

○ Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Maritime Sciences

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(Purpose)

Article 1 The purpose of these Rules is to provide for the necessary matters pertaining to the Kobe University Faculty of Maritime Sciences (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty") in accordance with the Kobe University General Rules for Students (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "General Rules").

(Departments)

Article 2 The Faculty will have the following departments:

Department of Maritime Logistics Sciences  
Department of Maritime Technology Management  
Department of Marine Engineering

(Education and Research Purposes)

Article 2-2 The human resources development purposes and other educational and research purposes of each department are as follows.

(1) Department of Maritime Logistics Sciences

The purpose of the department is to cultivate human resources who will contribute to the advancement of the transportation system that supports the foundation of a global-scale logistics which in turn supports human activities.

(2) Department of Maritime Technology Management

The purpose of the department is to cultivate human resources who will contribute to the maintenance of the waters that make up 70% of our Earth, the development, active usage and preservation of the oceans that are indispensable to the continuous development of our country that is surrounded by waters and the maintenance of a safe and secure society pertaining to the waters.

(3) Department of Marine Engineering

The purpose of the department is to impart a wide range of knowledge; to provide education and research pertaining to mechatronics technique, environmental protection technology, energy-saving and new energy technology, etc. relating to the ocean such as ships; as well as to cultivate human resources who have practical problem solving skills in order to operate and manage marine devices and machinery efficiently and with consideration of the environment.

Article 2-3 The Department of Maritime Logistics Science and the Department of Marine Engineering of the Faculty will have the following courses:

Department of Maritime Logistics Sciences Navigation Management Course  
Logistics Course  
Department of Marine Engineering Engine Management Course

## Mechatronics Course

### (Department)

Article 3 Students must notify the dean of the Kobe University Faculty of Maritime Sciences (hereinafter referred to as "Dean") of the department they wish to apply to by the designated date after admission.

2 In accordance with the notification provided in the preceding paragraph, the Dean will decide the department students belong to through selection and after deliberation by the Kobe University Faculty of Maritime Sciences Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council").

3 The selection method shall be prescribed separately.

### (Courses)

Article 3-2 Students from the Department of Maritime Logistics Sciences and Department of Marine Engineering must notify the Dean of the courses they wish to apply to by the designated date after admission.

2 In accordance with the notification provided in the preceding paragraph, the Dean will decide the courses students belong to through selection and after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

3 The selection method shall be prescribed separately.

### (Subjects and Number of Credits)

Article 4 The subjects and the number of credits awarded to each subject at the Faculty are as listed in Appended Table 1.

2 The allocation of subjects in the preceding paragraph in each year shall be prescribed separately.

3 In addition to those subjects prescribed in paragraph 1, subjects may be established on a temporary basis.

4 Those temporary subjects, the number of credits awarded to them and the annual allocation of subjects set forth in the preceding paragraph will be prescribed at the time of their establishment.

### (Credit Standards)

Article 5 Credits for each subject shall be calculated according to the following standards:

(1) For lectures, one credit shall be granted for 15 hours of class;

(2) For seminars, one credit shall be granted for 15 or 30 hours of class;

(3) For laboratory experiments and practical training, one credit shall be granted for 30 or 45 hours of class;

(4) For special studies, 4 credits shall be granted for the graduation thesis.

### (Requirements)

Article 6 Students must attain the number of credits designated by their Faculty as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

2 When foreign students earn credits from subjects established under the provisions of Article 26, paragraph 2 of the General Rules, these credits may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2 pursuant to the provisions set forth separately.

### (Upper Limit for Registration of Subjects)

Article 7 The upper limit of the number of subject registrations as prescribed in Article 29, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be 52 credits.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the upper limit of the number of subject registrations for persons who transfer into the Faculty from another university or another faculty shall be 55 credits.

3 Under the provisions of paragraph 1 of the preceding Article, a student with an excellent academic record who has acquired the designated credits may be allowed to register for subjects in excess of the upper limit prescribed in the preceding 2 paragraphs.

4 The criteria for students who register for subjects in excess of the upper limit prescribed in the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

5 Notwithstanding the provisions in the preceding 4 paragraphs, the upper limit of the number of subject registrations for persons who are re-enrolling in the subjects, etc. shall be prescribed separately.

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 8 Students must submit the required enrollment form and examination notification by the designated date in every semester, and obtain the approval of the Dean.

2 For enrollment in subjects offered by other faculties, students must obtain permission from the Dean of that faculty through the Dean of the faculty to which they belong.

(Progression through Educational Levels)

Article 9 Matters regarding progression to the 3rd year shall be prescribed separately.

(Enrollment in Special Studies)

Article 10 Students may not enroll in special studies if they do not meet the criteria prescribed separately.

(Enrollment in Ship Training)

Article 11 Ship training 1, ship training 2 and ship training 3 will be conducted at the National Institute For Sea Training Independent Administrative Institution.

2 Ship training 3 may not be taken if the criteria prescribed separately is not met.

(Taking Subjects at Other Universities or Junior Colleges)

Article 12 Students may take subjects at other universities and junior colleges (including foreign universities and junior colleges. The same applies hereinafter.) with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, students may take subjects at a foreign university or junior college with whom the Faculty has not signed any cooperative agreement after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

3 Regarding credits earned for subjects pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs, up to 60 credits may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty and approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Handling of Credits Acquired in a University or Junior College in a Foreign Country, during a Leave from the University)

Article 12-2 Credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a faculty of a foreign university or junior college with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement while on leave of absence under the approval of the Faculty Council may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty.

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when unavoidable circumstances arise, credits earned by a student for subjects taken at a faculty of a foreign university or junior college with whom the Faculty has not

signed any cooperative agreement while on leave of absence may be treated as credits earned at the Faculty after receiving the approval by the Faculty Council.

