

Degree Regulations of Nara Institute of Science and Technology

April 1, 2004

Regulations No. 19

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of these Regulations is to stipulate matters relating to conferral of degrees by the Nara Institute of Science and Technology (“NAIST”) pursuant to Article 44 clause 3 of the Regulations of the Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Regulations No. 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as “NAIST Regulations”).

Article 2 (Degree types and majors)

1. Degrees conferred by NAIST shall be master’s degrees and doctoral degrees.
2. Science, engineering, or biological science shall be specified in the degree certificate as the title of their field of specialty.

Article 3 (Degree requirements)

1. A master’s degree shall be conferred to students who have completed the Master’s Course at NAIST.
2. A doctoral degree shall be conferred to students who have completed the Doctoral Course at NAIST.
3. In addition, a doctoral degree may be conferred to individuals who have passed the doctoral thesis examination and been recognized as having academic ability equivalent to or greater than that of a student who has completed the Doctoral Course at NAIST (individuals who have passed the “Examination of Academic Ability”).

Article 4 (Submission of thesis)

1. To complete the Master’s Course, students shall submit a master’s thesis together with the prescribed application form for thesis examination to the Dean of the Graduate School and take an examination.
2. Examination of research results on specified themes may be conducted in place of the master’s thesis examination specified in the foregoing clause.
3. To complete the Doctoral Course, students shall submit a doctoral thesis together with the prescribed application form for thesis examination, list of related papers, abstract of the thesis and curriculum vitae to the Dean of the Graduate School and

take an examination.

4. To receive a doctoral degree pursuant to the provision of clause 3 of Article 3, students shall specify the major to be indicated in the degree certificate, and pay the thesis examination fee when submitting a degree application form, doctoral thesis, list of related papers, abstract of the thesis, and curriculum vitae to the President.

5. The thesis examination fee shall be 57,000 yen.

6. Upon receipt of the documents specified in clause 4 of this Article, the President shall forward the documents to the Dean of the Graduate School.

7. Thesis and other documents, once submitted, shall not be returned, and the thesis examination fee, once paid, shall not be refunded.

Article 5 (Thesis)

1. One thesis shall be accepted for degree examination. Students shall submit one copy per master's thesis and three copies per doctoral thesis, provided, however that additional papers may be attached to the thesis for reference.

2. The Dean of the Graduate School may request submission of a translation of the thesis, model, specimen, or other materials if necessary for the thesis examination.

Article 6 (Examination and Examination of Academic Ability)

1. An examination shall be conducted by means of a written or oral examination on specialized topics relating to the thesis.

2. The Examination of Academic Ability specified in Article 3 clause 3 above shall be conducted by means of a written or oral examination on the academic subjects relating to the doctoral thesis and on foreign language.

Article 7 (Screening Committee)

1. The Faculty Council shall have a Screening Committee for evaluating theses and conducting final examinations and Examinations of Academic Ability.

2. The Screening Committee of the previous article shall consist of at least three faculty members of the Graduate School and joint education and research facilities. In this case, the Committee members shall include at least two professors, or one professor and one associate professor approved by the Faculty Council.

3. Each of the Screening Committees shall have a chief referee.

4. Faculty members of other graduate schools or research institutions outside of NAIST may be invited to join the Screening Committee if doing so is deemed

necessary by the Faculty Council for screening purposes.

5. Evaluation of doctoral theses submitted pursuant to Article 4 clause 4 and the Examination of Academic Ability shall be completed within one year after the submission thereof, provided, however, that such a period may be extended if there is a special reason, subject to deliberation by the Graduate School.

Article 8 (Notification of results)

1. The Screening Committee involved in conferral of master's degrees shall notify the Faculty Council of its decision as to whether to confer a master's degree or not in writing, immediately after completion of the evaluation of thesis and examination.

2. The Screening Committee involved in conferral of doctoral degrees shall notify the Faculty Council of its decision in writing by specifying whether to confer a doctoral degree or not in the following documents, immediately after completion of the evaluation of thesis and examination:

(1) Abstract of the thesis submitted pursuant to Article 4 clause 3, summary of the evaluation of the thesis and summary of the examination results.

(2) Abstract of the thesis submitted pursuant to Article 4 clause 4, summary of the evaluation of the thesis and summary of the results of the Examination of Academic Ability

Article 9 (Deliberation by Faculty Council)

The Faculty Council shall discuss whether to confer a degree or not based on the notification specified in the foregoing article.

Article 10 (Notification of conclusion)

The Dean of the Graduate School shall notify the President of the conclusion of the deliberation reached by the Faculty Council thereof in writing.

