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o Kobe University General Rules for Students

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Chapter 1 General Provisions

(Intent)

Article 1 These Rules provide for necessary matters concerning students' studies in accordance with Article 29 of the Rules of the National University Corporation Kobe University (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "University Rules").

(Charter on Education)

Article 2 Education at the University shall be conducted in accordance with the Kobe University Charter on Education (established on May 16, 2002).

(Faculties)

Article 3 The University's faculties shall have the following departments.

Faculty of Letters: Department of Humanities

Faculty of Global Human Sciences: Department of Global Cultures, Department of Human Development and

Community, Department of Environment and Sustainability, and Department of Child Education

Faculty of Law: Department of Law

Faculty of Economics: Department of Economics

School of Business Administration: Department of Business Administration

Faculty of Science: Department of Mathematics, Department of Physics, Department of Chemistry, Department

of Biology, and Department of Planetology

School of Medicine: Department of Medicine and Department of Health Sciences

Faculty of Engineering: Department of Architecture, Department of Civil Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Department of Chemical Science and Engineering, and Department of Computer Science and Systems Engineering

Faculty of Agriculture: Department of Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics, Department of Bioresource Science, and Department of Agrobioscience

Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology: Department of Ocean Science and Technology

(Graduate Schools)

Article 4 The University's graduate schools shall have the departments and their programs set forth in the following table.

Graduate School	Department	Type of Program
Graduate School of Humanities	Department of Human Cultural Studies and Department of Human Social Dynamics	Doctoral program
Graduate School of Intercultural Studies	Department of Cultural Interaction and Department of Culture and Globalization	Doctoral program
Graduate School of Human Development and Environment	Department of Human Development and Department of Human Environmental Science	Doctoral program
Graduate School of Law	Department of Political Science	Doctoral program
	Department of Professional Legal Studies	Professional

		degree program
Graduate School of	Department of Economics	Doctoral
Economics		program
Graduate School of	Department of Business Administration	Doctoral
Business Administration		program
	Department of Advanced Management	Professional
		degree program
Graduate School of	Department of Mathematics, Department of Physics, Department of	Doctoral
Science	Chemistry, Department of Biology, and Department of Planetology	program
Graduate School of	Department of Biomedical Sciences	Master's
Medicine		program
	Department of Medical Sciences	Doctoral
		program
	Department of Medical Device Engineering	Doctoral
		program
	Department of Health Science	Doctoral
Sciences		program
Graduate School of	Department of Architecture, Department of Civil Engineering,	Doctoral
Engineering	Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Department of	program
	Mechanical Engineering, and Department of Chemical Science and	
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Graduate School of	Department of Systems Science	Doctoral
System Informatics Graduate School of		program Doctoral
	Department of Agricultural Engineering and Socio-Economics, Department of Bioresource Science, and Department of	
Agricultural Science	Agrobioscience	program
Graduate School of	Department of Maritime Sciences	Doctoral
Maritime Sciences	Department of Martine Sciences	program
Graduate School of	Department of Economic Development and Policies, Department of	Doctoral
International Cooperation	International Cooperation Policy Studies, and Department of	program
Studies	Regional Cooperation Policy Studies	
Graduate School of		Doctoral
Science, Technology and		
Innovation	·	program

- 2 The doctoral program in each of the following shall be divided into a two-year first stage program (hereinafter referred to as "First-Stage Program") and a three-year second-stage program (hereinafter referred to as "Second-Stage Program"), and the First-Stage Program shall be treated as a master's program: Graduate School of Humanities, Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Graduate School of Law, Graduate School of Economics, Graduate School of Business Administration, Graduate School of Science, Department of Medical Device Engineering in the Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Engineering, Graduate School of System Informatics, Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, and Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation.
- 3 The professional degree programs in the Department of Professional Legal Studies in the Graduate School of Law and the Department of Advanced Management in the Graduate School of Business Administration shall be programs at professional graduate schools provided for in Article 99, paragraph 2 of the School Education Act (Act No. 26 of 1947; hereinafter referred to as "Act"), and the professional degree program in the Graduate School of Law shall constitute a law school provided for in Article 18, paragraph 1 of the Standards for the Establishment of Professional Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology No. 16 of 2003).

(Sea Training Course)

Article 5 Matters concerning the Sea Training Course established in the University shall be governed by the Kobe University Sea Training Course Rules (established on April 1, 2004).

(Admission Capacity)

Article 6 The admission capacity of the University shall be as shown in Appended Table.

(Academic Year)

Article 7 The academic year shall begin on April 1 of each year and end on March 31 of the following year.

(Semester and Quarter)

Article 8 Each academic year shall be divided into the following two semesters.

First semester: From April 1 to September 30

Second semester: From October 1 to March 31 of the following year

- 2 Each semester provided for in the preceding paragraph may be divided into two terms (hereinafter referred to as "Quarter").
- 3 The time of commencement and expiration of each Quarter shall be specified separately.

(Holidays)

Article 9 Regular holidays shall be as follows.

Sundays and Saturdays

Holidays provided for in the Act on National Holidays (Act No. 178 of 1948)

Summer vacation: From August 8 to September 30

Winter vacation: From December 25 to January 7 of the following year

- 2 The president shall determine any extraordinary holidays.
- 3 Notwithstanding paragraph 1, if deemed necessary for educational purposes, each faculty and graduate school may change the periods of its summer and winter vacations with the approval of the president.
- 4 Notwithstanding paragraph 1 to the preceding paragraph, if deemed necessary for educational purposes, classes, etc., may be held on holidays.

Chapter 2 Faculties

Section 1 Admission

(Granting of Admission)

- Article 10 The president shall grant admission to a person falling under any of the following items who has passed the entrance examination and completed the admission procedure provided for in Article 17 (including a person who has applied for exemption from the admission fee pursuant to Article 18 and a person who has applied for deferred payment of the admission fee pursuant to Article 19):
 - (1) A person who has graduated from a high school or a secondary school;
 - (2) A person who has completed an ordinary 12-year program in school education, or a person who has completed a non-ordinary program in school education equivalent to that set forth in the preceding item;

- (3) A person who has completed a 12-year program in school education in a foreign country, or an equivalent person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- (4) A person who has completed a program at an overseas educational institution certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having a program equivalent to a program at a high school;
- (5) A person who has completed, on or after the date specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, a specialized training college's upper secondary program (limited to that satisfying the standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, including requiring three years or more for completion) separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- (6) A person who has been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Public Notice of the Ministry of Education No. 47 of 1948);
- (7) A person who has passed the Upper Secondary School Equivalency Examination under the Regulations for Upper Secondary School Equivalency Examination (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology No. 1 of 2005) (including a person who has passed the University Entrance Qualification Examination (hereinafter referred to as "Former Examination") under the Regulations for University Entrance Qualification Examination (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 13 of 1951; hereinafter referred to as "Former Regulations") prior to its repeal under Article 2 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Regulations for Upper Secondary School Equivalency Examination);
- (8) A person who has been admitted to a university pursuant to Article 90, paragraph 2 of the Act and has passed the Upper Secondary School Equivalency Screening under the Regulations for Upper Secondary School Equivalency Screening (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology No. 18 of 2022);
- (9) A person who has been admitted to a university pursuant to Article 90, paragraph 2 of the Act and has been recognized by the University as having academic ability suitable for receiving an education at the University;
- (10) A person who has reached 18 years of age and has been recognized by the University as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a high school graduate through individual admission qualification screening.

(Early Admission)

- Article 11 Notwithstanding the preceding Article, the University may admit a person who falls under any of the following items and is recognized as having excellent qualities in a field specified by the University, after deliberation by the Faculty Council:
 - (1) A person who has been enrolled in a high school for two years or more;
 - (2) A person who has been enrolled in an upper program at a secondary school, a college of technology, or the high school section of a school for special needs education for two years or more;
 - (3) A person who has been enrolled in a program in school education following a nine-year program in school education for two years or more in a foreign country;
 - (4) A person who has been enrolled in a program at an overseas educational institution certified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having a program equivalent to a program at a high school (including that designated as having a program corresponding to a program at a high school) for two years or more;

- (5) A person who has been enrolled in a specialized training college's upper secondary program separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology pursuant to Article 150, item (3) of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the School Education Act (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 11 of 1947; hereinafter referred to as "Ordinance for Enforcement") for two years or more on or after the date specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as provided for in the same item:
- (6) A person who has been designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Public Notice of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology No. 167 of 2001);
- (7) A person who has reached 17 years of age and has obtained passing grades in all examination subjects (excluding any examination subjects exempted from the examination) specified in Article 4 of the Regulations for Upper Secondary School Equivalency Examination (including a person who has obtained passing grades in all examination subjects (for a person who has been partially exempted from the Former Examination, excluding the exempted subject(s)) specified in Article 4 of the Former Regulations).
- 2 Necessary matters concerning the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Time of Admission)

Article 12 The time of admission shall be the beginning of an academic year; provided, however, that students may be admitted according to the semester divisions, even in the middle of an academic year.

