

# University Regulation on University Degrees

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## Article One

(Objective)

- 1.1 The objective of this regulation, based upon Article 13, Paragraph 1 of the Ruling on Degrees (Ministry of Education Ordinance No.9, 1953), is to make necessary determinations regarding academic degrees to be conferred by the University of Aizu (hereinafter referred to as "UNIVERSITY") other than those provided for in the Ruling on the University of Aizu (for the purpose of this regulation, hereinafter referred to as "UNIVERSITY RULING") and the Ruling on the University of Aizu Graduate School (for the purpose of this regulation, hereinafter referred to as "GRADUATE SCHOOL RULING").

## Article Two

(Degree)

- 2.1 Degrees conferred by the UNIVERSITY shall be in accordance with the following.
- (1) Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering
  - (2) Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering
  - (3) Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Engineering

## Article Three

(Requisites for Conferment of Bachelor's Degrees)

- 3.1 The Bachelor's degree shall be conferred to those individuals corresponding to Article 36 of the UNIVERSITY RULING.

## Article Four

(Requisites for Conferment of Master's Degrees)

- 4.1 The Master's degree shall be conferred to those individuals corresponding to Article 36, Paragraph 36.1 of the GRADUATE SCHOOL RULING.

## Article Five

(Requisites for Conferment of Doctoral Degrees)

- 5.1 The Doctoral degree shall be conferred to those individuals corresponding to Article 36, Paragraph 36.2 of the GRADUATE SCHOOL RULING.
- 5.2 Other than those provided for in the preceding paragraph, individuals who pass the review of dissertations and the final examination in accordance with provisions provided for in Article 36, Paragraph 36.3 of the GRADUATE SCHOOL RULING, and who are recognized as having scholastic aptitudes equal to or higher than those possessed by graduates of the University of Aizu Doctoral Program may also be conferred a Doctoral degree.

## Article Six

(Submission of Academic Degree Theses/Dissertations)

- 6.1 Individuals applying for the conferment of a Master's degree in accordance with Article 4 above must submit to the University President an application form for the conferment of a degree together with either a master's thesis, in the event of those enrolled in the Graduate Department of Computer and Information Systems, or with research achievements made in specific research

themes in the event of those enrolled in the Graduate Department of Information Technologies and Project Management.

6.2 Individuals applying for the conferment of a doctoral degree in accordance with Article 5, Paragraph 1 must submit an application form for the conferment of a degree together with the degree dissertation to the University President.

6.3 Individuals applying for academic degrees in accordance with the provisions provided for in Article 5, Paragraph 5.2 above must submit the predetermined "Academic Degree Application Form," the academic degree dissertation, and the fee for review of the dissertation for the academic degree to the University President. However, payment of the fee for review of the dissertation for the academic degree shall be exempted with respect to cases where individuals, who withdraw from the Doctoral Program of the University of Aizu Graduate School after three years of enrollment or longer during which they received necessary guidance on research, apply for academic degrees in accordance with provisions provided for in Article 5, Paragraph 5.2 above, if they apply for the review of their dissertations within three years counting from the day following their withdrawal from the said program.

### **Article Seven**

(Academic Degree Theses/Dissertations)

7.1 The number of degree theses/dissertations or research achievements made in specific themes (hereinafter referred to as "DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION, ETC.") to be submitted in accordance with the provisions in the previous article shall be one set. However, other papers may be attached as a reference.

7.2 If necessary for the purpose of review, submission of materials such as models, etc. may be required.

### **Article Eight**

(Receipt of Degree Applications)

8.1 The University President, when having received an application for conferment of a degree, shall refer this matter to the Graduate School Faculty Assembly (for the purpose of this regulation, hereinafter referred to as "GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY") for review.

8.2 Received DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION, ETC. shall not be returned to APPLICANTS.

### **Article Nine**

(Thesis / Dissertation Review Committees)

9.1 Regarding the review of DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION, ETC., a Thesis/Dissertation Review Committee (for the purpose of this regulation, hereinafter referred to as "REVIEW COMMITTEE") shall be established by the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY and the REVIEW COMMITTEE shall conduct the review of a thesis/dissertation.

9.2 The REVIEW COMMITTEE shall be organized of three UNIVERSITY Graduate School faculty members with respect to the review of Master's theses or research achievements made in specific themes and of at least four UNIVERSITY Graduate School faculty members with respect to the review of doctoral dissertations.

9.3 In the event that the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY recognizes doing so as necessary, one faculty member, etc. of other graduate schools or research institutions, etc. may be included as a member of the REVIEW COMMITTEE.

### **Article Ten**

(Thesis/Dissertation, Etc. Review and Final Examination)

- 10.1 The REVIEW COMMITTEE shall conduct the review of DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION, ETC. and final examination.
- 10.2 Final examinations shall be conducted orally or in writing within the DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION, ETC. review period centering on the contents of the DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION, ETC. as well as the fields related thereto.

