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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 Letters (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").

(Educational and Research Purposes)

Article 1-2 The purpose of the Faculty is to impart a wide range of knowledge, conduct academic research pertaining to language, culture, human behavior, history and society, as well as to cultivate talents who are highly educated in human culture and modern society, and have specialized knowledge, flexible thinking and a strong ability to express themselves.

(Departments)

Article 2 The Faculty will have a humanities department.

(Subjects and Areas)

Article 3 The humanities department of the Faculty will have the following subjects and areas:

Subjects	Areas
Philosophy	Philosophy
Literature	Japanese Language and Literature, Chinese Language and Literature, British and American Literature, German Literature, French Literature
History	Japanese History, Asian History, European and American History
Cognitive Studies	Psychology, Linguistics, Art Theory
Social Culture	Sociology, Art History, Geography

2 Students must notify the dean of the Kobe University Faculty of Letters (hereinafter referred to as "Dean") of the area he or she wishes to apply to by the designated date after admission and obtain the Dean's approval.

3 Where applicants in the preceding paragraph exceed the intake limit of the areas prescribed separately, their assignment shall be determined through selection.

4 Students who wish to change their areas may be allowed to do so after deliberation by the Kobe University Faculty of Letters Faculty Council (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Council").

(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 the 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; and
- (3) For practical training, one credit shall be granted for 30 hours of class;
- (4) For graduation thesis, 10 credits shall be granted.

(Requirements)

Article 6 Students must attain 132 credits or more 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 54 credits.

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

(Enrollment in Subjects)

Article 8 Students must submit the required enrollment form to the Dean by the designated date every semester.

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.

(Taking Subjects at Other Universities or Junior Colleges)

Article 9 Students may take subjects at other universities or junior colleges (including foreign universities or 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 9-2 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 10 In accordance with the provisions of Article 35, paragraph 3 of the General Rules, the approval of credits shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 The number of credits recognized under the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall not exceed 60 in total, together with the credits earned at the Faculty recognized pursuant to Article 9, paragraph 3 and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Article.

3 The approval of credits pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs may be approved as credits as prescribed in Appended Table 2.

(Approval of Credits Attained before Admission to a University)

Article 11 The approval of credits attained before admission to a University as prescribed in Article 36, paragraphs 1 and 2 of the General Rules shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

2 Regarding credits obtained outside the Faculty, the number of credits that may be approved in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall not exceed 60, together with the credits earned at the Faculty granted or recognized under Article 9, paragraph 3, Article 9-2, paragraphs 1 and 2, and paragraph 1 of the preceding Article, except in the case of a transfer from another institution, a mid-course entry or readmission.

3 The approval of credits pursuant to the provisions of the preceding 2 paragraphs may be approved as credits as stipulated in Appended Table 2.

(Enrollment in Liberal Education for Transfer Students)

Article 11-2 Students who transferred in from another university may enroll in the following Liberal Education as subjects for obtaining qualifications and licenses in order to obtain an Education staff's license and earn 4 credits.

The Constitution of Japan , Health and Sports Science Training I, Health and Sports science Training II, Reading IA, Reading IB, Information Science

(Examinations)

Article 12 Examinations refer to subject examinations and graduation thesis examinations.

(Subject Examinations)

Article 13 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 semester when necessary.

2 Students must submit the required examination notification to the relevant Dean by the designated date every semester.

3 For any person who was unable to take the subject examinations due to an accident, etc., a special examination may be conducted after receiving the approval of the Faculty Council.

(Graduation Thesis Examinations)

Article 14 Graduation thesis examinations shall be conducted for the persons who submitted their thesis by the stipulated date.

2 10 credits will be granted as credits for the graduate thesis to students who pass the graduation thesis examination.

(Criteria for Academic Evaluation)

Article 15 The criteria for evaluating academic performance set forth in Article 30 of the General Rules shall be stipulated separately.

(Graduation)

Article 16 Persons who are enrolled for a specified period and who have met the conditions prescribed in Article 6 shall be approved for graduation.

(Transferring to Another Faculty)

Article 17 When a student from another faculty wants to transfer into the Faculty with the approval of his or her Dean, the transfer may be approved after deliberations by the Faculty Council.

2 Transferring of faculties in the preceding paragraph shall be done at the start of the academic year.

(Special Auditor)

Article 18 Students from another university or junior college 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.

2 The enrollment period for special auditors shall be the period during which subjects that they take are held.

(Credited Auditor)

Article 19 Necessary matters concerning credit auditors shall be prescribed separately.

(Auditor)

Article 20 Necessary matters concerning auditors shall be prescribed separately.

(Research Student)

Article 21 Necessary matters concerning research students shall be prescribed separately.

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

Article 22 A student may acquire the qualifications necessary to be granted the school teacher's license for each type of licenses and license subjects listed in the following table when he or she earns the credits for the specified subjects prescribed in the Education Personnel Certification Act (Act No. 147 of 1949) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Education Personnel Certification Act (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture No. 26 of 1954).

Type of License	Types of License for Subjects
Lower Secondary School Class 1 Teacher's License	Society, Japanese Language, English Language
Upper Secondary School Class 1 Teacher's	Civics, Geography and History, Japanese Language, English

License	Language
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2 The subjects provided in the preceding paragraph and the methods to earn the credits, etc. shall be prescribed separately.

(Acquiring Curator Qualifications)

Article 23 Persons who wish to acquire the curator qualifications must earn the prescribed credits stipulated in the Museum Act (Act No. 285 of 1951) and the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Museum Act (Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Ordinance No. 24 of 1955).

2 The enrollment of subjects under the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

(ESD Course)

Article 23-2 In order to cultivate talents who will contribute to a sustainable society and have the ability to solve various social problems such as environmental issues, development issues, peace issues and human rights issues, the Faculty will have an ESD course.

2 Necessary matters concerning the ESD Course shall be prescribed separately.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 24 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

1 These Rules come into effect from April 1, 2004.

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, 2004, the previous Rules shall remain applicable in accordance with the provisions of the Kobe University Rules for Faculty of Letters prior to its abolishment under the provisions of Article 2 of the Rules on Abolishing Kobe University Rules, etc. (established on April 1, 2004), notwithstanding the revised provisions of the Rules for Kobe University Faculty of Letters.

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 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 Tables 1 (a).

Appended Tables 1 and 2 are omitted.