(Mid-program Transfer)

- Article 13 Notwithstanding Article 10, any person who falls under any of the following items and applies for midprogram transfer to the University may be admitted at the beginning of a semester after deliberation by the Faculty Council:
 - (1) A person who has graduated from a university;
 - (2) A person who has been awarded a bachelor's degree pursuant to Article 104, paragraph 7 of the Act;
 - (3) A person who has completed or graduated from a program at a school under former provisions specified in Article 7 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Ordinance for Enforcement.
- 2 In addition to those provided for in the preceding paragraph, any person who falls under any of the following items and applies for mid-program transfer to the Faculty of Letters, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Economics, the School of Business Administration, or the Faculty of Engineering may be admitted after deliberation by the Faculty Council:
 - (1) A person who has been enrolled in a university for two years or more and has acquired the prescribed credits;
 - (2) A person who has graduated from a junior college;
 - (3) A person who has graduated from a college of technology;
 - (4) A person who has completed a program equivalent to those set forth in the preceding three items in a foreign country.
- 3 In addition to those provided for in paragraph 1, any person who falls under any of the following items and applies for mid-program transfer to the Faculty of Global Human Sciences, the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Agriculture, or the Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology may be admitted after deliberation by the Faculty Council:
 - (1) A person who has been enrolled in a university for two years or more and has acquired the prescribed credits;
 - (2) A person who has graduated from a junior college;
 - (3) A person who has graduated from a college of technology;

- (4) A person who has completed a program equivalent to those set forth in the preceding three items in a foreign country.
- (5) A person who has completed a specialized training college's specialized program (limited to that satisfying the standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, including requiring two years or more for completion) (limited to a person falling under any of the items of Article 10);
- (6) A person who has completed a graduate program (limited to that satisfying the standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, including requiring two years or more for completion) at a high school (including an upper program at a secondary school and the high school section of a school for special needs education) (limited to a person falling under any of the items of Article 10).

(Transfer)

Article 14 Notwithstanding Article 10, any person who is currently enrolled in another university and applies for transfer to the University may be admitted at the beginning of a semester after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Readmission)

Article 15 Notwithstanding Article 10, when a person who has dropped out of or been removed from the University pursuant to Article 45 applies for readmission to the same faculty, the person may be admitted at the beginning of a semester after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Application for Admission)

- Article 16 A person applying for admission must pay the entrance examination fee and submit an application for admission, an entrance examination fee payment certificate, and other documents designated separately by the prescribed date.
- 2 No entrance examination fees already paid shall be refunded; provided, however, that in any of the following cases, the equivalent amount shall be refunded:
 - (1) If, in a faculty entrance examination, the first stage of selection is conducted based on application documents, etc., and the second stage of selection is conducted based on academic achievement tests and others only for those having passed the first stage, when a person who has failed the first stage requests to return the amount related to the second stage of selection;
 - (2) If, in a faculty entrance examination, a person who has failed to take the subject(s) that the University has required examinees to take in the Common Test for University Admissions is thereby found to be ineligible to apply for admission after the acceptance of his or her application, when the person requests to return the amount related to the second stage of selection;
 - (3) If a person who has paid the entrance examination fee fails to submit his or her application for admission by the prescribed date, when the person requests to return the entrance examination fee;
 - (4) If a person who has paid the entrance examination fee and submitted his or her application for admission is not allowed to take the entrance examination, when the person requests to return the entrance examination fee.

(Selection of Entrants)

Article 16-2 The selection of entrants shall be conducted under an adequate system in a fair and appropriate manner in accordance with a policy established pursuant to Article 27-2, item (3) of the University Rules.

(Admission Procedure)

- Article 17 A person who has passed the entrance examination must complete the admission procedure, along with the payment of the admission fee, by the prescribed date.
- 2 No admission fees already paid shall be refunded.

(Exemption from Admission Fee)

- Article 18 A person who has difficulty paying the admission fee may be exempted from all or part of the fee upon application by the person.
- 2 The treatment of exemption from the admission fee shall be prescribed separately.

(Deferred Payment of Admission Fee, etc.)

- Article 19 A person who has difficulty paying the admission fee by the due date may be granted deferred payment of the admission fee upon application by the person.
- 2 Collection of the admission fee from a person who has applied for exemption from the admission fee referred to in paragraph 1 of the preceding Article or for deferred payment of the admission fee referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be suspended until the exemption or deferred payment is granted or refused.
- 3 A person whose application for exemption from or deferred payment of the admission fee has been refused or a person to whom partial exemption has been granted (excluding a person who has applied for deferred payment pursuant to the following paragraph) must pay the admission fee payable within 14 days from the day of notification of the refusal or partial exemption.
- 4 If a person whose application for exemption from the admission fee has been refused or a person to whom partial exemption has been granted intends to obtain the deferred payment provided for in paragraph 1, the person must apply for the deferred payment within 14 days from the day of notification of the refusal or partial exemption.
- 5 A person whose approval for reduction of or exemption from the admission fee has been rescinded pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Act on Academic Support at Universities, etc. (Act No. 8 of 2019; hereinafter referred to as "Academic Support Act") must pay the admission fee payable within 14 days from the date of notification of the rescission.
- 6 The treatment of deferred payment of the admission fee shall be prescribed separately.

(Exemption from Admission Fee Due to Death, etc.)

- Article 20 If a person who has been granted deferred payment of the admission fee pursuant to paragraph 1 or 2 of the preceding Article is removed from the University due to his or her death during the period of deferral, all of his or her unpaid admission fee shall be waived.
- 2 If a person whose application for exemption from or deferred payment of the admission fee has been refused or a person to whom partial exemption has been granted is removed from the University due to his or her death during the period for payment of the admission fee provided for in paragraph 3 of the preceding Article or is removed pursuant to Article 47, paragraph 1, item (1), all of his or her unpaid admission fee shall be waived.
- 3 If a person whose approval for reduction of or exemption from the admission fee has been rescinded pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Academic Support Act is removed from the University due to his or her death during the period for payment of the admission fee provided for in paragraph 5 of the preceding Article or is removed pursuant to Article 47, paragraph 2, all of his or her unpaid admission fee shall be waived.

(Pledge)

Article 21 Entrants must take a pledge in the prescribed manner.

Section 2 Years Required for Completion of Course of Study, Curriculum, Completion of Program, etc. (Years Required for Completion of Course of Study)

- Article 22 The years required for completion of a faculty's course of study shall be four years; provided, however, that if it is recognized that a person who has been enrolled in the University for three years or more (including a person provided for in Article 149 of the Ordinance for Enforcement) has acquired the credits specified in the faculty rules as graduation requirements with excellent results, and the student desires to graduate, the student may graduate.
- 2 The standards for the recognition of graduation provided for in the proviso to the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed and published in the faculty rules.
- 3 Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the years required for completion of a course of study at the Department of Medicine in the School of Medicine shall be six years.
- 4 If a student expresses his or her desire to graduate by completing a curriculum systematically over a certain period of time beyond the years required for completion of the course of study due to employment or other circumstances, the planned completion may be approved after deliberation by the Faculty Council.
- 5 Necessary matters concerning the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Aggregation of Years Required for Completion of Course of Study)

Article 23 If a person, other than a university student, who has acquired a certain amount of credits at the University as a credited auditor or as a student taking a special program provided for in Article 83-2 (hereinafter referred to as "Special Program Student") is admitted to the University, when it is recognized that the person has partially completed a curriculum of the University as a result of acquiring said credits, a period not exceeding one half of the years required for completion of the course of study referred to in the preceding Article may be included in said years, taking into consideration the number of credits acquired and other matters, after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Maximum Period of Enrollment)

Article 24 A student shall not remain enrolled for more than twice the years required for completion of a course of study.

