

# Constitution of the Korea University Graduate School

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## Chapter 1 **General Provisions**

- Article 1** (Purpose) The purpose of this Constitution is to provide for matters pertaining to the organization and operation of the graduate schools established at Korea University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) in accordance with Article 3 of the *Constitution of Korea University*.
- Article 2** (Regulatory Structure) (1) This Constitution provides for matters that are standard across graduate schools (with the sole exception of the School of Law); the term “graduate school” hereinafter refers to all graduate schools except for the School of Law established at the University.  
(2) Details of matters that are standard across the graduate schools shall be specified in the *Regulations of the Academic Affairs of the Graduate School*.  
(3) Matters that are specific to each graduate school shall be set forth in the *Detailed Enforcement Regulations of the Graduate School Constitution* (hereinafter referred to as the *Detailed Enforcement Regulations of the Graduate School*) of the graduate school concerned.
- Article 3** (Application) Unless special circumstances exist, matters other than the provisions stipulated in this Constitution shall be governed *mutatis mutandis* by the provisions of the *Constitution of Korea University*.

## Chapter 2 **Administration of Registration**

### Section 1 **Registration**

#### Subsection 1 **Admission**

- Article 4** (Eligibility for Admission) (1) To be eligible for admission to a master’s degree program or integrated master-doctoral degree program, applicants must meet any of the conditions set forth in the following subparagraphs:
1. Holder of a bachelor’s degree
  2. Holder of a degree equivalent to a bachelor’s degree or higher recognized under both law and university regulations
- (2) To be eligible for admission to a doctoral degree program, applicants must meet any of the conditions set forth in the following subparagraphs:
1. Holder of a master’s degree
  2. Holder of a degree equivalent to at least a master’s degree recognized by both law and university regulations as a holder of a degree
- (3) Restrictions may be placed on the eligibility for admission based on the

type of degree held by the applicant.

**Article 5** (Student Quotas) (1) Student quotas shall be strictly administered.  
(2) Student quotas for the graduate schools may be adjusted based on considerations such as academic demand.

**Article 6** (Admission beyond the Quotas) Applicants eligible for admission and falling within any of the categories set forth in the following subparagraphs may be offered admission notwithstanding the relevant quotas:

1. Students entrusted by law
2. Students with non-Korean nationality whose parents are both non-Korean nationals
3. Korean nationals residing abroad or non-Korean nationals who have completed in foreign countries their primary, secondary and university-level education deemed equivalent to those in Korea.
4. Applicants otherwise offered admission in compliance with law and university regulations

**Article 7** (Admission Screening) (1) Admission screening may be undertaken in the form of general screening or special screening.  
(2) Admission screening shall be composed of document screening, written tests and oral interviews. Parts of admission screening may be omitted if necessary.  
(3) Details of the admission screening shall be as specified in the admission guidelines of each graduate school.

**Article 8** (Application Procedure) Applicants seeking to be admitted to a graduate school shall submit an admission application form and documents as required in the admission guidelines, and pay the application fee.

## Subsection 2 **Transfer and Readmission**

**Article 9** (Transfer) In case of vacancy with respect to the student quotas, the President may authorize the admission of transfer students.

**Article 10** (Readmission) (1) In case of vacancy with respect to the student quotas, the President may authorize the readmission of students who have withdrawn from the University.

(2) Students falling within any of the categories set forth in the following subparagraphs shall not be eligible for readmission:

1. Students who have withdrawn as a result of expulsion for

- disciplinary reasons
  - 2. Students who have withdrawn as a result of a lapse of their enrollment duration
  - 3. Students otherwise ineligible to apply for readmission under university regulations
- (3) Readmission may be allowed only once.

## Section 2 **Modification of and Removal from the Student Registry**

Article 11 (Temporary Absence) Students may apply for temporary absence in accordance with university regulations.

Article 12 (Period of Temporary Absence) (1) The period of temporary absence may be established individually by each graduate school.

(2) The period of temporary absence shall be counted toward the period required for submitting degree dissertations.

Article 13 (Return/Re-enrollment) Students shall return and re-enroll as soon as the period of temporary absence expires or the reason for the temporary absence ceases to exist.

Article 14 (Voluntary Withdrawal) Students desiring to withdraw voluntarily from the University may be permitted to withdraw from the University.

