

Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Science and Technology
at Nara Institute of Science and Technology

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Article 1 (Purpose)

These Regulations stipulate necessary matters concerning student registration for the Graduate School of Science and Technology in accordance with Article 34 of the Regulations of Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Regulations No. 1, 2004) (hereinafter referred to as “NAIST Regulations”).

Article 2 (Supervisors)

1. Two or more supervisors from different laboratories, etc. shall be designated for each student to provide guidance on choosing subjects and preparing a thesis, etc. (hereinafter referred to as “Research Guidance”).
2. Of the designated supervisors, one shall be designated as the main supervisor.
3. Supervisors may be changed if needed in the course of studying or Research Guidance.

Article 3 (Research guidance)

The contents of Research Guidance shall be defined for each respective student.

Article 4 (Subject categories)

1. The subject categories and the number of credits required for completion for the master’s course shall be as shown in Appendix chart 1.
2. The subject categories and the number of credits required for completion for the doctoral course shall be as shown in Appendix chart 2.
3. The subjects, number of credits, and registration methods for the master’s course and doctoral course shall be stipulated separately.

Article 5 (Registration procedures)

1. Students must, under guidance offered by the main supervisor, choose the subjects they will take.
2. In principle, taking multiple subjects held at the same time is not permitted.

Article 6 (Awarding of credits)

1. Credits shall be awarded by means of an examination or a research report.

However, credits may be awarded based on an evaluation of day-to-day academic activities, instead of examination.

2. Academic performance based on an examination or a research report shall be evaluated by points (Total possible score: 100 points); 60 points or more is deemed as a “pass”, and less than 60 points is deemed as a “fail”. For evaluation purposes, academic performance may be represented with the evaluation grades prescribed in accordance with the categories below.

- (1) 90 points or more S
- (2) 80 points or more A
- (3) 70 points or more B
- (4) 60 Points or more C
- (5) less than 60 points D

3. In the event that it is difficult to evaluate academic performance based on points as described in the preceding paragraph, “pass” or “fail” may be used instead of such points.

4. Prescribed credits shall be awarded to students whose academic performance is “pass” in accordance with the two preceding paragraphs.

5. Subjects whose credits have been earned cannot be taken again.

Article 7 (Research Guidance approval)

Research Guidance shall be approved by the main supervisor and reported to the Dean of the graduate school.

Article 8 (Thesis title)

Students must report their thesis title by the specified date upon receiving the main supervisor’s approval.

Article 9 (Thesis submission)

1. Students are required to submit a thesis by the specified date upon receiving the main supervisor’s approval.

2. A thesis may only be submitted by students who have earned (or are expected to earn) the credits necessary for course completion and have completed the necessary Research Guidance offered by the supervisors.

Article 10 (Credit disqualification for students expelled due to unpaid tuition)

Credits accrued during a period of unpaid tuition will be disqualified for students expelled from NAIST pursuant to Article 53-2 (4) of the NAIST Regulations.

Article 11 (Index indicating academic performance)

An objective index indicating academic performance for a standard or

cumulative period may be calculated and evaluated, based on the academic evaluation performed pursuant to Article 6-2 of these Regulations.

Article 12 (Miscellaneous provision)

Other matters relating to student registration shall be stipulated separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

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

(Abolition)

2. Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Information Science at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology and Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Materials Science at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "Previous Registration Regulations") shall be abolished.

(Transitional measures)

3. For the registration for students who enrolled in the 2017 academic year or earlier (hereinafter referred to as "Enrolled Students") to take subjects, the Previous Registration Regulations shall remain in effect even notwithstanding these Regulations.

Supplementary provision

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2020.

(Transitional measures)

2. For registration for students who enrolled in NAIST in the 2019 academic year or earlier, the regulations in force at the time of entrance shall apply, notwithstanding Appendix chart 1 of the revised degree regulations.

Appendix chart 1 (related to Article 4-1)

Subject Categories		Required credits for completion	
Courses	Category	Master's thesis research	Specialized project research
General Subjects	—	4	4
Science and Technology Subjects	Introduction Subjects	2	2
	Basic Subjects	12	14
	Specialized Subjects		
	PBL Subjects	2	2
Research-based Subjects	—	9	8
Total		30	30

Appendix chart 2 (related to Article 4-2)

Subject Category	Number of credits required for completion
Courses for research skills	3
Courses for independent research abilities	7
Total	10