2 The maximum period of enrollment for a student permitted to complete a curriculum pursuant to Article 22, paragraph 4 (hereinafter referred to as "Long-term Student") shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Curriculum)

Article 25 Each faculty shall establish necessary courses according to the classification provided for in paragraph 1 of the following Article and shall organize its curriculum systematically in accordance with the policies established pursuant to Article 27-2, items (1) and (2) of the University Rules.

(Classification of Courses)

Article 26 The courses shall be classified as follows.

Basic Liberal Arts

General Liberal Arts

Foreign Languages

Computer and Information Literacy

Health Science and Physical Education

Advanced Liberal Arts

Specialized Education (including basic specialized education and common specialized basic education)

Related education

Education for licenses and certificates

Other education deemed necessary

2 In addition to those provided for in the preceding paragraph, subjects relating to Japanese language and Japanese affairs may be established as courses for international students.

(Class Methods)

Article 27 Classes shall be conducted through lectures, seminars, experiments, practical training or skills practice, or a combination of these methods.

- 2 The classes provided for in the preceding paragraph may be taken at places other than classrooms, etc., where said classes are conducted by making advanced use of diverse media, as separately determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- 3 The classes provided for in paragraph 1 may be taken in foreign countries. The same shall apply to the case where classes are taken at places other than classrooms, etc., where said classes are conducted by making advanced use of diverse media pursuant to the preceding paragraph.
- 4 Part of the classes provided for in paragraph 1 may be conducted at places other than school buildings or attached facilities, as separately determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- 5 Necessary matters concerning the preceding four paragraphs shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Methods of Taking Courses and Examinations)

Article 28 Matters concerning courses established according to the classification referred to in Article 26, paragraph 1, the methods of taking them, and their examinations shall be prescribed in the rules for each faculty, the Kobe University Rules on Taking General Education (established on April 1, 2004; hereinafter referred to as "Rules on Taking General Education"), and the Kobe University Regulations on Taking Advanced Liberal Arts Education at College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Institute for Promotion of Higher Education (established on March 22, 2016).

2 Matters concerning courses established pursuant to Article 26, paragraph 2 (hereinafter referred to as "Japanese Language and Other Courses"), the methods of taking them, and their examinations shall be prescribed in the rules for each faculty and the Kobe University Rules on Taking Japanese Language and Other Courses (established on April 1, 2004).

(Upper Limit for Registration for Subjects to Take)

- Article 29 In order for students to take courses appropriately for each academic year, with regard to the number of credits to be acquired by a student as graduation requirements, the upper limit of the number of credits that a student may register for as courses in an academic year shall be specified in the rules for each faculty.
- 2 In accordance with the rules for each faculty, a student who has acquired the prescribed credits with excellent results may be allowed to register for courses exceeding the upper limit provided for in the preceding paragraph.

(Grade Evaluation Criteria)

Article 30 Each faculty shall clearly indicate the learning objectives of each class as well as teaching methods and plans for achieving said objectives, and shall establish and publish pluralistic grade evaluation criteria that take into account the status of students' approaches to classes.

(Granting of Credits)

Article 31 A person who has completed one course shall be granted credit(s) by evaluating his or her learning achievements through examinations or other appropriate methods.

(Standards for Credits)

- Article 32 In determining the number of credits for each course, a course for one credit shall be composed of contents that require 45 hours of learning as a standard, and the number of credits shall be calculated on the premise that one credit consists of classes conducted for the number of hours specified in the rules for each faculty between approximately 15 hours and 45 hours, in consideration of the educational effects of said classes and learning necessary outside of class hours, according to the class methods provided for in Article 27, paragraph 1; provided, however, that with regard to tutoring classes of skills practice in the field of art, etc., one credit may consist of classes conducted for the number of hours specified in the relevant faculty rules.
- 2 With regard to Liberal Education (meaning the courses common to the whole University as specified in the Rules on Taking General Education), the number of credits shall be calculated based on the following standards:
 - (1) For lectures, one credit shall consist of 15 hours of classes;
 - (2) For seminars, experiments, practical training, and skills practice, one credit shall consist of 30 hours of classes;
 - (3) When two or more methods out of lectures, seminars, experiments, practical training, and skills practice are jointly used for one course, one credit shall consist of courses conducted for the number of hours specified separately in consideration of the standards provided for in the preceding two items, depending on the combination of the relevant methods.
- 3 With regard to the Japanese Language and Other Courses, one credit shall consist of 30 hours of classes.
- 4 Notwithstanding paragraph 1, with regard to courses such as graduation theses, graduation research, and graduation production, the number of credits may be specified in the rules for each faculty in consideration of the learning, etc., required for the relevant course if it is deemed appropriate to grant credits by evaluating the achievement of said learning.

(Taking of Courses at Other Faculties)

Article 33 A student may take courses at a faculty that the student does not belong to. In this case, the student must obtain permission from the dean of said faculty through the dean of his or her faculty.

(Taking of Graduate School Courses)

- Article 33-2 A student may be allowed to take courses at the relevant graduate school (excluding a second-stage doctoral program and the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine) of the University if it is deemed educationally beneficial.
- 2 A student who takes courses pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall do this as a credited auditor at the graduate school.

3 Necessary matters concerning the preceding two items shall be prescribed in the Regulations on the Preceding Completion of Graduate School Courses at Kobe University (established on September 26, 2023).

(Taking of Courses at Other Universities or Junior Colleges)

- Article 34 If it is deemed educationally beneficial, a student may be allowed to take courses at another university or junior college (including a foreign university or junior college) based on an agreement with said university or junior college.
- 2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if there are unavoidable circumstances, a student may be allowed to take courses at a foreign university or junior college under no agreement, after deliberation by the Faculty Council.
- 3 Credits acquired for courses taken pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs may be deemed to have been acquired at the University to the extent not exceeding 60 credits.
- 4 The provisions of the preceding three paragraphs shall apply mutatis mutandis when courses in a correspondence program conducted by a foreign university or junior college are taken in Japan, and when courses in the curriculum of an educational institution positioned as having a curriculum of a foreign university or junior college in the school education system of the foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology are taken in Japan.
- 5 In addition to what is provided for in the relevant agreement, necessary matters concerning the preceding four paragraphs shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Treatment of Credits for Courses Taken at Foreign University or Junior College during Leave of Absence)

- Article 34-2 If it is deemed educationally beneficial, credits acquired for courses that a student has taken at a foreign university or junior college having an agreement with the University during his or her leave of absence may be deemed as credits acquired at the University.
- 2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if there are unavoidable circumstances, credits acquired for courses that a student has taken at a foreign university or junior college under no agreement during his or her leave of absence may be deemed as credits acquired at the University, after deliberation by the Faculty Council.
- 3 The number of credits that may be deemed to have been acquired pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs shall not exceed 60 credits, together with the number of credits deemed to have been acquired at the University pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the preceding Article.
- 4 Necessary matters concerning the preceding three paragraphs shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Learning at Educational Institutions, etc., Other than Universities)

- Article 35 If it is deemed educationally beneficial, a student's learning at a junior college or a graduate program at a college of technology, or other learning separately determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology may be deemed as his or her taking of courses at the University for which credits may be granted.
- 2 The number of credits that may be granted pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall not exceed 60 credits, together with the number of credits deemed to have been acquired at the University pursuant to Article 34, paragraphs 3 and 4, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Article.
- 3 Necessary matters concerning the preceding two paragraphs shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Recognition of Credits Acquired Before Admission, etc.)

- Article 36 If it is deemed educationally beneficial, credits acquired for courses that a student has taken at a university or junior college (including a foreign university or junior college) before being admitted to the University (including credits that a student has acquired as a credited auditor or a Special Program Student; hereinafter referred to as "Credits Acquired") may be deemed as credits acquired for courses that the student has taken at the University after being admitted to the University.
- 2 If it is deemed educationally beneficial, the learning provided for in paragraph 1 of the preceding Article that a student did before being admitted to the University may be deemed as his or her taking of courses at the University for which credits may be granted.
- 3 The number of credits, other than those acquired at the University, that may be deemed to have been acquired or may be granted pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs shall not exceed 60 credits, together with the number of credits that may be deemed to have been acquired or may be granted at the University pursuant to Article 34, paragraphs 3 and 4, Article 34-2, paragraphs 1 and 2, and paragraph 1 of the preceding Article, except for the cases of mid-program transfer, transfer, and readmission.
- 4 Necessary matters concerning the preceding three paragraphs shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules.