Article 15 (Withdrawal) Students who fall within any of the categories set forth in the following subparagraphs shall be withdrawn from the University:

1. Students who have failed to return and re-enroll within the registration period, upon the expiration of the reason for temporary absence
2. Students who have failed to register within the period specified for each semester
3. Students who have been expelled in accordance with disciplinary procedures
4. Students whose enrollment duration has elapsed
5. Students who has otherwise withdrawn in accordance with university regulations

## Chapter 3 **Administration of Academic Affairs**

### Section 1 **Degree Programs, Departments and Programs**

Article 16 (Degree Programs) (1) Every graduate school shall offer a master's degree program.

(2) General graduate schools and professional graduate schools may offer a doctoral degree program.

(3) General graduate schools and professional graduate schools may offer an integrated master-doctoral degree program wherein a master's degree program and a doctoral degree program are combined.

(4) General graduate schools may offer a combined bachelor's/master's degree program wherein a bachelor's degree program and a master's degree program are mutually associated.

Article 17 (Research Programs) (1) Graduate schools may establish a research program for which a degree is not offered.

(2) Research students must be eligible for admission to a master's degree program.

Article 18 (Departments and Programs) (1) Graduate schools may establish departments and programs.

(2) In order to establish a department or program in a graduate school, its necessity must be acknowledged, upon consideration of such criteria as its identity in scholarly classification, academic demand, educational objectives of the University and the University's long term plan.

Article 19 (Changing of Department or Programs) Students intending to change their department or program after admission must obtain approval of the Dean of their graduate school and permission of the President.

Article 20 (Collaborative Programs and Contracted Departments) (1) Graduate schools may offer, in addition to departments or graduate programs, interdisciplinary programs established and administered jointly by two or more departments or programs.

(2) Graduate schools may offer departments or collaborative programs established on the basis of a contract entered into with the state government, local governments, research institutes or industries.

(3) The President may determine whether to continue offering a collaborative program or contracted department based on the evaluation of its performance.

## Section 2 **Course of Study and Enrollment Duration**

Article 21 (General Provisions on the Course of Study) (1) The course of study for general graduate schools and professional graduate schools shall be as set forth in the following subparagraphs:

1. Master's Degree Program: at least 2 years
2. Doctoral Degree Program: at least 2 years
3. Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program: at least 6 years, provided that the course of study shall be no less than the period required for a bachelor's degree program and a master's degree

program combined.

4. Integrated master-doctoral degree program: at least 4 years, provided that the course of study shall be no less than the period required for a master's degree program and a doctoral degree program combined.

(2) The course of study of a master's degree program provided by a specialized graduate school shall be at least 2 years and 6 months.

(3) The course of study set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) may be reduced in accordance with university regulations and the relevant law.

Article 22 (Reduction of the Course of Study) (1) The course of study may be reduced as set forth in the following subparagraphs:

1. Master's degree program: period not exceeding 6 months

2. Doctoral degree program: period not exceeding 6 months

3. Integrated master-doctoral degree program: period not exceeding 1 year

4. Professional degree program of a master's degree program provided by the professional graduate schools concerned, such as the Business School: period not exceeding 1 year

(2) Details of matters pertaining to any reduction in time of the period of study shall be specified in the Detailed Enforcement Regulations of each graduate school.

Article 23 (Enrollment Duration) Matters pertaining to enrollment duration shall be specified in the Detailed Enforcement Regulations of each graduate school.

### Section 3 **Curriculum, Credit Acquisition and Credit Acknowledgement**

Article 24 (Curriculum) The curriculum shall be specified by each graduate school.

Article 25 (Credit Acquisition for Each Semester) (1) The maximum number of credits that can be acquired during each semester shall be specified by each graduate school.

(2) The maximum number of credits that can be acquired during a seasonal term shall not exceed 6 credits.

Article 26 (Credit Acknowledgement) (1) Credits acquired from other domestic or foreign universities or graduate schools may be acknowledged as those acquired from the University.

(2) Prerequisite credits for majors acquired from a graduate school in the University before entering a master's, doctoral or integrated master-doctoral degree program may be acknowledged based on the standards specified for each program offered by each graduate school.

(3) Credits acquired in the course of pursuing a combined bachelor's/master's degree program as designated by each graduate school may be acknowledged.

(4) With respect to readmitted students, credits previously acquired may be

acknowledged cumulatively.

(5) Details of matters pertaining to the credit acknowledgement shall be specified in the Detailed Enforcement Regulations of each graduate school.

