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Chapter 1 General Provisions

(Purpose)

These rules stipulate necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Graduate School of Economics (hereinafter referred to as "the Graduate School"), in addition to what is provided for in the National University Corporation Kobe University General Provisions (established on April 1, 2004), the Kobe University General Rules for Students (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "General Rules"), and the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2004).

(Program)

Article 1-2 The program offered by the Graduate School shall be a graduate program.

2 The graduate program shall be divided into a two-year first stage program (hereinafter referred to as "the first division" or "Master's Program") and a subsequent three-year program (hereinafter referred to as the "Doctoral Program"), and the first division shall be treated as a master's program.

(Educational and Research Purposes)

Article 1-3 The Graduate School provides education and research that contributes to the advancement of economics and the welfare of humankind, through the succession and creative development of human knowledge on economics.

2 The human resources development goals of the Master's Program and Doctoral Program shall be as follows.

(1) Master's Program

The Master's Program shall be designed to provide deep academic knowledge from a broad perspective, and cultivate research skills in economics, and in addition, an outstanding ability necessary to engage in occupations which require a high level of expertise.

(2) Doctoral Program

The Doctoral Program shall be designed to allow students to engage in research activities in economics as independent researchers, or to allow them to develop a high level of research skills and abundant fundamental knowledge necessary to engage in advanced professional practices.

(Dean of the Graduate School)

Article 1-4 The Graduate School shall have a dean.

2 The dean shall oversee matters pertaining to the Graduate School.

(Associate Dean)

Article 1-5 The Graduate School shall have an associate dean.

2 The associate dean shall assist the dean with his or her duties.

3 Necessary matters concerning the selection of the associate dean shall be separately stipulated.

(Department and Courses of Study)

Article 2 The Graduate School shall establish a department of economics.

2 The Master's Program of the department of economics shall offer the following courses of study.

Regular course

Specialized course

Adult education course

(Education Programs)

Article 3 The Graduate School shall establish education programs in the specialized course and adult education course.

2 Necessary matters concerning the education programs shall be separately stipulated.

Chapter 2 Admission

(Master's Program Admission Eligibility)

Article 4 Persons who fall under any of the following items may enroll in the Master's Program of the Graduate School:

(1) Persons who have graduated from a Japanese university;

(2) Persons who have received a bachelor's degree pursuant to the provisions of Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Education Act (Act. No. 26 of 1947; hereinafter referred to as "the Act");

(3) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education abroad;

(4) Persons who have completed 16 years of school education of a school in a foreign country by taking

correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan;

(5) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has university programs of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 16 years of school education of the foreign country);

(6) Persons who have completed a specialized program at a special training college in Japan separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology after the date determined by the Minister (limited to programs of at least four years that satisfy other standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology);

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 5 (1953));

(8) Persons who were admitted to the Kobe University Graduate School pursuant to the provisions of Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Act and have been recognized as having sufficient scholastic ability to undertake postgraduate studies at the Graduate School; or

(9) Persons who are 22 years or older and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to a university graduate, based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Master's Program Early Admission)

Article 5 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the Graduate School may decide to allow admission to a person who falls under any of the following categories and who, after deliberation by the Faculty Council, is recognized as having earned the credits stipulated by the Graduate School and achieved excellent grades:

(1) Persons who have been enrolled in a university for at least three years;

(2) Persons who have completed 15 years of school education abroad;

(3) Persons who have completed 15 years of school education of a school in a foreign country by taking correspondence courses provided by such foreign school in Japan; or

(4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has university programs of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (limited to persons who have completed 15 years of school education of that foreign country).