(Number of Years to Be Studied, etc., for Person Admitted through Mid-program Transfer, Transfer, or Readmission)

Article 37 The number of years to be studied, courses to be taken, and credits for them for a person who has been admitted pursuant to Articles 13 to 15 shall be determined after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

(Transfer between Faculties)

Article 38 The president may permit any student who desires to transfer to another faculty with the approval of the dean of his or her faculty to do so, after deliberation by the Faculty Council of the desired faculty.

(Transfer between Departments)

Article 39 The president may permit any student who desires to transfer to another department to do so, after deliberation by the Faculty Council.

Section 3 Study Abroad and Leave of Absence

(Study Abroad)

- Article 40 A person who intends to study abroad at a foreign university or junior college in accordance with Article 34, paragraph 1 or 2 must obtain permission from the dean of his or her faculty.
- 2 The period of study abroad with the permission referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be included in the years required for completion of a course of study referred to in Article 22.

(Permission for Leave of Absence)

- Article 41 If a student intends to suspend his or her studies for three months or more due to illness or any other reasons, the student may take a leave of absence with the permission of the dean of his or her faculty.
- 2 The period of leave of absence referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be within one year; provided, however, that the relevant dean may grant an extension of the leave of absence for an additional period not exceeding one year if there are deemed to be special circumstances. The same shall apply if an additional extension is sought upon the expiration of the extended period.

- Article 41-2 Notwithstanding the preceding Article, when a student belonging to the Department of Medicine in the School of Medicine is admitted early to the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine pursuant to Article 60, paragraph 1, the student may take a leave of absence with the permission of the dean of the School of Medicine.
- 2 The period of leave of absence referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be within four years; provided, however, that the dean of the School of Medicine may grant an extension of the leave of absence for an additional period not exceeding one year if there are deemed to be special circumstances. The same shall apply if an additional extension is sought upon the expiration of the extended period.

(Cancellation of Leave of Absence)

Article 42 During the period of leave of absence referred to in the preceding Article, if the reason for the leave of absence ceases to apply, the person taking the leave of absence may return to the University with the permission of the dean of his or her faculty.

(Order for Leave of Absence)

Article 43 If it is deemed appropriate for a student to suspend his or her studies for three months or more due to illness, the president shall order the student to take a leave of absence upon application by the dean.

(Treatment of Period of Leave of Absence)

Article 44 The total period of leave of absence shall not exceed three years; provided, however, that the total period of leave of absence for the student provided for in Article 41-2 shall be limited to a maximum of eight years, as separately specified by the School of Medicine.

2 The period of leave of absence shall not be included in the number of years enrolled.

Section 4 Withdrawal and Removal

(Withdrawal)

Article 45 Any student who intends to withdraw from the University must submit a request stating the reason to the dean of his or her faculty and obtain permission.

(Removal due to Illness, etc.)

Article 46 If a student is deemed to have no chance of completing his or her studies due to illness or any other reason, the president shall remove the student from the University upon application by the dean.

(Removal due to Unpaid Admission Fees, etc.)

Article 47 If a student falls under any of the following items, the dean shall remove the student from the University:

- (1) A person who fails to pay his or her admission fee payable by the due date although the person has applied for exemption from or deferred payment of the admission fee pursuant to Article 18 or 19, and then his or her application for exemption or deferred payment has been refused, or partial exemption or deferred payment has been granted to him or her;
- (2) A person who fails to pay tuition and, even after receiving a demand for payment, does not make the payment by the last day of the semester in which the due date falls.
- 2 If a person whose approval for reduction of or exemption from the admission fee or tuition has been rescinded pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Academic Support Act fails to pay his or her admission fee or tuition

payable by the due date, the dean shall remove the person from the University at the end of the academic year to which the approval pertains.

Section 5 Graduation Requirements and Bachelor's Degree

(Graduation Requirements)

- Article 48 Graduation requirements shall be to remain enrolled in the University for the period provided for in Article 22 and to acquire 124 credits (or 188 credits for the Department of Medicine in the School of Medicine; the same shall apply hereinafter) or more in accordance with the rules for each faculty.
- 2 Of the 124 credits to be acquired as graduation requirements pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the number of credits to be acquired by the class methods referred to in Article 27, paragraph 2 shall not exceed 60 credits; provided, however, that the number of said credits may exceed 60 credits if more than 124 credits are required for graduation and 64 credits (or 128 credits for the Department of Medicine in the School of Medicine) or more have been acquired through classes provided for in paragraph 1 of the same Article.

(Conferment of Bachelor's Degree)

Article 49 Pursuant to the preceding Article, a bachelor's degree shall be conferred on a person who has completed a course of study prescribed by his or her faculty and has graduated from the University.

Section 6 Tuition

(Due Date of Tuition)

Article 50 The tuition shall be divided into that for the first semester and that for the second semester, and an amount equal to one half of the annual amount must be paid during each payment period.

Semester Payment period

First semester (from April to September) From April 1 to April 30

Second semester (from October to March) From October 1 to October 31

- 2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the tuition for the second semester may be paid at the same time as the payment of the tuition for the first semester of the same academic year.
- 3 Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the tuition for the first semester or for the first and second semesters of the academic year of admission may be paid at the time of admission.
- 4 If a person is admitted to the University after the payment period referred to in paragraph 1 has passed, the person must pay the tuition for the relevant semester in the month in which the day of his or her admission falls.
- 5 If a person graduates in the middle of an academic year, the person must pay the tuition for the months up to his or her graduation on a monthly prorated basis within the payment period of the tuition for a semester in which the person is enrolled.
- 6 A person whose approval for reduction of or exemption from tuition has been rescinded pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Academic Support Act must pay his or her tuition within 14 days from the date of notification of the rescission.
- 7 No tuition already paid shall be refunded; provided, however, that if a person who has paid tuition pursuant to paragraph 2 or 3 falls under any of the following items, the amount equivalent to the tuition specified in those items shall be refunded upon request of said person:

- (1) If a person who has paid tuition pursuant to paragraph 2 takes a leave of absence or withdraws from the University pursuant to Article 45 before the payment period of the tuition for the second semester: Amount equivalent to the tuition for the second semester;
- (2) If a person who has paid tuition pursuant to paragraph 3 declines the admission by the last day of the academic year preceding the academic year of admission: Amount equivalent to the tuition for the first semester or for the first and second semesters of the academic year of admission;
- (3) If a person who has paid tuition pursuant to paragraph 3 applies for a leave of absence from the first day of the academic year of admission by the last day of the academic year preceding the academic year of admission and is granted the leave of absence pursuant to Article 41, paragraph 1: Amount equivalent to the tuition for the first semester or for the first and second semesters of the academic year of admission.

(Exemption from Tuition)

- Article 51 A person who has difficulty paying tuition due to economic reasons and has excellent academic performance, or a person who has other special circumstances, may be exempted from all or part of the tuition upon application by the person.
- 2 The treatment of the exemption from tuition provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

(Deferred Payment and Monthly Installment Payment of Tuition)

- Article 52 A person who has difficulty paying tuition by the due date due to economic reasons and has excellent academic performance, or a person who has other special circumstances, may be granted deferred payment or monthly installment payment of the tuition upon application by the person.
- 2 The treatment of the deferred payment and monthly installment payment of tuition provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed separately.

(Tuition for Student on Leave of Absence)

- Article 53 If a student is granted leave of absence by the due date for payment of tuition or if a student who has been granted deferred payment of tuition is granted leave of absence, his or her tuition shall be waived for the period from the month following the month in which the leave of absence begins (or from the month in which the leave of absence begins if the beginning date falls on the first day of the month) to the month preceding the month in which the student returns to the University on a monthly prorated basis.
- 2 When a student on leave of absence returns to the University, the student must pay the tuition for the period from the month in which the student returns to the end of the relevant semester on a monthly prorated basis at the time of the return.

(Tuition for Person Who Has Withdrawn from the University, etc.)

- Article 54 A person who has withdrawn from the University pursuant to Article 45, or has been suspended or expelled from the University pursuant to Article 55-2, paragraph 1, or has been removed from the University in the middle of a semester provided for in Article 50 must pay the tuition for the semester; provided, however, that if a person is removed from the University due to his or her death or disappearance, or pursuant to Article 47, all of his or her unpaid tuition may be waived.
- 2 If a person who has been granted deferred payment or monthly installment payment of tuition is permitted to withdraw from the University, the person may be exempted from all of the tuition payable for the months following the month in which the person withdraws on a monthly prorated basis.

