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Chapter 1 General Provisions

Purpose:

Article 1. The Regulations prescribe matters necessary to a student's learning at Hiroshima University Graduate School (hereafter, This Graduate School), based on stipulations in Article 18 of Hiroshima University Regulations (April 1, 2004 Regulation No. 1).

Aims of This Graduate School:

Article 2. Based on the principles of Hiroshima University, This Graduate School aims to contribute to the advancement of global academic culture and the improvement of the welfare of humanity by promoting basic scholarly research to master its depths, and advance general research and cutting-edge research in academic studies to pioneer new studies, and through these cultivate researchers and exceptional professionals that possess a wealth of knowledge and advanced research/practical skills.

Courses at This Graduate School:

Article 3. A master's course, doctorate course, and professional degree program shall be established at This Graduate School.

(2) The doctorate course (excluding the Biomedical Science Major/Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences) shall be divided into a first term course (hereafter, First

Term Doctorate Course) and a second term course (hereafter, Second Term Doctorate Course).

(3) The First Term Doctorate Course shall be treated as a master's course.

(4) The professional degree programs shall be the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education, which shall be treated as a professional school for teacher education, and Hiroshima University Law School, which shall be treated as a law school course.

(5) Notwithstanding the stipulations of Paragraph 2, in cases where necessary for education and research, a doctorate course composed only of a Second Term Doctorate Course may be established.

Courses and Majors, etc.:

Article 4. The following courses and majors shall be established for each of the graduate schools at This Graduate School.

Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences (Doctorate Course)

Program in Integrated Arts and Sciences

Graduate School of Letters (Doctorate Course)

Program in Humanities

Graduate School of Education (Doctorate Course)

Program in Professional Development of Teachers (Professional Degree Program)

Program in Learning and Curriculum Development (First Term Doctorate Course)

Program in Curriculum and Instruction Sciences (First Term Doctorate Course)

Program in Japanese Pedagogy, Linguistics and Cultural Studies (First Term Doctorate Course)

Program in Educational Studies (First Term Doctorate Course)

Program in Psychology (First Term Doctorate Course)

Program in Higher Education Research (First Term Doctorate Course)

Program in Education and Learning Science (Second Term Doctorate Course)

Graduate School of Social Sciences (Doctorate Course)

Program in Legal and Political Systems

Program in Social and Economic Systems

Program in Management

Graduate School of Science (Doctorate Course)

Program in Mathematics

Program in Physical Science

Program in Chemistry

Program in Biological Science

Program in Earth and Planetary Systems Science

Program in Mathematical and Life Sciences

Graduate School of Advanced Sciences of Matter (Doctorate Course)

Program in Quantum Matter

Program in Molecular Biotechnology
Program in Semiconductor Electronics and Integration Science
Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences (Doctorate Course)
Biomedical Sciences Major
Oral Health Science Major
Medicinal Sciences Major
Health Sciences Major
Medical and Dental Sciences (Master's Course)
Graduate School of Engineering (Doctorate Course)
Program in Mechanical Systems Engineering
Program in Mechanical Science and Engineering
Program in System Cybernetics
Program in Information Engineering
Program in Chemical Engineering
Program in Applied Chemistry
Program in Civil and Environmental Engineering
Program in Transportation and Environmental Systems
Program in Architecture
Graduate School of Biosphere Science (Doctorate Course)
Program in Bioresource Science
Program in Biofunctional Science and Technology
Program in Environmental Dynamics and Management
Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation (Doctorate Course)
Program in Development Science
Program in Educational Development and Cultural and Regional Studies
Hiroshima University Law School (Professional Degree Program)
Program in Law

Admission Capacity:

Article 5. The admission capacity for This Graduate School shall be as shown in the Appended Table.

Standard Term of Study for the Master's Course and First Term Doctorate Course:

Article 6. The standard term of study for the master's course and First Term Doctorate Course shall be 2 years. However, in cases where deemed necessary for education and research, in accordance with a major or a student's division of studies, the standard term of study may exceed 2 years, as provided for in each graduate school.

(2) Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding paragraph, the standard term of study may be a period of 1 year to less than 2 years for cases where education is primarily carried out for persons who have work experience and require education and research, and when there is no adverse effect to education caused by an appropriate method of

class or research instruction during the day and evening, or other specified time or period, as provided for in each graduate school.

Standard Term of Study for the Second Term Doctorate Course:

Article 7. The standard term of study for the Second Term Doctorate Course shall be 3 years.