#### Section 4 **Program Completion and Degree Conferral**

**Article 27** (Procedures and Requirements of Program Completion) (1) Procedures for completing a degree program shall be as set forth in any of the following subparagraphs:

1. Completion upon acquisition of required credits
2. Completion by other methods as set forth in the university regulations and in compliance with relevant law.

(2) Details of matters pertaining to the program completion pursuant to the procedures specified in paragraph 1 shall be specified in the *Regulations on the Academic Affairs of the Graduate School or Detailed Enforcement Regulations* of each graduate school.

**Article 28** (Degree Conferral) A degree shall be conferred on students who have met the requirements for program completion and have submitted a dissertation, or who have met requirements otherwise set forth in the university regulations.

**Article 29** (Completed Research Student) (1) The term “completed research student” means a student who has met the requirements necessary to complete a degree program but to whom the degree has not been conferred.

(2) Matters pertaining to such as the registration of completed research students may be set forth in the *Detailed Enforcement Regulations* of each graduate school.

#### Section 5 **Academic Advisors, Degree Request and Degree Conferral**

**Article 30** (Academic Advisors and Advisory Committees) (1) Students shall select an academic advisor who will provide guidance with respect to their coursework and research.

(2) Advisory committees may be established to supervise student coursework and research plans.

(3) Details of matters pertaining to academic advisors and advisory committees shall be specified in the *Detailed Enforcement Regulations* of each graduate school.

**Article 31** (Degrees) Degrees conferred by the graduate schools of the University shall be as set forth in the following subparagraphs:

1. Master’s degree

2. Doctoral degree

3. Honorary doctoral degree

Article 32 (Qualifications for Degree Request and Duration) (1) In order to request a degree, students shall have met the requirements necessary for the completion of a degree program set forth in each graduate school.

(2) Details pertaining to matters such as qualifications for degree request and period for submission of degree dissertations shall be specified in the *Detailed Enforcement Regulations* of each graduate school.

Article 33 (Degree Title) The title of a degree conferred on a student who has met the requirements to acquire the degree shall be set forth in the *Regulations on the Academic Affairs of the Graduate School*.

Article 34 (Joint or Dual Degree Conferral) (1) A joint or dual degree may be conferred based on an agreement for academic exchange entered into between the University and other domestic or foreign institutions.

(2) Details of matters pertaining to a joint or dual degree shall be specified in the university regulations or the *Detailed Enforcement Regulations* of each graduate school.

Article 35 (Honorary Doctorate) (1) An honorary doctoral degree may be conferred on those who have made a conspicuous contribution to the development of society in areas such as culture, art and sciences.

(2) The types of honorary doctoral degree shall be determined by the types of doctoral degree acquired by the candidates.

(3) The President shall confer honorary doctoral degrees in accordance with the procedure set forth in any of the following subparagraphs:

1. Deliberation by the Graduate School Executive Committee of the General Graduate School

2. Recommendation by the Dean of the General Graduate School

Article 36 (Revocation of a Degree) With respect to a person who has acquired a degree from the University, in the event it is found that there had been a serious defect in the process of degree acquisition, the President shall revoke the degree in accordance with the procedure set forth in any of the following subparagraphs:

1. Deliberation by the Graduate School Executive Committee of each graduate school

2. Recommendation by the Dean of each graduate school

## Chapter 4 **Student Activities**

- Article 37** (Student Activities and Support) (1) A student government shall be established in order to promote student self-governing activities and create a sound school environment.  
(2) The University shall use its best endeavors to support student self-governing activities that comply with the educational purpose and objectives as specified in Article 2 of the Constitution of Korea University.
- Article 38** (General Obligations of Students) Students shall comply with university regulations in the course of their school life.
- Article 39** (Awards and Disciplinary Measures) (1) Students who exhibit superior academic performance and set a good example for other students, or students who have heightened the honor of the University may be so recognized.  
(2) Disciplinary measures may be taken against students who violate university regulations or deviate from their duty as students.  
(3) Details of matters pertaining to awards and disciplinary measures shall be specified in the university regulations.
- Article 40** (Scholarships) (1) The University may award scholarships to students exhibiting exemplary conduct and high academic performance, or students with financial problems.  
(2) Details of matters pertaining to scholarships shall be specified in the university regulations.

### **Supplementary Provisions**

This Constitution shall enter into force on March 1, 2015.