Section 7 Rewards and Punishments

(Commendation)

- Article 55 If a student performs an act worthy of commendation, the president may commend the student upon the recommendation of the dean of his or her faculty, etc.
- 2 Necessary matters concerning the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed in the Kobe University Regulations on Commendation (established on February 17, 2005).

(Disciplinary Action)

- Article 55-2 If a person violates the regulations of the University and fails to uphold his or her responsibilities as a student, the president shall take disciplinary action against the student in accordance with prescribed procedures.
- 2 The disciplinary action shall be admonition, suspension, or expulsion.
- 3 If the period of suspension is three months or more, said period shall not be included in the years required for completion of a course of study referred to in Article 22.
- 4 Necessary matters concerning the preceding three paragraphs shall be prescribed in the Kobe University Rules on Disciplinary Action (established on April 1, 2004).

Chapter 3 Graduate Schools

Section 1 Admission

(Qualification for Admission to Master's Program, First-Stage Program, and Professional Degree Program)

- Article 56 A person is qualified for admission to a master's program, a First-Stage Program, and a professional degree program when falling under any of the following items:
 - (1) A person who has graduated from a university;
 - (2) A person who has been awarded a bachelor's degree pursuant to Article 104, paragraph 7 of the Act;
 - (3) A person who has completed a 16-year program in school education in a foreign country;
 - (4) A person who has completed a 16-year program in school education in a foreign country by taking, in Japan, courses in a correspondence program conducted by a school in the foreign country;
 - (5) A person who, in Japan, has completed a program at an educational institution positioned as having a program at a foreign university (limited to a program whereby a person who has completed it is deemed to have completed a 16-year program in school education in the foreign country) in the school education system of the foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
 - (6) A person who has been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a program requiring three years or more for completion at a foreign university or any other foreign school (limited to a school whose comprehensive status of educational and research activities, etc., has been evaluated by persons certified by the foreign government or relevant organizations, or a school separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as equivalent to said school) (including completing the program by taking, in Japan, courses in a correspondence program conducted by the foreign school, or completing a program at an educational institution that has been positioned in the school education system of the foreign country and has received the designation referred to in the preceding item);
 - (7) A person who has completed, on or after the date specified by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, a specialized training college's specialized program (limited to that satisfying the standards determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, including

- requiring four years or more for completion) separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- (8) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Public Notice of the Ministry of Education No. 5 of 1953);
- (9) A person who has been admitted to a graduate school pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 2 of the Act and has been recognized by the University as having academic ability suitable for receiving a graduate school education;
- (10) A person who has reached 22 years of age and has been recognized by the University as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a university graduate through individual admission qualification screening.

(Early Admission to Master's Program, First-Stage Program, and Professional Degree Program)

- Article 57 Notwithstanding the preceding Article, a person who falls under any of the following items and is recognized as having acquired the credits specified by the University with excellent results may be admitted after deliberation by the Faculty Council:
 - (1) A person who has been enrolled in a university for three years or more;
 - (2) A person who has completed a 15-year program in school education in a foreign country;
 - (3) A person who has completed a 15-year program in school education in a foreign country by taking, in Japan, courses in a correspondence program conducted by a school in the foreign country;
 - (4) A person who, in Japan, has completed a program at an educational institution positioned as having a program at a foreign university (limited to a program whereby a person who has completed it is deemed to have completed a 15-year program in school education in the foreign country) in the school education system of the foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- 2 Necessary matters concerning the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed in the relevant graduate school rules.

(Qualification for Admission to Second-Stage Program)

- Article 58 A person is qualified for admission to a Second-Stage Program when falling under any of the following items:
 - (1) A person who has a master's degree or a professional degree (meaning a professional degree provided for in Article 5-2 of the Degree Regulations (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 9 of 1953) in accordance with Article 104, paragraph 3 of the Act; the same shall apply hereinafter);
 - (2) A person who has been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree in a foreign country;
 - (3) A person who has been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by taking, in Japan, courses in a correspondence program conducted by a foreign school;
 - (4) A person who has been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree by completing, in Japan, a program at an educational institution positioned as having a program at a foreign graduate school in the school education system of the foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
 - (5) A person who has been awarded a degree equivalent to a master's degree by completing a program at the United Nations University (referred to as "United Nations University" in Article 74), which has been established based on a resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 11, 1972, as

- provided for 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);
- (6) A person who has been recognized as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person with a master's degree by completing a curriculum of a foreign school, an educational institution that has received the designation referred to in item (4), or the United Nations University and passing the equivalent of the examination and screening provided for in Article 16-2 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education No. 28 of 1974);
- (7) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Public Notice of the Ministry of Education No. 118 of 1989);
- (8) A person who has reached 24 years of age and has been recognized by the University as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person with a master's degree or a professional degree through individual admission qualification screening.

(Qualification for Admission to Doctoral Program in the Graduate School of Medicine)

Article 59 A person is qualified for admission to the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine when falling under any of the following items:

- (1) A person who has graduated from a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy (limited to that requiring six years for completion; the same shall apply hereinafter), or veterinary medicine (limited to that requiring six years for completion; the same shall apply hereinafter) at a university;
- (2) A person who has completed an 18-year program (whose last part relates to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) in school education in a foreign country;
- (3) A person who has completed an 18-year program (whose last part relates to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) in school education in a foreign country by taking, in Japan, courses in a correspondence program conducted by a school in the foreign country;
- (4) A person who, in Japan, has completed a program at an educational institution positioned as having a program at a foreign university (limited to a program that a person who has completed is deemed to have completed an 18-year program (whose last part relates to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) in school education in the foreign country) in the school education system of the foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- (5) A person who has been awarded a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree by completing a program requiring five years or more for completion (limited to a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) at a foreign university or any other foreign school (limited to a school whose comprehensive status of educational and research activities, etc., has been evaluated by persons certified by the foreign government or relevant organizations, or a school separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as equivalent to said school) (including completing the program by taking, in Japan, courses in a correspondence program conducted by the foreign school, or completing a program at an educational institution that has been positioned in the school education system of the foreign country and has received the designation referred to in the preceding item);
- (6) A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Public Notice of the Ministry of Education No. 39 of 1955);

- (7) A person who has been admitted to a graduate school pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 2 of the Act and has been recognized by the University as having academic ability suitable for receiving a graduate school education;
- (8) A person who has reached 24 years of age and has been recognized by the University as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a graduate of a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine at a university through individual admission qualification screening.

(Early Admission to Doctoral Program of Graduate School of Medicine)

- Article 60 Notwithstanding the preceding Article, a person who falls under any of the following items and is recognized as having acquired the credits specified by the University with excellent results may be admitted after deliberation by the Faculty Council:
 - (1) A person who has been enrolled in a university (limited to a program in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) for four years or more;
 - (2) A person who has completed a 16-year program (limited to that including a part related to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) in school education in a foreign country;
 - (3) A person who has completed a 16-year program (limited to that including a part related to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) in school education in a foreign country by taking, in Japan, courses in a correspondence program conducted by a school in the foreign country;
 - (4) A person who, in Japan, has completed a program at an educational institution positioned as having a program at a foreign university (limited to a program that a person who has completed is deemed to have completed a 16-year program (whose last part relates to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, or veterinary medicine) in school education in the foreign country) in the school education system of the foreign country and separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.
- 2 Necessary matters concerning the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed in the relevant graduate school rules.

(Advance to Further Education)

Article 61 A person who has completed a master's program, a First-Stage Program, or a professional degree program at a graduate school of the University and desires to advance to a Second-Stage Program or the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine may be permitted to advance after screening in accordance with the relevant graduate school rules.

(Selection of Entrants)

- Article 62 The selection of entrants to a graduate school shall be conducted under an adequate system in a fair and appropriate manner in accordance with a policy established pursuant to Article 27-2, item (3) of the University Rules.
- 2 The methods for selecting applicants for admission to a graduate school shall be separately determined by each graduate school.

Section 2 Years Required for Completion of Course of Study, Methods of Education, Requirements for Completion, etc.

(Standard Years Required for Completion of Course of Study)

Article 63 The standard years required for completion of a master's program shall be two years.