Standard Term of Study for the Biomedical Sciences Major/Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences:

Article 8. The standard term of study for the Biomedical Sciences Major/Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences shall be 4 years.

Standard Term of Study for a Professional Degree Program:

Article 9. The standard term of study for the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education shall be 2 years, and the standard term of study for the Hiroshima University Law School shall be 3 years.

Maximum Period of Enrollment:

Article 10. The maximum period of enrollment in the same graduate school at This Graduate School shall be 4 years for the master's course, First Term Doctorate Course, and the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education (majors or a student's division of studies that prescribe a standard term of study other than 2 years shall be 2 times the number of years of said standard term of study), 6 years for the Second Term Doctorate Course and Hiroshima University Law School, and 8 years for the Biomedical Sciences Major/Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences.

Academic Year:

Article 11. The academic year shall begin on April 1st and end on March 31st of the following year.

Academic Term:

Article 12. The academic year shall be divided into 2 terms, the first semester and second semester. The first semester shall be from April 1st to September 30th, and the second semester shall be from October 1st to March 31st of the following year.

- [1] Saturdays and Sundays (Sundays and Mondays for the Program in Management/Graduate School of Social Sciences)
 - [2] Holidays stipulated in the Act on National Holidays (Act No. 178 of 1948)
 - [3] Spring Holiday: April 1st to April 7th
 - [4] Summer Holiday: August 11th to September 30th
 - [5] Winter Holiday: December 26th to January 5th of the following year
- (2) The president may change the university holidays specified in Item 3 to Item 5 of the preceding paragraph when special circumstances exist.
 - (3) Special university holidays shall be prescribed on a case-by-case basis.
 - (4) When special circumstances exist, classes may be held on the university holidays prescribed in the preceding 3 paragraphs.

Chapter 2 Admission

Admission Period:

Article 14. The admission period shall be at the start of the academic year.

- (2) Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding paragraph, admission may occur at the start of a semester.

Qualifications for Admission:

Article 15. A person that falls under any of the following items shall be eligible for admission to the master's course, First Term Doctorate Course, or professional degree program.

- [1] A person who has graduated from a university
- [2] A person conferred a bachelor's degree from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in accordance with stipulations set forth in Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the School Education Law (Act No. 26 of 1947; hereafter, Law)
- [3] A person who has completed a 16-year course of school education in a foreign country
- [4] A person who has completed a 16-year course of school education of a foreign country through the completion of class subjects in Japan conducted by a foreign school by correspondence education
- [5] A person who has completed a course in Japan at an educational facility positioned as a facility that has the curriculum of a foreign university (persons who have completed such an education are restricted to those regarded as having completed a 16-year course in said foreign country's school education) under said foreign country's school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

[6] A person conferred a degree

- [3] A person who has completed class subjects in Japan conducted by a foreign school by correspondence education and been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree
- [4] A person who has completed a course in Japan at an educational facility positioned as a facility that has the curriculum of a foreign graduate school under said foreign country's school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and has been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree or a professional degree
- [5] A person who has completed a course at the United Nations University, established based on the December 11, 1972 United Nations General Assembly resolution stipulated in Article 1, Paragraph 2 of the Act on Special Measures (Act No. 72 of 1976) incidental to enforcement of the agreement between the United Nations and Japan regarding the headquarters of the United Nations University (hereafter, United Nations University), and has been conferred a degree equivalent to a master's degree
- [6] A person who has completed a curriculum at a foreign school, an educational facility designated in Item 4, or the United Nations University, has passed an equivalent to the examination and screening stipulated in Article 16-2 of the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools, and is recognized as having academic ability equal to, or greater than, a person possessing a master's degree
- [7] A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- [8] A person who has attained the age of 24 years and has been recognized through a separate admission screening at This Graduate School as having academic ability equal to, or greater than, a person possessing a master's degree or a professional degree

Article 17. A person that falls under any of the following items shall be eligible for admission to the Biomedical Sciences Major/Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences.