(Doctoral Program Admission Eligibility)

Article 6 Persons who fall under any of the following items can enroll in the Doctoral Program of the Graduate School:

(1) Persons who have obtained a master's or professional degree;

(2) Persons on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree has been conferred in a foreign country;

(3) Persons who have completed correspondence courses provided in Japan by a foreign school and on whom a degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree was conferred;

(4) Persons who have completed a program at an educational institution in Japan that is part of the school education system of a foreign country and has graduate school courses of that foreign country, and that is separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and on whom a

degree equivalent to a master's or a professional degree was conferred;

(5) Persons who have completed a graduate program at United Nations University, which is the university founded based on a United Nations General Assembly resolution dated December 11, 1972 as stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures Incidental to Enforcement of the Agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations University (Act No. 72 of 1976), resulting in the conferral of a degree equivalent to a master's degree;

(6) Persons who, having completed an educational program at a foreign school, a designated academic institution as described in Item 4 above or United Nations University, have passed an examination or screening equivalent to those set forth in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ministry of Education Ordinance No. 28 of 1974) and have been recognized as having scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to that of someone with a master's degree;

(7) Persons designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (in accordance with Ministry of Education Notification No. 118 (1989)); or

(8) Persons who are 24 years old and are deemed to have scholastic ability that is at least equivalent to someone with a master's degree or professional degree based on the results of an individual entrance qualification examination administered by the Graduate School.

(Advancement)

Advancement may be granted to persons who wish to advance to the Doctoral Program after having completed a master's program or the Master's Program at the graduate schools of Kobe University if he or she is found to be eligible after screening at the Graduate School.

(Screening Methods)

Article 8 Methods for screening applicants for admission to graduate schools shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 3 Classes

(Class categories)

Article 9 The classes shall consist of seminars, special studies, and lectures.

(Standards for Calculating the Number of Credits)

Article 10 One credit shall be granted for 15 hours of class.

(Standards for Conducting Classes)

Article 11 Classes shall be conducted according to the following standards.

(1) Seminars: 2 hours per week for each semester in the Master's Program, and 4 hours per week for each semester in the Doctoral Program

(2) Special studies: 2 hours per week for each semester

(3) Lectures: 2 hours per week for each semester

(Subjects and the Number of Credits)

Article 12 The subjects and the number of credits awarded for each subject are as listed in Appended Table 1.

2 The subjects set forth in the previous paragraph may be increased as necessary, and subject titles and the number of credits for each subject shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

3 The number of credits earned for subjects under the provisions of Article 14, Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall

be treated as follows:

- (1) The number of credits granted for subjects offered at a graduate school of another university with which the Graduate School has signed a cooperative agreement (including foreign universities; hereinafter referred to as “cooperative university”) shall be calculated mutatis mutandis pursuant to the provisions of Article 10;
- (2) The treatment of the number of credits for subjects offered by another graduate school shall be determined by the graduate school concerned; and
- (3) The treatment of the number of credits for subjects offered by an undergraduate faculty shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 4 Enrollment

(Application for Enrollment)

Article 13 Students shall submit an application for enrollment in subjects which they intend to take to the dean for approval by the designated date.

(Enrollment in Subjects Offered outside the Graduate School)

Article 14 Students may take subjects offered by graduate schools of cooperative universities, or the graduate schools and undergraduate faculties of Kobe University; provided, however, that subjects of undergraduate faculties in which students are allowed to enroll shall be limited to those specified by the Graduate School.

2 Enrollment in subjects offered at graduate schools of cooperative universities shall be governed by individual cooperative agreements, and their practical guidelines.

3 To enroll in subjects under the preceding two paragraphs, students shall obtain permission of the dean of the graduate school concerned or the dean of the faculty concerned through the dean of the Graduate School.

4 Up to 10 credits of those earned for subjects taken pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1 may be included in the required number of credits specified in Appended Table 2.

(Special Provisions for Education Methods)

Article 15 Classes may be conducted, or research supervision may be provided, at night or during other specified times or time periods, when deemed by the Faculty Council to be especially necessary from an educational standpoint.

(Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Admission)

Article 16 In accordance with the stipulations in Article 75 of the General Rules for Students, the approval of credits earned prior to admission shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Persons who wish to have previously earned credits approved must submit the necessary documents to the dean by the designated date.