- 2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if education is mainly provided to persons with practical experience, when it is necessary for educational and research purposes, and education is not hindered thanks to appropriate methods, such as providing classes or research guidance during evenings or other specific hours or periods in addition to daytime hours, the standard years required for completion of a master's program may be set at one year or more but less than two years, depending on the department or category of students' class schedules, in accordance with the rules for each graduate school.
- 3 The graduate school, department, or category of students' class schedules that have a master's program provided for in the preceding paragraph, as well as its standard years required for completion, shall be as follows.
 - Graduate School of Human Development and Environment Department of Human Development (one-year program): One year
- 4 The standard years required for completion of a doctoral program at each of the following shall be five years, divided into two years of the First-Stage Program and three years of the Second-Stage Program: Graduate School of Humanities, Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, Graduate School of Human Development and Environment, Graduate School of Law, Graduate School of Economics, Graduate School of Business Administration, Graduate School of Science, Department of Medical Device Engineering in the Graduate School of Medicine, Graduate School of Health Sciences, Graduate School of Engineering, Graduate School of System Informatics, Graduate School of Agricultural Science, Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, and Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation.
- 5 The standard years required for completion of the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine shall be four years.
- 6 The standard years required for completion of a professional degree program at the Department of Advanced Management in the Graduate School of Business Administration shall be two years; provided, however, that if it is deemed necessary for educational and research purposes, said standard years may be set at one year or more but less than two years, depending on the category of students' class schedules, in accordance with the relevant graduate school rules.
- 7 The standard years required for completion of a professional degree program at the Department of Professional Legal Studies in the Graduate School of Law (hereinafter referred to as "Law School") shall be three years.

(Curriculum)

- Article 63-2 A graduate school (excluding the professional degree program) shall establish necessary courses by itself, formulate a plan for guidance on the preparation of dissertations, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "Research Guidance"), and systematically organize its curriculum in accordance with policies established pursuant to Article 27-2, items (1) and (2) of the University Rules.
- 2 The professional degree program shall establish necessary courses by itself in coordination with industry, etc., and systematically organize its curriculum in accordance with policies established pursuant to Article 27-2, items (1) and (2) of the University Rules.

(Methods of Education, etc.)

- Article 64 Education at a graduate school shall be conducted by providing classes for subjects and the Research Guidance.
- 2 The professional degree program shall conduct classes through case studies, field research, interactive or multidirectional discussions or question-and-answer sessions, or other appropriate methods, depending on the major field, in order to provide practical education that can achieve its objectives.

- 3 If it is deemed especially necessary for educational purposes, a graduate school may conduct education through appropriate methods, such as providing classes or the Research Guidance during evenings or other specific hours or periods.
- 4 The courses, the number of credits for them, and the Research Guidance, as well as the methods of taking them, at each graduate school shall be prescribed in the rules for the graduate school.

(Research Guidance at Graduate Schools of Other Universities, etc.)

- Article 65 If it is deemed educationally beneficial, a student may be allowed to receive necessary Research Guidance at a graduate school, research institute, etc. (including a foreign research organization) of another university (including a foreign university) based on an agreement with said graduate school, research institute, etc.; provided, however, that the period for which a student in a master's program or a First-Stage Program receives said Research Guidance shall not exceed one year.
- 2 If it is deemed educationally beneficial, a student in a Second-Stage Program may be allowed to receive joint Research Guidance at the University and a foreign graduate school, research institute, etc., based on an agreement between the University and said foreign graduate school, research institute, etc.

(Study Abroad for Research Guidance)

- Article 66 A person who intends to study abroad at a foreign university or research organization in accordance with the preceding Article must obtain permission from the dean of his or her graduate school.
- 2 The period of study abroad with the permission referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be included in the standard years required for completion of a course of study referred to in Article 63.

(Requirements for Completion of Master's Program and First-Stage Program)

- Article 67 The requirements for completion of a master's program or a First-Stage Program shall include being enrolled in said program for two years (or one year for the Department of Human Development (one-year program) in the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment) or more, acquiring the prescribed credits, receiving necessary Research Guidance, and passing the review of a master's thesis or research achievements on a specific subject, as well as the final examination, according to the program's objectives; provided, however, that the period of enrollment in said program may be shortened to one year or more for a person who has achieved excellent results.
- 2 If credits that a person has acquired before being admitted to the University (limited to those the person has acquired after becoming qualified for admission pursuant to Article 56 or 57) are deemed as credits acquired at the University pursuant to Article 36 (excluding paragraph 2), as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 75 following the replacement of terms, when it is recognized that the person has partially completed the curriculum of a master's program or a First-Stage Program at the University as a result of acquiring said credits, the person may be deemed to have been enrolled for a period, not exceeding one year, determined by the relevant graduate school in consideration of the number of said credits, the period required to acquire them, and others; provided, however, that even in this case, the person shall be enrolled in said program for at least one year.

(Requirements for Completion of Doctoral Program)

Article 68 The requirements for completion of a doctoral program (excluding the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine) shall include being enrolled in the Second-Stage Program for three years or more, acquiring the prescribed credits, receiving necessary Research Guidance, and passing the review of a doctoral thesis and the

- final examination; provided, however, that the period of enrollment in said program may be shortened to one year (or, for a person who has completed a master's program or a First-Stage Program with an enrollment period of less than two years, a total of three years including said enrollment period) or more for a person who has achieved excellent research results.
- 2 Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if a person who has been recognized as having academic ability equivalent or superior to that of a person with a master's degree or a professional degree with regard to the qualification for admission to a graduate school pursuant to Article 156 of the Ordinance for Enforcement or a person who has completed a professional degree program is admitted to a three-year second stage doctoral program, the requirements for completion of the doctoral program shall include being enrolled in a graduate school (excluding the professional degree program; the same shall apply hereinafter in this paragraph) for three years (or two years for a person who has completed a program at a law school referred to in Article 18, paragraph 1 of the Standards for the Establishment of Graduate Schools) or more, receiving necessary Research Guidance, and passing the review of a doctoral thesis and the examination conducted by said graduate school; provided, however, that the period of enrollment in the graduate school may be shortened to one year (or, for a person who has completed a professional degree program whose standard years required for completion is one year or more but less than two years, the period obtained by subtracting said period of one year or more but less than two years from three years) or more for a person who has achieved excellent research results.
- 3 The requirements for completion of the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine shall include being enrolled in said program for four years or more, acquiring the prescribed credits, receiving necessary Research Guidance, and passing the review of a doctoral thesis and the final examination; provided, however, that the period of enrollment in said program may be shortened to three years or more for a person who has achieved excellent research results.
- 4 If credits that a person has acquired before being admitted to the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine (limited to those the person has acquired after becoming qualified for admission pursuant to Article 59 or 60) are deemed as credits acquired at the University pursuant to Article 36 (excluding paragraph 2), as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 75 following the replacement of terms, when it is recognized that the person has partially completed the curriculum of the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine as a result of acquiring said credits, the person may be deemed to have been enrolled for a period, not exceeding one year, determined by the graduate school in consideration of the number of said credits, the period required to acquire them, and others.

(Requirements for Completion of Professional Degree Program)

- Article 69 The requirements for completion of a professional degree program (excluding the Law School; the same shall apply hereinafter in this Article) shall include being enrolled in said program for two years (or, for a graduate school, department, or category of students' class schedules whose standard years required for completion is other than two years, said standard years required for completion) or more and acquiring the prescribed credits.
- 2 With regard to the period of enrollment in a professional degree program, when there are any credits acquired before admission that have been recognized pursuant to Article 75 (limited to those a person has acquired after becoming qualified for admission pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 1 of the Act), the person may be deemed to have been enrolled in said program for a period, not exceeding one half of the standard years required for completion of said program, determined by the relevant graduate school in consideration of the number of said

- credits, the period required to acquire them, and others; provided, however, that even in this case, the person shall be enrolled in said program for at least one year.
- 3 The requirements for completion of the Law School shall include being enrolled in the relevant program for three years or more and acquiring the prescribed credits.
- 4 With regard to the period of enrollment in the Law School, when there are any credits acquired before admission that have been recognized pursuant to Article 75 (limited to those a person has acquired after becoming qualified for admission pursuant to Article 102, paragraph 1 of the Act), the person may be deemed to have been enrolled for a period, not exceeding one year, determined by the relevant graduate school in consideration of the number of said credits, the period required to acquire them, and others.
- 5 With regard to the period of enrollment provided for in paragraph 3, the Law School may deem a person who has been recognized as having fundamental knowledge of law to have been enrolled for a period, not exceeding one year, including any period for which the person is deemed to have been enrolled pursuant to the preceding paragraph, determined by the relevant graduate school; and with regard to the credits provided for in paragraph 3, the Law School may deem said person to have acquired credits, not exceeding 30 credits, including any credits the person is deemed to have acquired pursuant to Articles 74, 74-2, 74-3, and 75, recognized by the graduate school; provided, however, that when the requirements for completion include acquiring more than 93 credits, the maximum number of credits deemed acquired, i.e. 30, may be increased by the number of credits required in excess of 93, to the extent recognized by the graduate school.
- 6 In the case of application of the preceding paragraph to a person who has completed an accredited coordinated introductory program for jurists (including a program at a university having a jurist training coordination agreements only with a law school other than the Law School of the University) and has been admitted to the Law School, or a person who has been recognized by the graduate school as having knowledge equivalent to that of said person, "30 credits" and "30" shall be replaced with "46 credits" and "46," respectively.