- [1] A person who has completed medicine, dentistry, or a 6-year term of study of pharmaceuticals or veterinary medicine at the faculty of medicine, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, or veterinary medicine at a university, and has graduated from the faculty
- [2] A person conferred a bachelor's degree (the major field of study must be medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine) from the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education in accordance with stipulations set forth in Article 104, Paragraph 4 of the Law

- [3] A person who has completed an 18-year course (the final course must be medicine, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, or veterinary medicine) of school education in a foreign country
- [4] A person who has completed an 18-year course (the final course must be medicine, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, or veterinary medicine) of school education of a foreign country through the completion of class subjects in Japan conducted by a foreign school by correspondence education
- [5] A person who has completed a course in Japan at an educational facility positioned as a facility that has the curriculum of a foreign university (a person who completed such an education is restricted to those regarded as having completed an 18-year course in said foreign country's school education (the final course must be medicine, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, or veterinary medicine)) under said foreign country's school education system and designated separately by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- [6] A person conferred a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree through the completion of a course of study of at least 3 years at a foreign university or other school (the general circumstances of those educational and research activities, etc. shall be restricted to facilities evaluated by entities certified by said foreign government or relevant facility, or equivalent facility separately designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology) (including the completion of said course through the completion of class subjects in Japan by correspondence education conducted by said foreign school, and completion of a course at an educational facility positioned under said foreign country's school education system that has received the designation set forth in the previous item).
- [7] A person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
- [8] A person admitted to a graduate school (restricted to courses completed in medicine, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, or veterinary medicine) in accordance with stipulations set forth in Article 102, Paragraph 2 of the Law and who thereafter has been recognized as having suitable academic ability for receiving a graduate school education at This Graduate School to which s/he shall be admitted
- [9] A person who has attained the age of 24 years and has been recognized through a separate admission screening at This Graduate School as having academic ability equal to, or greater than, a person graduated from a university
- [10] A person enrolled for at least 4 years in a university course that studies medicine, dentistry, or veterinary medicine, or a course that studies pharmaceuticals with the primary aim of cultivating practical abilities related to clinical work (including a

person designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as having an equivalent education) who has been recognized as having acquired credits prescribed by This Graduate School with high marks

Application Procedure for Admission:

Article 18. A person applying for admission to This Graduate School must submit to This Graduate School the separately prescribed documents (hereafter, Application Documents) with a payment of 30,000 yen for the examination fee within a specified period

(2) In the entrance examination for Hiroshima University Law School stipulated in the following article, a selection shall take place based on the Application Documents (hereafter, 1st Selection). The examination fee in cases where a selection limited to successful applicants takes place based on scholastic ability and other matters (hereafter, 2nd Selection) shall be 7,000 yen for the 1st Selection and 23,000 yen for the 2nd Selection, notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding paragraph.

(3) The stipulations in Paragraph 1 shall apply mutatis mutandis in cases where application for admission is based on stipulations set forth in Article 39, Paragraph 1.

Examination Fee:

Article 18-2. Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding article, a person with special circumstances may be exempt from paying the examination fee.

(2) Matters necessary to the exemption of the examination fee shall be separately prescribed.

Entrance Examination:

Article 19. An entrance examination shall be held for applicants for admission.

(2) The entrance examination set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be separately prescribed.

Selection of Successful Applicants:

Article 20. The president shall select the persons to be granted admission following Faculty Meeting deliberations in each graduate school.

Admission Procedure:

Article 21. A person intending to accept the offer of admission must submit the separately prescribed documents (hereafter, Admission Documents) and pay an admission fee of 282,000 yen by a designated date.

Admission Fee Exemption, Deferment of Collection, and Non-collection:

Article 22. Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding article, a person with special circumstances may be exempt from paying the entire or half of the admission fee, may defer collection thereof, or said person's tuition may be deemed non-collectable.

- (2) Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding article, a student receiving a scholarship through the separately prescribed Hiroshima University Phoenix Scholarship Program may be exempt from paying the entire admission fee.
- (3) Notwithstanding the stipulations in the previous article, a scholarship student in the separately prescribed Hiroshima University Hikarikagayaku Scholarship Program may be exempt from paying the entire admission.
- (4) In addition to the prescriptions set forth in the preceding three paragraphs, matters necessary to the exemption, deferment, or non-collection of the admission fee shall be separately prescribed.

Offer of Admission:

Article 23. The president shall offer admission to persons who have completed the admission procedure set forth in Article 21 (including persons whose application for exemption from or, deferment of, the admission fee is pending).

Refund of the Examination Fee & Admission Fee:

Article 24. Examination fees and admission fees that have already been paid shall not be refunded.

- (2) Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding paragraph, when any of the following items apply, the fees stipulated in the applicable items shall be refunded at the request of the person who made the payment.

[1] In the entrance examination for Hiroshima University Law School stipulated in Article 19, in cases where the 1st Selection takes place and a 2nd Selection occurs, 23,000 yen shall be refunded to a person who paid the examination fee but did not pass the 1st Selection.

[2] An amount equivalent to the examination fee shall be refunded when a person who paid the examination fee did not submit the Application Documents.