3 Regarding the approval of credits pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 1, out of those credits earned outside of Kobe University, excluding cases of transfer and readmission, no more than 10 credits may be approved as credits as stipulated in Appended Table 2.

4 If a student of the faculty of economics at Kobe University takes a subject which is offered by the Graduate School and the faculty of economics makes a special exception that allows it be designated as a subject of said faculty, and passes the examination, he or she will be allowed to include the number of credits earned for such subject, up to a maximum of 10 credits, in the required number of credits specified in Appended Table 2 after

deliberation by the Faculty Council, only when he or she has earned a sufficient number of credits to complete his or her studies in the faculty even if part or all of the credits earned for such subject are excluded.

5 Credits earned by a non-degree student in the Graduate School may be included, up to 10 credits, in the required number of credits specified in Appended Table 2.

6 The number of credits included in the required number of credits under the provisions of Paragraph 3 though the previous paragraph shall not exceed 10 credits in total.

Chapter 5 Examinations

(Approval of Credits Earned)

Article 17 The approval of credits earned for each subject will, in principle, be undertaken at the end of the semester when all classes of the relevant subject have finished.

2 Credits for seminars, special studies and lectures shall be approved based on results of research reports, or a written or oral examination, or a combination of both examinations.

(Dissertation Screenings and Final Examinations)

Article 18 Dissertation screenings and final examinations shall be governed by the Graduate School of Economics Detailed Regulations for the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2004), in addition to the General Rules, and the Kobe University Degree Regulations (established on April 1, 2004).

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 18-2 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 73-2 of the General Rules shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 6 Completion of Programs

(Requirements for Completion of Master's Program)

Article 19 To complete the Master's Program, students shall remain enrolled in the Master's Program for at least 2 years, earn at least 30 credits as set forth in Appended Table 2, and pass a screening of their master's theses or research achievements on specified projects and the final examination having received the necessary research supervision. However, a student who is deemed by the Faculty Council to have demonstrated excellence in their academic work may be permitted to complete the Master's Program after at least one year of study and the criteria and requirements for the completion shall be specified in Appended Table 3.

2 In addition to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, with regard to students who enroll in the Graduate School, for the purpose of acquiring double degrees, from a graduate school abroad which has signed a cooperative agreement with the Graduate School, requirements for completion of the Master's Program shall be stipulated separately.

(Requirements for Completion of Doctoral Program)

Article 20 Students who have remained enrolled in the Doctoral Program for at least three years after completing the Master's Program, who have earned 8 credits in seminars, and who have passed the doctoral dissertation screening and the final examination having received the necessary research supervision shall be deemed to have completed the [graduate] [doctoral] program. However, a student who is deemed by the Faculty Council to have achieved exemplary research results may be permitted to graduate after one year of study in the Doctoral Program (or a total of three years for a student who has completed a master's program or the Master's Program within

two years).

(Long-Term Enrollment)

Article 20 Students who wish to complete their studies in a planned manner over a specific period of time that exceeds the standard period of enrollment due to working or other circumstances may undertake said planned enrollment (hereinafter referred to as “long-term enrollment”) after obtaining permission from the dean.

2 Necessary matters concerning long-term enrollment shall be stipulated separately.

Article 21 Deleted

Chapter 7 Study Abroad

(Study Abroad)

Article 22 In accordance with the stipulations in Articles 14, Paragraph 2, students must obtain permission from the dean when they wish to study at a foreign university.

2 The period of study abroad permitted as set forth in the preceding paragraph will be included in the standard period of enrollment.

Chapter 8 Leave of Absence

(Leave of Absence)

Article 23 A student who intends to take a leave from the university exceeding three months, due to an illness or other reasons may do so with the permission of the dean.

2 The leave from the university may not exceed a consecutive period of one year. However, the dean may, if he/she acknowledges the existence of a valid reason, approve a further leave from the university up to one year. The same shall apply where the dean grants a further extension after the period of leave has expired.

3 The cumulative period of leave from the university shall not exceed two years for students in the Master’s Program, or three years for students in the Doctoral Program.