(Dissertations and Final Examinations)

Article 70 Matters concerning dissertations and final examinations shall be prescribed in the degree regulations.

(Conferment of Master's and Doctor's Degrees and Professional Degree)

Article 71 A person who has completed a prescribed course of study at a graduate school shall be awarded a master's or a doctor's degree, or a professional degree, according to the program.

2 Matters concerning the degrees referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be prescribed in the degree regulations.

Section 3 Provisions Applied Mutatis Mutandis

(Provisions Applied Mutatis Mutandis)

Article 72 The following provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis to graduate schools; provided, however, that when Article 24 applies mutatis mutandis to a doctoral program other than the doctoral program in the Graduate School of Medicine, the standard years required for completion of a course of study shall be divided into the First-Stage Program and the Second-Stage Program: Article 12 (Time of Admission), Article 14 (Transfer), Article 15 (Readmission), Article 16 (Application for Admission), Article 17 (Admission Procedure), Article 18 (Exemption from Admission Fee) (excluding paragraph 2), Article 19 (Deferred Payment of Admission Fee, etc.), Article 20 (Exemption from Admission Fee Due to Death, etc.), Article 21 (Pledge), Article 22 (Years Required for Completion of Course of Study) (excluding paragraphs 1, 2, and 3), Article 24 (Maximum Period of Enrollment), Article 27 (Class Methods), Article 31 (Granting of Credits), Article 32 (Standards for Credits) (excluding

paragraphs 2 and 3), Article 33 (Taking of Courses at Other Faculties), Article 38 (Transfer between Faculties), Article 39 (Transfer between Departments), Article 45 (Withdrawal), Article 46 (Removal due to Illness, etc.), Article 47 (Removal due to Unpaid Admission Fees, etc.), Articles 50 to 54 (Tuition), Article 55 (Commendation), and Article 55-2 (Disciplinary Action).

(Upper Limit for Registration for Subjects to Take)

Article 73 Article 29, paragraph 1 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the upper limit for registration for subjects to take by a student in the professional degree program. In this case, "rules for each faculty" shall be replaced with "rules for each graduate school."

(Grade Evaluation Criteria)

- Article 73-2 Article 30 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the grade evaluation criteria of graduate schools (excluding the professional degree program). In this case, "Each faculty" shall be replaced with "Each graduate school," and "teaching methods and plans" shall be replaced with "teaching and Research Guidance methods and plans."
- 2 Article 30 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the grade evaluation criteria of the professional degree program. In this case, "Each faculty" shall be replaced with "The professional degree program."

(Taking of Courses at Graduate Schools of Other Universities)

Article 74 Article 34 shall apply mutatis mutandis when a graduate school student takes courses at a graduate school of another university (including a foreign university). In this case, "60 credits" in paragraph 3 of the same Article shall be replaced with "15 credits (or 30 credits for a Law School student (provided, however, that when the requirements for completion include acquiring more than 93 credits, the maximum number of credits deemed acquired, i.e. 30, may be increased by the number of credits required in excess of 93, to the extent recognized by the graduate school))"; "the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology are taken in Japan" in paragraph 4 of the same Article shall be replaced with "the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology are taken in Japan, and when courses in the curriculum of the United Nations University are taken"; and "faculty rules" in paragraph 5 of the same Article shall be replaced with "graduate school rules."

(Treatment of Credits for Courses Taken at Graduate School of Foreign University during Leave of Absence)

Article 74-2 Article 34-2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to credits acquired for courses that a graduate school student has taken at a foreign university during his or her leave of absence. In this case, "a foreign university or junior college" in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the same Article shall be replaced with "a graduate school of a foreign university"; "60 credits" in paragraph 3 of the same Article shall be replaced with "15 credits (or 30 credits for a Law School student (provided, however, that when the requirements for completion include acquiring more than 93 credits, the maximum number of credits deemed acquired, i.e. 30, may be increased by the number of credits required in excess of 93, to the extent recognized by the graduate school))"; and "faculty rules" in paragraph 4 of the same Article shall be replaced with "graduate school rules."

(Learning in Special Programs Organized by Graduate Schools)

Article 74-3 Article 35 shall apply mutatis mutandis to learning in a special program organized by a graduate school pursuant to Article 83-2. In this case, "learning at a junior college or a graduate program at a college of technology, or other learning separately determined by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology" in paragraph 1 of the same Article shall be replaced with "learning in a special program organized

by a graduate school pursuant to Article 83-2 (limited to when the requirements for the program include being qualified for admission to a graduate school pursuant to Article 56)"; "Article 34, paragraphs 3 and 4, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Article" and "60 credits" in paragraph 2 of the same Article shall be replaced with "Article 34, paragraphs 3 and 4, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of the preceding Article, as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 74-3 following the replacement of terms" and "15 credits (or 30 credits for a Law School student (provided, however, that when the requirements for completion include acquiring more than 93 credits, the maximum number of credits deemed acquired, i.e. 30, may be increased by the number of credits required in excess of 93, to the extent recognized by the graduate school))," respectively; and "faculty rules" in paragraph 3 of the same Article shall be replaced with "graduate school rules."

(Recognition of Credits Acquired Before Admission)

Article 75 Article 36 (excluding paragraph 2) shall apply mutatis mutandis to the recognition of credits acquired by a graduate school student before admission. In this case, "a university or junior college" in paragraph 1 of the same Article shall be replaced with "a graduate school"; "the preceding two paragraphs" and "60 credits, together with the number of credits that may be deemed to have been acquired or may be granted at the University pursuant to Article 34, paragraphs 3 and 4, Article 34-2, paragraphs 1 and 2, and paragraph 1 of the preceding Article" in paragraph 3 of the same Article shall be replaced with "paragraph 1, as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 75 following the replacement of terms" and "15 credits, and also shall not exceed 20 credits, together with the number of credits that may be deemed to have been acquired at the University pursuant to Article 34, paragraphs 3 and 4, as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 74 following the replacement of terms, Article 34-2, paragraphs 1 and 2, as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 74-2 following the replacement of terms, and paragraph 1 of the preceding Article, as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 74-3 following the replacement of terms (provided, however, that the number of said credits shall not exceed 15 credits for a professional degree program student (excluding a Law School student), or 30 credits (excluding any credits deemed acquired in excess of 30 credits pursuant to Articles 74, 74-2, and 74-3) for a Law School student)," respectively; and "the preceding three paragraphs" and "faculty rules" in paragraph 4 of the same Article shall be replaced with "paragraph 1 and the preceding paragraph, as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 75 following the replacement of terms" and "graduate school rules," respectively.

(Study Abroad)

Article 76 Article 40 shall apply mutatis mutandis to a graduate school student's study abroad at a foreign university. In this case, "Article 34, paragraph 1 or 2" and "dean of his or her faculty" in paragraph 1 of the same Article shall be replaced with "Article 74" and "dean of his or her graduate school," respectively; and "Article 22" in paragraph 2 of the same Article shall be replaced with "Article 63."

(Leave of Absence)

Article 77 Article 41, paragraph 1, Article 42, Article 43, and Article 44, paragraph 2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to a graduate school student's leave of absence, which shall be also prescribed in the rules for each graduate school.

Chapter 4 Degree Programs

(Degree Programs)

Article 77-2 In addition to the curriculum organized by each faculty and graduate school, degree programs for the purpose of obtaining degrees may be established in order to implement systematic and consistent education

- developed under an organizational guidance system that transcends the boundaries of faculties or graduate schools based on clear objectives for human resources development.
- 2 Necessary matters concerning the implementation of degree programs shall be prescribed separately.