[3] An amount equivalent to the admission fee shall be refunded when a person who paid the admission fee did not submit the Admission Documents.

Chapter 3 Curricula

Class Subjects & Methods of Completion:

Article 25. The class subjects and methods of completion at each graduate school at This Graduate School shall be prescribed by the by-laws of each graduate school.

- (2) Of the class subjects at This Graduate School, class subjects that may be jointly completed by students from several graduate schools (excluding those that may be completed only by students who complete the Hiroshima University Graduate School Leader Education Program prescribed in the following article) shall be separately prescribed.

Hiroshima University Graduate School Leader Education Program:

Article 25-2. The Hiroshima University Graduate School Leader Education Program shall be established as a degree program that goes beyond the traditional frameworks of academic disciplines/research areas with the purpose of nurturing leaders equipped with the ability to creatively take up issues and perceive the nature of matters based on a broad foundation of knowledge.

(2) Matters necessary to the Hiroshima University Graduate School Leader Education Program shall be separately prescribed.

Class Methods & Standard for Calculating Credits:

Article 26. The stipulations set forth in Article 19-2 of the General Provisions and the stipulations set forth in Article 19-3 of the General Provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis regarding class methods at This Graduate School and regarding the standard for calculating credits, respectively.

Research Instruction:

Article 27. A student at This Graduate School (excluding students in a professional degree program) during the period of enrollment must complete class subjects prescribed for each major, acquire the credits stipulated in Article 43, Paragraph 1, and receive instruction for the creation of a dissertation, etc. (hereafter, Research Instruction).

However, this shall not apply to a person recognized as having academic ability equal to, or greater than, a person possessing a master's degree or professional degree in terms of qualifications for admission to graduate school in accordance with stipulations set forth in Item 2 to Item 8 of Article 16, in regard to the acquisition of credits and completion of class subjects in cases where s/he is admitted to a Second Term Doctorate Course.

(2) When deemed educationally beneficial, each graduate school (excluding the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education) may approve of a student studying abroad at another graduate school or research institute, etc., or at a foreign graduate school without taking a leave of absence to receive the required Research Instruction, following discussions in advance with said graduate school or research institute, or said foreign graduate school, etc. However, the period of said Research Instruction shall not exceed 1 year in cases of approval for students in the master's course and First Term Doctorate Course.

Special Cases of Educational Methods:

Article 28. In cases where deemed a special educational requirement, education may be carried out in a suitable manner such as by conducting classes or Research Instruction, etc. in the evening or at another specified time or period in courses at This Graduate School.

Granting of Credits:

Article 29. The stipulations set forth in Article 19-4 of the General Provisions regarding granting of credits shall apply mutatis mutandis. In this case, “and attendance” shall be changed to “or research paper.”

Performance Assessment of Class Subjects:

Article 30. The assessment of performance in a class subject shall utilize the 5 levels of excellent, superior, good, fair, and poor. Excellent, superior, good, and fair shall be passing grades, while poor shall be a failing grade.

Maximum Course Registration:

Article 31. In regard to the number of credits a student must acquire as a requirement for graduation, the maximum number of credits a student may register for in 1 year or one semester shall be as prescribed by Hiroshima University Law School and the Graduate School of Education, so that a student in a professional degree program completes an appropriate number of class subjects over each year.

Long-term Completion of Curricula:

Article 32. When a student expresses the intent to systematically complete the curricula and complete a course over a certain period of time that exceeds the standard term of study due to circumstances such as having an occupation, that systematic completion (hereafter, Long-term Completion of Curricula) may be approved provided it does not present a hindrance to said graduate school.

(2) Matters necessary to the handling of Long-term Completion of Curricula shall be separately prescribed.

Acquiring Necessary Qualifications for the Granting of Teaching Credentials:

Article 33. The stipulations set forth in Article 24 of the General Provisions regarding the acquisition of necessary qualifications for the granting of teaching credentials shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Organizational Training, etc. to Improve Educational Content, etc.:

Article 34. This Graduate School shall implement organizational training and research for the purpose of improving the class content and methods of classes and Research Instruction.

Student Exchange and Studying Abroad, etc.:

Article 35. When deemed educationally beneficial, a graduate school may regard the number of credits acquired for class subjects completed in an educational course at another graduate school (including a foreign graduate school and the United Nations University) as having been acquired by completion of class subjects at This Graduate School, provided it does not exceed 10 credits (For the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education, the amount shall not exceed one half of the prescribed number of credits required to complete the program. 30 credits

for Hiroshima University Law School; however, in cases where the acquisition of over 93 credits is required for completion of Hiroshima University Law School, it may be regarded as having acquired over 30 credits, limited to the number of credits in excess), following deliberations of the Faculty Meeting in said graduate school.

