

Wuhan University of Technology

Implementation Measures for Awarding Degrees for International Students

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Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 Measures are formulated to promote the implementation of international exchange and cooperation of the Wuhan University of Technology. In accordance with the *Regulation of Academic Degrees of the People's Republic of China, Method for Trial Implementation of Awarding Degrees for International Students in Chinese General Institutes of Higher Education* and the relevant provisions of academic degree management by the Wuhan University of Technology, these measures will also include standardization of degrees (Bachelor, Master and Doctorate) awarded to international students.

Article 2 The disciplines and majors allocated for the degrees of international students will be those authorized by the *Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council* to grant Bachelor, Master and Doctorate degrees.

Article 3 The award of an academic degree to an international student must abide by both the spirit and the principles of the current degree system in China while also considering the actual situation of the international student both to ensure quality and to seek the truth from the facts.

Article 4 During their studying time at the Wuhan University of Technology, international students must abide by both the Chinese laws and regulations and the relevant provisions of the Wuhan University of Technology.

Chapter II Bachelor Degree

Article 5 The international undergraduate students who meet the regulations Articles(1)-(3) will be deemed to be qualified to study for graduation. Those who satisfy the academic level provided in the Article 4 of *Regulation of Academic Degrees of the People's Republic of China*, the Bachelor degree may be awarded.

Article 6 The relevant regulations for course study of international undergraduate students are as follows:

1. Exemption from prescribed courses including military theory, English, PE, and military training. An international undergraduate student whose major is not in philosophy or politics will be exempt from courses of political theory.
2. Compulsory study of subjects pertaining to the Chinese language and to an Introduction to Chinese Culture and history.
3. Graduating international undergraduate students taught in English must submit a Chinese language abstract of their graduation thesis, designs and associated practices.

Article 7 The specific regulations for international undergraduate students enrolled for a Bachelor degree are as follows:

1. Achieve the designated examination pass levels, for both basic theory and major courses, and also in the assessment of elective courses specified in the study program.
2. Basic understanding of the Chinese language that is necessary to reach the primary level of the Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK). International undergraduate students enrolled since 2017 and lectured in Chinese, at graduation must have reached level 5 of the Chinese language proficiency test (HSK). The international undergraduate students taught in English must reach level 4 of the Chinese language proficiency test (HSK) at the time of graduation.
3. A student must complete an undergraduate thesis with a specified work load (graduation design or other graduation practice).
4. A student must satisfy the credit requirements specified by the student's particular study program.

Article 8 In accordance with the relevant provisions of Articles 4, 6 and 7 of this document, the Wuhan University of Technology will comply with these requirements. The regulations for the awarding of degrees by the Wuhan University of Technology require the international undergraduate students to be considered individually and the university to compile a recommended list of the Bachelor degrees to be awarded by the Wuhan University of Technology. The opinions of the review and related material will be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office after the approval by the college degree evaluation sub-committee. After examination of the above submission by the Office of Academic Affairs, it shall be submitted to the Academic Degree Evaluation Committee for approval.

Chapter III Master Degree

Article 9 An international postgraduate student who has passed the Master degree course examinations and thesis defense with qualified academic performance and satisfied the academic levels provided in the Article 5 of *Regulation of Academic Degrees of the People's Republic of China* will be awarded a Master degree.

Article 10 An international postgraduate student who enrolls in a Master degree course is required to pass the examinations in basic theory and specified major courses, as well as the assessment of elective courses specified in the experimental program, in order to meet the accredited requirements necessary for graduation.

Article 11 The relevant requirements for the course studies for international postgraduate students are as follows:

1. Exempt from foreign language courses.
2. Except the international postgraduate students whose major is in philosophy or politics a student is exempted from courses of political theory.
3. Both the basic theory and the specialized courses will be determined according to the requirements of the specific discipline and its experimental program.
4. Those students who have obtained a Bachelor degree in China and are applying for a Master degree in China may be exempted from the Chinese language course and Introduction to Chinese Culture and History; for those students who obtained a degree certificate outside of China equivalent to the Bachelor degree in China, the Chinese language course and Introduction to China are required.
5. Elective courses will be offered to international postgraduate students by each discipline and major according to the requirements of the Master degree program .
6. International students, who have studied the corresponding disciplines of a professional Master degree program outside of China , and then apply for a Master degree in Wuhan University of Technology, will be required to provide the material and course names studied in the other countries, and Wuhan University of Technology, together with copies of relevant certificates and the report of 2 experts (equivalent to associate professors and above). The Wuhan University of Technology will organize 3 to 5 peer experts (associate professor and

above personnel) to conduct the review or examination of the Master degree courses of the same kind that the applicant has studied. Any course approved by the expert group may be exempted and for those courses not approved, students must study the required subject courses.

