

# Yuan Ze University Regulations for Direct Admission into Doctoral Program

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Article 1 These regulations are established in accordance with University Act and the Direct Admission into Ph.D. Program Guidelines for Students Graduating with a Bachelor's Degree and Graduate Students in the Master's Degree Program as established by Ministry of Education.

Article 2 Undergraduate students with exemplary academic performance and potential for research who are in their final year of study as well as master's students who have been enrolled in a graduate program for at least one semester may apply for direct admission into a doctoral program on condition that they have received the recommendation of two associate or full professors in their current department (institute, college, degree program), the consent of the department meeting (institute, college, degree program) to which they are applying, and the approval of the president of the university.

The standards for determining whether an applicant demonstrates exemplary academic performance as well as shows a potential for research shall be judged by the department (institute, college, degree program).

Undergraduate students in their final year of study whose application for direct admission into a doctoral program has been accepted must obtain their bachelor's degree before enrolling in the doctoral program; those who fail to do so shall have their admission cancelled.

Article 3 Students applying for direct admission into a doctoral program shall turn in the following documentation together with the application form to the department (institute, college, degree program) to which they are applying. The application deadline for direct admission into a doctoral program shall be left to the individual departments to set and announce during each semester and no late applications shall be processed.

1. Application form for direct admission into a doctoral program.
2. Overall transcript of the bachelor or master program (including the accumulative ranking).
3. Two recommendation letters from an associate or full professor.
4. All other documents required by the department (institute, college, degree program) to which they are applying.

Graduate students shall not file the application during their first semester of study.

Article 4 The number of students accepted by department (institute, college, degree program) through the direct-admission process shall not exceed 40 percent of the total admission quotas for doctoral students permitted by the Ministry of Education for that academic year. In the case of departments permitted to enroll less than five students, the maximum number of students

admitted through the direct-admission process shall be two.

These quotas must be included in the university's total admission quotas permitted by the Ministry of Education for that academic year.

If a student admitted for direct admission into a doctoral program during the current academic year is forced by circumstances to withdraw his application after it has been approved, the admission quota that becomes available may be applied by other graduates during the winter vacation.

Article 5 Students in the direct admission into a doctoral program who meet any of the following criteria may apply to study at the original department's master program or transfer to a master program in a related department (institute, college, degree program) with the consent of the department meeting of both the doctoral program in which they are enrolled and the master's program to which they seek to transfer, and the approval of the president of the university.

1. who discontinue the doctoral program study;
2. who do not pass the doctoral candidacy examination;
3. who do not pass the doctoral degree examination in accordance with the statements specified in Article 6 of these regulations;

The students may be conferred a master's degree with the consent of the meeting from their original department (institute, college, degree program) in which they are enrolled and the master's program to which they seek to transfer upon completion of all required courses, thesis and upon passing the master degree examination through the examination committee. The term of study in the doctoral program shall not be included in calculating the term of study in the master program.

Article 6 Students in the direct admission into a doctoral program who pass the doctoral candidacy examination but fail the doctoral degree examination shall be conferred a master's degree if their doctoral dissertation is deemed by their doctoral degree examination committee to have met a standard appropriate for a master's degree.

Article 7 These regulations will be adopted by the Academic Affairs Meeting, as shall amendments when they are made.

**If any controversies or disputes occurred regarding clauses of the contract, it shall always refer to its Chinese version.**