#### **Article Ten-Two**

(Evaluation of Scholastic Aptitude)

- 10-2.1 Evaluation of scholastic aptitude of relevant applicants to confirm if they have academic achievements equal to or higher than those possessed by graduates of the UNIVERSITY Doctoral Program in accordance with the provisions provided for in Article 5, Paragraph 5.2 shall be conducted by the REVIEW COMMITTEE orally or in writing for subjects related to the said individuals' DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION and for foreign language ability.
- 10-2.2 With regard to the evaluation of academic achievement provided for in the preceding paragraph, individuals applying for academic degrees in accordance with the provisions provided for in the clause starting with "However" in Article 6, Paragraph 6.2 above may be exempted from this evaluation by way of deliberation by the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY.

#### **Article Eleven**

(Review Period)

- 11.1 The DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION review for individuals applying for the review in accordance with provisions provided for in Article 6, Paragraphs 1 or 2 above shall be completed within the enrollment period of the individuals applying for the conferment of a degree.
- 11.2 With regard to individuals applying for a review in accordance with the provisions provided for in Article 6, Paragraph 3 above, the review must be completed within one year counting from the day when their applications were accepted. However, the period of review may be extended by way of deliberation within the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY if there are special reasons for the extension.

#### **Article Twelve**

(Review Committee Report)

- 12.1 The REVIEW COMMITTEE, upon completion of a review of a DEGREE THESIS/DISSERTATION, ETC., a final examination and evaluation of scholastic achievements, shall immediately report those results in writing, along with opinions as to whether a degree should be conferred to the relevant student, to the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY.

#### **Article Thirteen**

(Deliberations within the Graduate School Faculty Assembly)

- 13.1 The GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY, based upon the report described in Article 12, shall conduct deliberations and a vote as to whether a degree should or should not be conferred to the relevant student.
- 13.2 Within Paragraph 13.1, the vote as to whether a degree can be conferred must be approved by at least two-thirds of the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY members attending to the meeting which is in session with the presence of more than two-thirds of the constituent members (excluding those on a leave of absence and/or business travel).
- 13.3 The Dean of the Graduate School, in situations in which the vote provided for in preceding paragraph was conducted in the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY, must immediately

report in writing that result to the University President.

#### **Article Fourteen**

(Conferring Degrees)

14.1 The University President shall, to individuals corresponding to the provisions of Article 3 herein and individuals to whom degrees should be conferred taking into account the report in Article 13 above, confer the prescribed degree and shall notify individuals to whom a degree cannot be conferred of that fact.

#### **Article Fifteen**

(Public Announcement of Dissertations' Abstracts, Etc.)

15.1 The University President, when having conferred a doctoral degree and within three months from the day on which the corresponding doctoral degree was conferred, shall publicly announce the abstract of the Doctoral dissertations and the summary of the review results through the Internet.

#### **Article Sixteen**

(Public Announcement of Doctoral Dissertations)

16.1 Individuals having been conferred a doctoral degree, within one year from the day on which the corresponding degree was conferred, must release and publicly announce that Doctoral dissertation through the Internet. However, when the contents of the corresponding dissertation have previously been released and publicly announced, this limitation shall not apply.

16.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 16.1 above and in situations in which there are unavoidable reasons, an outline, in exchange for a complete copy of the corresponding dissertation, of contents can be released and publicly announced upon obtaining the approval of the University President through the Internet. In this situation, a complete copy of that dissertation shall be provided for inspection in response to request by the University President. When unavoidable reasons no longer exist, the corresponding dissertation shall be released and publicly announced immediately.

#### **Article Seventeen**

(Degree Titles)

17.1 In situations in which individuals conferred a degree from the UNIVERSITY use the name of the degree, the UNIVERSITY name shall be added in accordance with the following.

- (1) Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, the University of Aizu
- (2) Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, the University of Aizu
- (3) Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science and Engineering, the University of Aizu

#### **Article Eighteen**

(Invalidation of Degrees)

18.1 With respect to individuals conferred a Master's degree or a Doctoral degree, when the fact that the degree was obtained through dishonest means is discovered or when there have been acts which defame the honor of being conferred the degree, the University President may invalidate a previously conferred degree and demand the return of the degree certificate according to a decision made by the Faculty Assembly or the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY.

18.2 In situations involving a vote on the matter in the preceding paragraph by the GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY ASSEMBLY, the provisions in Article 13, Paragraph 13.2 herein shall apply correspondingly.

**Article Nineteen**

(Degree Certificate and Document Format)

19.1 The format of degree certificates and documents related to the application for the conferment of degrees shall be in accordance with attached form No. 1 through attached form No. 7.

**ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

1. This regulation shall be enforced as of April 1, 2006.

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