Chapter 5 Special Auditing Students, Special Research Students, Credited Auditors, Auditors, Research Students, Post-graduate Students, and Special International Students

(Special Auditing Students)

- Article 78 In accordance with an agreement with another university, junior college (including a foreign university or junior college), or college of technology, any student at said university (including graduate school), junior college, or college of technology who intends to take a course or educational program prescribed separately at the University may be accepted as a special auditing student.
- 2 In addition to what is provided for in the relevant agreement, matters concerning special auditing students shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules, graduate school rules, etc.

(Special Research Students)

- Article 79 In accordance with an agreement with a graduate school of another university (including a foreign university), any student at said graduate school who intends to receive Research Guidance at the University may be accepted as a special research student.
- 2 In addition to what is provided for in the relevant agreement, matters concerning special research students shall be prescribed in the relevant graduate school rules.

(Credited Auditors)

- Article 80 Any person who intends to take one or more courses established by the University may be accepted as a credited auditor.
- 2 Credit(s) may be granted to a credited auditor.
- 3 Matters concerning credited auditors shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules and graduate school rules.

(Auditors, Research Students, and Post-graduate Students)

- Article 81 Any person who intends to audit one or more courses established by the University may be accepted as an auditor.
- 2 Any person who intends to research a specific matter may be accepted as a research student.
- 3 Any faculty graduate of the University who intends to further research a specific specialized matter may be accepted as a post-graduate student.
- 4 Matters concerning auditors, research students, and post-graduate students shall be prescribed in the relevant faculty rules, graduate school rules, and rules for post-graduate students, respectively.

(Due Date of Tuition)

Article 82 With regard to tuition for special auditing students, special research students, credited auditors, auditors, research students, and post-graduate students, depending on the expected period of enrollment, an amount equivalent to three or six months' tuition shall be paid in the initial month of said period, and if the expected period of enrollment is less than three or six months, an amount equivalent to the period must be paid in the initial month of said period.

(Special International Students)

- Article 83 Any foreign national who applies for admission to a faculty or graduate school of the University as a special international student not pursuant to Article 10, Article 56, Article 58, or Article 59 may be accepted after deliberation by the Faculty Council.
- 2 A degree provided for in Article 49 or 71 shall be conferred on the student referred to in the preceding paragraph when he or she completes a course of study at the faculty or graduate school.

Chapter 6 Special Programs

(Special Programs)

- Article 83-2 Special programs provided for in Article 105 of the Act (hereinafter referred to as "Special Programs") may be organized for persons other than the students at the University.
- 2 Necessary matters concerning the organization and implementation of Special Programs shall be prescribed separately.

Chapter 7 Amounts of Tuition, Admission and Entrance Examination Fees

(Amounts of Tuition, Admission and Entrance Examination Fees)

Article 84 Tuition, and admission and entrance examination fees (hereinafter referred to as "Tuition, etc.") at the University shall be the amounts specified in the Regulations on the Amounts of Tuition, Admission and Entrance Examination Fees and Rents at the Kobe University (established on April 1, 2004).

(Non-Collection of Tuition, etc.)

- Article 84-2 Notwithstanding the preceding Article, no Tuition, etc., shall be collected from Japanese government scholarship students under the Guidelines for Implementation of the Japanese Government Scholarship Students Program (Ruling of the Minister of Education on March 31, 1954).
- 2 Notwithstanding Article 82 and the preceding Article, the Tuition, etc., may not be collected from special auditing students and special research students in accordance with the agreement provided for in Article 78, paragraph 1 or Article 79, paragraph 1.
- 3 Notwithstanding the preceding Article, admission and entrance examination fees may not be collected from credited auditors who are educational staff dispatched to the University in accordance with Article 22, paragraph 2 or 3 of the Special Act for Education Personnel (Act No. 1 of 1949) (hereinafter referred to as "Active Educational Staff").
- 4 Notwithstanding Article 82 and the preceding Article, no Tuition, etc., shall be collected from credited auditors who take courses at a graduate school in accordance with Article 33-2, paragraph 2.
- 5 Notwithstanding Article 82 and the preceding Article, the Tuition, etc., may not be collected from auditors and research students who are Active Educational Staff.
- 6 Notwithstanding Article 82 and the preceding Article, no Tuition, etc., shall be collected from teachers at schools attached to the University who have been admitted as credited auditors, auditors, or research students, while retaining their current positions, with the approval of the president.
- 7 Notwithstanding the preceding Article, the Tuition, etc., may not be collected from special international students if approved by the president.

Chapter 8 Teaching Certificate

(Acquisition of Qualification Required for Issuance of Teaching Certificate)

- Article 85 A person who intends to acquire a qualification required for the issuance of a teaching certificate must acquire the necessary credits specified 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 No. 26 of 1954).
- 2 The types, etc., of teaching certificates for which required qualifications can be acquired pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall be governed by the relevant faculty rules and graduate school rules.

Supplementary Provisions

- 1 These Rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2004; provided, however, that the part regarding the admission quota for third-year transfer students in the Faculty of Maritime Sciences in Appended Table 1 Faculties shall come into effect on April 1, 2006.
- 2 The Department of Economic Legal Studies, the Department of Public Legal Studies, and the Department of Political Social Science Studies in the Graduate School of Law provided for in Article 2, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as "Former University Rules") prior to their repeal under Article 1 of the Rules for Repeal of the Rules of Kobe University, etc. (established on April 1, 2004) shall continue to exist until the day on which persons enrolled in the First-Stage Program or the Second-Stage Program at each of said departments as of March 31, 2004, cease to be enrolled in said program, notwithstanding Article 4, paragraph 1 of the revised Kobe University General Rules for Students (hereinafter referred to as "New Rules").
- 3 Each of the departments in faculties or graduate schools that are to continue to exist pursuant to the Former University Rules and in which students are enrolled as of March 31, 2004, shall continue to exist until the day on which persons enrolled in said department, or the First-Stage Program or the Second-Stage Program at said department, as of March 31, 2004, cease to be enrolled in said department or program, notwithstanding Article 3 and Article 4, paragraph 1 of the New Rules.
- 4 Pursuant to Article 17 of the Supplementary Provisions of the National University Corporation Act (Act No. 112 of 2003), the Faculty of Maritime Sciences and the Graduate School of Natural Sciences shall have the following programs and departments until persons who are enrolled in Kobe University of Mercantile Marine as of March 31, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "Students Enrolled"), cease to be enrolled, in order for each of the Students Enrolled to continue to take, at the University, the curriculum that was required at Kobe University of Mercantile Marine for graduation from the same university or for the completion of a course of study at a graduate school of the same university.

Faculty of Maritime Sciences Mercantile Marine Systems Studies Program, Transportation Information

Systems Engineering Program, Marine Electronic Mechanical Engineering

Program, and Power Systems Engineering Program

Graduate School of Natural Sciences

Two-year First-Stage Program Department of Mercantile Marine Systems Studies, Department of

Transportation Information Systems Engineering, Department of Marine Electronic Mechanical Engineering, and Department of Power

Systems Engineering

Three-year Second-Stage Program Department of Marine Transportation Systems Science and Department

of Marine Mechanical Energy Engineering

5 Necessary matters concerning education for the Students Enrolled, such as taking curricula of the programs and departments provided for in the preceding paragraph, shall be determined by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Maritime Sciences and that of the Graduate School of Natural Sciences.

Supplementary Provisions between the original and the latest are omitted.

Supplementary Provisions (March 25, 2024)

- 1 These Rules shall come into effect on April 1, 2024.
- 2 The admission quotas and total enrollment capacity of the School of Medicine, the Department of Medicine in the School of Medicine, and all faculties from the 2024 academic year to the 2029 academic year shall be as specified in Supplementary Provisions Appended Table 1, notwithstanding the Appended Table.
- 3 The sum of the total enrollment capacity of departments whose admission quotas are to be revised pursuant to the provisions for revising the Appended Table and the total enrollment capacity of doctoral programs from the 2024 academic year to the 2026 academic year shall be as specified in Supplementary Provisions Appended Table 2, notwithstanding the revised Appended Table.

Supplementary Provisions Appended Tables 1 and 2 are omitted.

Appended Table Enrollment Capacity is omitted.