- (2) The stipulations set forth in the preceding paragraph shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in cases where class subjects conducted by a foreign school by correspondence education are completed in Japan
- (3) The number of credits that may be regarded as having been acquired in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the preceding 2 paragraphs shall not exceed 10 credits in total For the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education, the amount shall not exceed one half of the prescribed number of credits required to complete the program. 30 credits for Hiroshima University Law School together with the number of credits that may be regarded as having been acquired in accordance with Paragraph 1 of the following Article and Article 45, Paragraph 2 (excluding the number of credits regarded as having been acquired that exceed 30 credits, in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the proviso to Paragraph 1 and the proviso to Article 45, Paragraph 2)).
- (4) Matters necessary to student exchange and studying abroad shall be separately stipulated.

Approval of Credits Acquired Prior to Admission:

Article 36. When deemed educationally beneficial, a graduate school may regard credits (including credits acquired as a credited auditor) acquired by completing class subjects in a curricula at a graduate school (including a foreign graduate school and the United Nations University) prior to being admitted to This Graduate School as credits acquired by completing class subjects at This Graduate School.

- (2) The number of credits that may be regarded as completed in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the preceding paragraph, in regard to credits other than those acquired at This Graduate school (including credits acquired as a credited auditor) and excluding the case of school transfer, shall not exceed 10 credits (For the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education, the amount shall not exceed one half of the prescribed number of credits required to complete the program, which includes the number of credits that may be regarded as having been acquired in accordance with stipulations set forth in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article, and Article 44, Paragraph 2. 30 credits for Hiroshima University Law School together with the number of credits that may be regarded as having been acquired in accordance with stipulations set forth in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 of the preceding Article, and Article 45, Paragraph 2 (excluding the number of credits regarded as having

been acquired that exceed 30 credits, in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the proviso to Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article and the proviso to Article 45, Paragraph 2)).

- (3) Matters necessary to the approval of credits acquired prior to admission in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the preceding two paragraphs shall be separately stipulated.

Chapter 4 Leave of Absence, Withdrawal & Transfer

Leave of Absence:

Article 37. The stipulations set forth in Article 32 to Article 34 of the General Provisions regarding leave of absence shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Withdrawal:

Article 38. The stipulations set forth in Article 35 of the General Provisions regarding withdrawal shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Transfer:

Article 39. A student applying for transfer from a course at another graduate school or the United Nations University shall obtain permission following an entrance exam, restricted to the start of each semester.

- (2) When a student at This Graduate School intends to apply for transfer to another graduate school, s/he must carry out a predetermined procedure and submit a petition.

Chapter 5 Reward and Punishment & Removal from Register

Reward:

Article 40. The stipulations set forth in Article 39 of the General Provisions regarding rewards shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Punishment:

Article 41. The stipulations set forth in Article 40 to Article 42 of the General Provisions regarding punishment shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Removal from Register:

Article 42. The stipulations set forth in Article 43 of the General Provisions regarding removal from register shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Chapter 6 Course Completion & Conferment of Degrees

Completion Requirements:

Article 43. The completion requirements for a master's course and First Term Doctorate Course shall be enrollment in a graduate school for at least 2 years (graduate schools, majors or a student's division of studies that prescribe a standard term of study of over 2 years shall be the said standard term of study), acquisition of 30 or more credits, and following the receiving of required Research Instruction, the passing of a final examination and screening for a master's thesis submitted during the enrollment period.

However, an enrollment period of 1 year or more in graduate school shall be regarded as sufficient for a student recognized by the graduate school dean following deliberations in the Faculty Meeting in said graduate school as having demonstrated outstanding achievement.

(2) In the case of the preceding paragraph, when the graduate school dean following deliberations in said Faculty Meeting in a graduate school recognizes it as appropriate in accordance with the aims of that master's course or First Term Doctorate Course, a screening of research outcomes on a particular topic may be substituted for a master's thesis screening.

(3) In cases where it is deemed necessary for the purpose of achieving the aims of a First Term Doctorate Course, in place of the screening of a master's thesis or research outcomes on a particular topic and passing of the examination stipulated in the preceding two paragraphs, completion may be accomplished by passing the following examination and screening carried out by said graduate school.

