulations.
- Article 22. This regulation shall be issued after being approved by the College 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.