Article 11 (Conferral of degree)

1. The President shall confer a degree to the student who has been approved to receive the degree based on the notification specified in the foregoing article.

2. The format of a degree certificate shall be Form No. 1, Form No. 2 or Form No. 3 shown separately.

3. If it has been decided not to confer a degree to a certain student, the President shall notify the student of the decision.

Article 12 (Publication of abstract of doctoral thesis)

Within three months after conferring a doctoral degree, the President shall notify the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of the conferral and make the abstract of the doctoral thesis and the summary of the results of the evaluation of the thesis public via the internet.

Article 13 (Publication of doctoral thesis)

1. The recipient of a doctoral degree shall make his or her doctoral thesis public within one year after receipt thereof, provided, however, that this provision shall not apply if the thesis has been made public prior to the receipt thereof.
2. Notwithstanding the provision of the foregoing clause, a recipient of a doctoral degree may make the abstract of his or her doctoral thesis public instead of the full text, subject to approval of NAIST, if there is a justifiable reason. In this case, NAIST shall allow access to the full text of the doctoral thesis when requested.
3. The public release established in the previous two clauses for doctoral degree recipient, shall be conducted via NAIST and the internet.

Article 14 (Reference to the degree)

When an individual who has been conferred a degree from NAIST refers to his or her degree, the name of NAIST shall be also mentioned together with the degree.

Article 15 (Withdrawal of a degree)

If it transpires that an individual was conferred a degree by NAIST by fraudulent means, the President shall withdraw the degree, have the degree certificate returned, and make public the fact, following the deliberation by the Faculty Council.

Article 16 (Miscellaneous provision)

Other matters relating to conferral of degrees shall be provided for separately.

Supplementary provision

These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2004.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on June 1, 2013.

(Transitional measures)

2. The revised degree regulations (hereinafter referred to as “new degree regulations”) outlined in Article 12 shall apply to those who have been conferred the doctoral degree on or after the date of regulation revision. However, for those who were conferred the doctoral degree prior to the date of revision, the regulations in force at the time of conferment shall apply.

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Supplementary provision

These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2015.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2018.

(Transitional measures)

2. For those students who have entered NAIST before the 2017 academic year, the regulations in force at the time of entrance shall apply, notwithstanding the stipulations of the revised degree regulations, with exception to the stipulations Article 7 clause 2.

Supplementary provision

These Regulations shall come into effect on May 1, 2019.

Form No. 1 (Refer to Article 11) (To be issued for the degree conferred upon completion of the Master's Course)

修第 号
学 位 記
氏 名
年 月 日生
本学大学院□□□研究科○○○専攻の博士前期 課程を修了したので修士(○○)の学位を授与する
(元号) 年 月 日
奈良先端科学技術大学院大学長
学長名 学長の印
大学の印

(Note 1) The sheet is A4-sized.

NARA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	
hereby confers the degree of Master of (専攻分野の名称)	
Upon	
(氏)	(名)
(Surname)	(Given name)

(Date of birth)	
for having successfully completed the Master's Program in the Graduate School of (研究科名) on this day, (年月日)	
Official Seal of the Institute	President's Seal
	(学長署名) (学長名) President
Masterdom No.: (番号)	

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Form No. 2 (Refer to Article 11) (To be issued for the degree conferred upon completion of the Doctoral Course)

博第 号
学 位 記
氏 名
年 月 日生
本学大学院○○○研究科○○○専攻の博士後 期課程を修了したので博士(○○)の学位を授与す る
(元号) 年 月 日
奈良先端科学技術大学院大学長
学長名 学長の印
大学の印

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NARA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	
hereby confers the degree of Doctor of (専攻分野の名称)	
Upon	
(氏)	(名)
(Surname)	(Given name)

(Date of birth)	
for having successfully completed the Doctoral Program in the Graduate School of (研究科名) on this day, (年月日)	
Official Seal of the Institute	President's Seal
	(学長署名) (学長名) President
Doctorate No.: (番号)	

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Form No. 3 (Refer to Article 11.) (To be issued for the degree conferred pursuant to Article 3-3)

博第	号
学位記	
氏名	
年 月 日生	
本学に学位論文を提出し所定の審査に合格したので 博士(〇〇)の学位を授与する	
(元号) 年 月 日	
奈良先端科学技術大学院大学長	
大学の印	学長名 学長の印

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NARA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	
hereby confers the degree of Doctor of (専攻分野の名称)	
Upon	
(氏	名)
(Surname)	(Given name)
(Date of birth)	
for having submitted a Doctoral Dissertation and having passed the Prescribed Evaluation on this day, (年月日)	
Official Seal of the Institute	President's Seal
	(学長署名) (学長名) President
Doctorate No.: (番号)	

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