The exemption applied to a course syllabus will not exceed one-third of the total number of courses in the Master degree syllabus.

Article 12 Those international postgraduate applicants who do not meet the requirements of the course and examination exemption requirements as stipulated in Article 11(6) , will be permitted to make up or retake the relevant courses within one year. Those who have not yet meet the above requirements cannot apply for thesis defense.

Article 13 To be able apply for the degree Master degree an international postgraduate student is required to write an academic thesis. According to the disciplines and majors of an international postgraduate student, the academic thesis may be academic research, a scientific development, or an experiment report. It can also contain reports such as on, a special research topic, engineering design, or case study analysis. The academic thesis is required to reflect the ability of a Master degree applicant to engage in scientific research work or in the comprehensive utilization of the basic theory and expertise to solve practical problems. The academic thesis of an international postgraduate student may be written in English or another foreign language in which case a detailed Chinese abstract must be submitted. During studies, an international postgraduate student will be encouraged to publish relevant academic papers related to the research work.

Article 14 The international postgraduate students in general are adapted to the concept of full-time employment, in this case the entire training process must be completed at the Wuhan University of Technology.

The international postgraduate student is encouraged to write an academic thesis expounding aspects of a particular nationality. When there is necessary to help potential student in the selection of a thesis topic, one may be agreed upon in conjunction with the supervisor, in this case the title is submitted to the College first for review, and then to the School of International Education for approval and the graduate school for the record. An international postgraduate student may, after receiving approval for a thesis proposal then return to the student's country of origin for the project topic research within 6 months. The student must return to the Wuhan University of Technology at

least 3 months prior to the defense date for the thesis defense preparation. The dissertation defense of an international postgraduate student must be conducted at the Wuhan University of Technology.

Article 15 For the international postgraduate student applying for a Master degree, the review and defense of the Master degree thesis will be conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions set by the State and the degree awarding provisions of the Wuhan University of Technology. An international postgraduate student may conduct the defense in Chinese, English or other foreign language.

Once passing the thesis defense, after being signed by the chairman of the thesis defense committee, it shall be submitted to the degree evaluation sub-committee for review, and finally to the Academic Degree Evaluation Committee for approval to award the Master degree. For a student who fails the thesis defense and is required to defend again, this student is then given one year to revise the thesis and re-submit for the approval of the thesis defense committee.

Chapter IV Doctoral Degree

Article 16 The doctoral degree may be awarded to the international doctoral student who passes the doctoral degree course examinations, a thesis defense with the qualified academic performance and also meets the academic level provided in Article 6 of *University Regulation of Academic Degrees of the People's Republic of China*.

Article 17 A participating university is required to provide the courses necessary for, and according to, the needs of the scientific research work that is to be undertaken by an international doctoral student. A doctoral student applying for a doctoral degree is required to pass the course examinations (tests) during the study period and meet the credit requirements stipulated in the doctoral degree training program.

Article 18 Specific requirements for the courses to be studied by international doctoral students are as follows:

1. Exemption from the courses such as military theory, situation and policy, English, PE and military training.
2. Except for international doctoral students whose major is in philosophy and politics, those students in all other majors are exempt from the courses of political theory.

3. The fundamental and specialized courses must meet the requirements of the basic theory and the profound and systematic specialized knowledge in the relevant discipline.
4. Those who have obtained a Master or Bachelor degree in China and applied for a Doctoral degree in the Wuhan University of Technology may be exempted from studying either the Chinese language course or The Introduction to China and Chinese Culture and History. An applicant who has a degree certificate the international equivalent to the Master degree in China, is required to study the specified Chinese language course and The Introduction to China and History.
5. Those who fail to meet the credit and the academic requirements for a Doctoral degree specified in the training program cannot apply for the thesis proposal of a Doctoral degree.

Article 19 An international doctoral student who is applying for a doctoral degree must write a doctoral thesis. This doctoral degree thesis must indicate that the student has the ability to work independently in scientific research and specialized technical work. The doctoral thesis of the international doctoral student may be written in Chinese, English or other foreign language. For a thesis written in either English or another foreign language, a detailed abstract is required in Chinese.