4 The period of leave from the university shall not be included in the number of years enrolled.

Chapter 9 Enrollment of Students of Other Graduate Schools

(Enrollment of Students of Other Graduate Schools)

Article 24 When a student of another graduate school of Kobe University applies for enrollment in a lecture offered by the Graduate School through the dean of the graduate school to which he or she belongs, the dean may grant permission.

Chapter 10 Special Auditors, Special Research Students, and Non-Degree Students

(Special Auditors)

Article 25 When a student of a graduate school at a cooperative university applies for enrollment in a subject offered by the Graduate School through the head of his or her institution, the dean may permit him or her to enroll as a special auditor.

2 The provisions of Article 17 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the approval of credits for subjects taken by special auditors.

(Special Research Students)

Article 25-2 When a student of a graduate school at a cooperative university asks for research supervision at the Graduate School through the head of his or her institution, the dean may grant permission to accept him or her as a special research student.

2 The research period of special research students shall be less than one year; provided, however, that the period may be extended when deemed necessary by the Faculty Council.

(Non-Degree Students)

Article 26 Matters concerning non-degree students shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 11 Research Students

(Research Students)

Article 27 Matters concerning research students shall be stipulated separately.

Chapter 12 Acquisition of Qualifications for Obtaining a Teacher's License

(Acquisition of Qualifications for Obtaining a Teacher's License)

Article 28 Persons who wish to acquire the qualifications for obtaining a teacher's license must earn the prescribed number of credits stipulated in the School Teacher's License Act and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Teacher's License Act.

2 The types and subject areas of teacher's license for which qualifications can be obtained in the Graduate School are as listed in Appended Table 4.

Chapter 13 Auxiliary Provisions

(Auxiliary Provisions)

Article 29 In addition to the stipulations in these rules, the Faculty Council shall stipulate any necessary matters concerning the implementation of these rules.

Supplementary Provisions

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

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, notwithstanding the revised provisions of the Kobe University Graduate School of Economics Rules, the Kobe University Graduate School of Economics Rules in force prior to their abolishment pursuant to the provisions of Article 2 of the Regulations on the Abolishment of Kobe University General Provisions etc. (established on April 1, 2004) shall remain in effect.

Supplementary Provisions (January 13, 2005)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2005.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Tables 1, 2 and 3.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2005)

These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2005.

Supplementary Provisions (January 8, 2006)

These rules shall come into effect on January 18, 2006, and the revised provisions of the Kobe University Graduate School of Economics Rules shall apply from December 1, 2005; provided, however, that the revised provisions of Article 3, item 2 shall apply from October 1, 2005.

Supplementary Provisions (February 23, 2006)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2006.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2006)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2006.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (July 3, 2006)

These rules shall come into effect on July 3, 2006, and the revised provisions of the Kobe University Graduate School of Economics Rules shall apply from April 1, 2006.

Supplementary Provisions (February 21, 2007)

These rules shall come into effect on February 21, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (March 30, 2007)

These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2007.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2008)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2008.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Tables 1, 2, and 3.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2009)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2009.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable; provided, however, that those who enroll in or advance to the Doctoral Program (hereinafter referred to as “newly enrolled students, etc.”) on or after April 1, 2009, and those who transfer from another graduate school or are readmitted in the same year at the Graduate School as newly enrolled students, etc., the revised provisions of Article 11 and Appended Table 1 shall apply.

Supplementary Provisions (March 10, 2010)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2010

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (July 21, 2010)

These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2011.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2011)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2011.

2 With regards to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (March 21, 2012)

1 These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2012.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these rules, the previous rules shall remain applicable.

Supplementary Provisions (July 13, 2012)

These rules shall come into effect on October 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (March 27, 2013)

These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2013.

Supplementary Provisions (November 28, 2013)

These rules shall come into effect on November 28, 2013, and the revised provisions of the Kobe University Graduate School of Economics Rules shall apply from October 1, 2013.

Supplementary Provisions (March 26, 2014)

These rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2014.