- 3 Out of those credits that can be treated as earned at the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs, up to 60 credits in total with those credits approved as earned at the Faculty pursuant to paragraph 3 of the preceding Article, may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Learning at Academic Facilities, etc. Other than Universities)

Article 13 The approval of credits as prescribed in Article 35, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

- 2 Out of the number of credits approved under the provisions of the preceding paragraph, up to 60 credits in total with the credits earned at the Faculty pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 3 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Article may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Approval of Credits Attained before Admission to a University)

Article 14 The approval of credits attained before admission to a University as prescribed in Article 36, paragraph 1 of the General Rules shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

- 2 Persons who wish to have previously earned credits approved must submit the necessary documents for application to the Dean by the designated date within the year of admission.
- 3 Regarding the approval of credits pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1, out of the credits earned outside of the University, excluding cases of transfer from other universities or faculties and cases of readmission, up to 60 credits in total with the credits approved as earned at the Faculty pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph 3, Article 12-2, paragraphs 1 and 2 and paragraph 1 of the preceding Article may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Duration of Study for a Person Admitted to the University through Mid-course Transfer)

Article 15 The number of years required for the completion of courses of study, the subjects and the credit requirements for persons who admitted to the University through mid-course transfer pursuant to Article 37 of the General Rules shall be prescribed separately.

(Awarding of Credits)

Article 16 A prescribed number of credits shall be conferred on students who have completed a lecture subject and passed the examinations.

(Examinations)

Article 17 Examinations refer to subject examinations and examinations for graduation thesis, etc.

- 2 Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, subject examinations may be replaced by students' usual grades.

(Subject Examinations)

Article 18 Subject examinations shall be conducted at the end of the semester when classes have ended. However, the examinations may be conducted at times other than the end of the semester when necessary.

- 2 For any person who was unable to take the subject examinations due to accidents, etc. an examination may be conducted separately.

3 Re-examinations will not be conducted for subjects that students have failed. However, this does not apply in cases where conditions prescribed separately are met.

(Examinations for Graduation Thesis, etc.)

Article 18-2 Examinations for graduation theses, etc. shall be conducted for the persons who submitted their thesis by the designated date.

2 4 credits will be granted as credits for the special studies to students who pass the examinations for graduation thesis, etc.

3 Students who do not submit the graduation thesis by the designated date or students who have failed may submit the graduate thesis in or after the following year and take the graduate thesis examination.

(Grades)

Article 19 Academic achievement for each subject shall be graded on a 100-point scale, with the grades S, A, B and C representing a pass, and F representing a fail, as listed below:

S (90 points or more);

A (80 points or more, less than 90 points);

B (70 points or more, less than 80 points);

C (60 points or more, less than 70 points);

F (Less than 60 points).

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 20 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 30 of the General Rules shall be prescribed separately.

(Graduation)

Article 21 Persons who are enrolled for a designated period and who met the conditions prescribed in Article 6 shall be approved for graduation after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

(Transferring to Another Faculty)

Article 22 When a student from another faculty wishes to transfer into the Faculty with the approval of his or her Dean, the transfer may be permitted after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

(Transferring to Another Department)

Article 23 If a person wishes to transfer to another department, the transfer may be permitted after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

2 Transferring of faculties in the preceding paragraph shall be done at the start of the 3rd or 4th academic year.

(Transferring of Courses)

Article 23-2 If a person wishes to transfer to a different course, the transfer may be permitted after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Transferring of courses in the preceding paragraph shall be done at the start of the 3rd or 4th academic year.

(Study Abroad)

Article 24 A student who intends to study at a university in a foreign country pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 1 or 2 must obtain permission to do so from the Dean.

2 The period of study abroad set forth in the preceding paragraph will be included in the years required for completion of course of study.

(Special Auditor)

Article 25 Students from another university with whom the Faculty has signed a cooperative agreement who wish to apply to the Faculty as special auditors shall submit their requests to the Dean via their universities as prescribed separately.

2 The permitted period for special auditors shall be the beginning of the semester in which the subjects they wish to take are being held, and the enrollment period for special auditors shall be the period during which subjects that they take are held. However, this shall not apply in cases where there are cooperative agreements with foreign universities.

(Credited Auditor and Auditor)

Article 26 Necessary matters concerning credited auditors and auditors shall be prescribed separately.

(Research Student)

Article 27 Necessary matters concerning research students shall be prescribed separately.

(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 credits prescribed in the Education Personnel Certification Act (Act No. 147 of 1949) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Education Personnel Certification Act (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Ordinance No. 26 of 1954).

2 The types and subject areas of teacher's license for which qualifications can be obtained in the Faculty are as below:

Type of License	Subject Areas	Curriculum
Upper Secondary School Class 1 Teacher's License	Merchant Vessel	Department of Maritime Logistics Sciences
		Department of Marine Engineering

(Acquisition of Ship Officer's License)

Article 29 Matters concerning the acquisition of a ship officer's license shall be prescribed separately.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 30 In addition to the provisions in these Rules, necessary matters concerning the implementation of these Rules shall be prescribed by the Dean after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

Supplementary Provisions

These Rules come into effect from April 1, 2004.

Supplementary Provisions between the original and the latest are omitted.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2015)

1 These Rules come into effect on April 1, 2015.

2 With regard to persons enrolled upon enforcement of these Rules (hereinafter referred to as "Enrolled Students") and persons who transfer from another university or another faculty, or are readmitted in the same year at the Faculty as an Enrolled Student on or after April 1, 2015, the previous Rules shall remain applicable, regardless of the revised provisions of Appended Table 1.

Appended Tables 1 and 2 are omitted.