

NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY
Institute of Electronics Engineering
Rules Governing Graduating Bachelor's Degree Students in Direct Pursuit of a
Doctoral Degree

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- Article 1 Undergraduate students who will be graduating from National Tsing Hua University (hereinafter, NTHU or “the University”) or the University System of Taiwan (UST) in the current academic year, who at the time of the application have a cumulative GPA of 3.38 or above, and who demonstrate extraordinary research potential may apply for the direct pursuit of a doctoral degree at the recommendation of at least two professors (with the rank of assistant professor or above) from their original or a related department, institute, college, or degree program.
- Article 2 Undergraduate students who wish to directly pursue a doctoral degree shall submit an application to the Institute Office during the announced application period. Late submissions will not be processed.
- Article 3 Undergraduate students who wish to apply for the direct pursuit of a doctoral degree shall submit true and original copies of the following documents:
1. A completed application form
 2. A transcript of academic record for their undergraduate program coursework
 3. At least two recommendation letters from different professors
(with the rank of assistant professor or above)
 4. An autobiography (statement of purpose) and a study plan
 5. Other documents conducive to the review
- Article 4 Undergraduate student applications shall be reviewed by the Institute Affairs Office. The quota for the direct pursuit of a doctoral degree shall be subject to the University's *Rules Governing Graduating Bachelor's Degree Students in Direct Pursuit of a Doctoral Degree*.
- Article 5 Undergraduate students who are approved to directly pursue a doctoral degree must obtain their bachelor's degree in the same academic year in which they are granted the approval. Those who fail to do so shall be stripped of their status as a doctoral degree student.

Students who are able to graduate one semester early with an excellent academic record may begin their doctoral coursework in the following semester.

Article 6 If a student has exhausted their maximum period of study after passing the doctoral candidacy examination but failing the doctoral degree examination, they may be conferred a master's degree instead, provided that their dissertation meets the standards of a master's degree thesis, as determined by the examining committee.

Article 7 If a student is unable to pass the doctoral candidacy examination or continue with their doctoral studies, they may request a transfer to the corresponding master's degree program by submitting an application to the Institute Affairs Meeting for passage and the NTHU President for approval. The student's period of study as a doctoral student shall not count towards their period of study as a master's student. Those who transfer in the middle of a semester shall have that semester counted towards their period of study as a master's student.

Those who transfer to a master's program shall no longer be allowed to apply for the direct pursuit of a doctoral program.

Article 8 These rules and any amendments made hereto shall be implemented upon approval by the Institute Affairs.

(These regulations are adopted in Chinese, which shall prevail in case of any discrepancy between the English translation and the Chinese original.)