Article 20 The requirements for publishing the academic thesis of an international doctoral student are as follows:

1. During the study period, a full-time international doctoral student whose major is in science and engineering is required to publish at least two high level academic papers related to the contents of the thesis, either in an academic journal of the thesis discipline, a related core discipline, or in high level international academic conference proceedings (core journals and conference proceedings are designated and published by the disciplines), of which at least one thesis has been published and searched at the academic journal included in SCI and EI or published at the academic journal of the category B and higher level or the international top academic conference proceedings (each first-level discipline is limited to one). If a student obtains an authorized domestic or international patent it will be considered equivalent to a publication of an academic paper in a journal included in the SCI (only one item is identified).

2. During the study period of a full-time international doctoral student in alternative majors, publication is required of least two high level academic papers related to the content of the academic thesis in the academic journal of the discipline or related core disciplines or high level international academic conference proceedings (core journals and conference proceedings are designated and published by the disciplines), of which at least one thesis has been published and searched at the academic journal included in SCI, EI and SCCEI or published at the academic journal of the category B and higher level or the international top academic conference proceedings (each first-level discipline is limited to one).
3. The Wuhan University of Technology encourages its international doctoral students to publish high-level academic papers. When an international doctoral student, as the first author, publishes a high-level academic paper related to the academic thesis in an internationally recognized academic journal in the thesis discipline or related disciplines, it will be considered as meeting the requirements as publication for academic degree application.
4. When an international doctoral student applies for defense, if there is only one published academic thesis, not yet been published publicly that has been included (other academic dissertations having been published), the application will be accepted for defense and graduation in accordance with the defense procedure. Within 2 years after graduation, after all the submitted and reviewed academic theses have been published and met the corresponding standards, then the students must apply for the deliberation of the academic degree in person.
5. Concerning publication authorship, the requirements for the name of the author of a publication are: the first author should be either the international doctoral student or the adviser. If the adviser is the first author then the student must be the second author. For one who have obtained invention patents, this international postgraduate student must be either the first inventor of the patent or the adviser as the first inventor of the patent, and the student as the second inventor of the patent. The first signature unit or patentee of the thesis must be Wuhan University of Technology.

Article 21 The international doctoral students are generally adapted to the tradition of full-time training. This implies that the entire research project must be completed in the Wuhan University of Technology. When it made necessary for the selection of thesis topic, on being agreed to by the

adviser the topic is submitted to the College for the first review. Once approved by the School of International Education and recorded by the graduate school, the international doctoral student applicant may, after the thesis proposal has been accepted, return within 6 months to the student's country of residence for the project topic research. For completion it is necessary for the student to return to the Wuhan University of Technology, at least 6 months prior to the defense due date, for the thesis defense preparation. The thesis defense of international doctoral students must be carried out in the Wuhan University of Technology.

Article 22 When the international doctoral student applies for a doctoral degree, the provisions for the doctoral degree application are to be followed, the Academic Degree Evaluation Committee's office of Wuhan University of Technology will conduct a rigorous qualification review. If the student is deemed qualified the application of the student is approved for thesis defense.

Article 23 The application the international doctoral students for a doctoral degree will be reviewed and the defense of their doctoral dissertation will be conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the State and the degree awarding of the Wuhan University of Technology. The international doctoral student can conduct the defense in either Chinese or English or other foreign language.

If the academic thesis defense is passed, and signed by the chairman of the thesis defense committee, the result will be submitted, to the degree evaluation sub-committee for review, and finally to the Academic Degree Evaluation Committee for the approval to award the doctoral degree. If the student does not pass the thesis defense and, with the consent of the thesis defense committee, can be given another opportunity to defense. Then the student can revise the thesis within two years with the opportunity reapply for thesis defense.

Chapter V Supplementary Provisions

Article 24 The degree certificate awarded to an international student will be written in both Chinese and English. The original Chinese copy and the translation copy will have the equal status.

Article 25 The Wuhan University of Technology Academic Degree Evaluation Committee is responsible for interpreting the implementation measures delineated herein.

Article 26 The implementation of these measures will come into force from the date of their promulgation, and simultaneously, the original *Implementing Measures for Degree Awarding for International Students at Wuhan University of Technology* (X.Y.Z. (2014) No.7) will be repealed.