[1] An examination on advanced specialized knowledge and capabilities in a major field of study and fundamental grounding in areas related to said major field of study that are mastered and should be cultivated in said First Term Doctorate Course

[2] Screening on matters that should be acquired in the aforementioned First Term Doctorate Course regarding abilities necessary to independently execute research related to a dissertation

Article 44. The completion requirements for a doctorate course shall be enrollment in a graduate school for at least 5 years (for a person enrolled in a master's course for at least 2 years who has completed said course, the 2 years of enrollment in said course shall be included; 4 years for the Biomedical Science Major/Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences), acquisition of 30 or more credits, and following the receiving of required Research Instruction, the passing of a final examination and screening for a submitted dissertation. However, for a student recognized by the graduate school dean following deliberations in the Faculty Meeting in said graduate school as having demonstrated outstanding achievement, an enrollment period of at least 3 years (for a student in a doctorate course other than the Biomedical Science Major/Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences who has been enrolled in a master's course for at least 2 years and has completed said course, an enrollment period of 2 years in said course shall be included) in a graduate school shall be regarded as sufficient.

(2) The completion requirements for a doctorate course for a person who has completed a master's course where the standard term of study is of 1 year to 2 years, or a person who completed a master's course during the enrollment period in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the proviso for Paragraph 1 in the preceding Article, are

enrollment for a period of 3 years or longer in addition to the enrollment period in a master's course at a graduate school, acquisition of 30 or more credits, and following the reception of required Research Instruction, the passing of a final examination and screening for a submitted dissertation. However, an enrollment period of at least 3 years (including the enrollment period in a master's program) in a graduate school shall be regarded as sufficient for a person recognized by the graduate school dean following deliberations in the Faculty Meeting in said graduate school as having demonstrated outstanding research achievements.

- (3) Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding two paragraphs, for a person recognized as having academic abilities equal to, or greater than, a person possessing a master's degree or professional degree in relation to qualifications for admission to a graduate school in accordance with stipulations set forth in Item 2 to Item 7 of Article 16, the completion requirements for a doctorate course in cases of admittance to a Second Term Doctorate course shall be enrollment of at least 3 years in a graduate school, the acquisition of credits when prescriptions in said graduate school exist, and following the reception of required Research Instruction, the passing of a final examination and screening for a submitted dissertation. However, an enrollment period of at least 1 year in a graduate school shall be regarded as sufficient for a person recognized by the graduate school dean following deliberations in the Faculty Meeting in said graduate school as having demonstrated outstanding research achievements.

Article 44-2. The completion requirements for the Program in Professional Development of Teachers/Graduate School of Education shall be enrollment for at least 2 years and an acquisition of 45 or more credits (including at least 10 credits of student teaching at an elementary school ("Elementary School" is stipulated in Paragraph 1 of Article 26 of the Standards for the Establishment of Professional Graduate Schools (Ordinance of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology No. 16 of March 31, 2003); hereafter, the same shall apply) for the purpose of producing highly qualified teachers with advanced professional abilities and practical skills or other educational institution.

- (2) When deemed educationally beneficial, a person with experience working as an Elementary School teacher before enrolling in this program may be granted exemption, in part or in full, from acquiring credits for student teaching stipulated in the preceding paragraph, provided it does not exceed 10 credits.
- (3) Notwithstanding the stipulations of Paragraph 1, when a person has acquired credits prior to enrolling in this program in accordance with the stipulations in Article 36, Paragraph 2 and those credits have been deemed as having been acquired in this program, and said person has been recognized as having completed part of the curriculum by

acquiring said credits, said person may be deemed as having been enrolled in this program for a period specified by the Graduate School of Education, provided it does not exceed 1 year, taking into consideration factors such as the number of credits in question and the time it took to acquire said credits. However, even in this case, said person must be enrolled in this program for at least 1 year.

Article 45. The completion requirements for Hiroshima University Law School shall be enrollment of at least 3 years and the acquisition of a number of credits greater than that prescribed by Hiroshima University Law School of at least 93 credits. However, an enrollment period for a person recognized as having acquired credits prior to admission may be abbreviated by a period equal to the number of said credits, provided it does not exceed 1 year.

(2) Notwithstanding the stipulations of the preceding paragraph, a person recognized as having the fundamental knowledge of legal studies deemed necessary in Hiroshima University Law School (hereafter, Legal Studies Student) shall be regarded as having acquired credits within a range that does not exceed 30 credits, and may abbreviate the enrollment period by a period equal to the number of said credits, provided it does not exceed 1 year. However, in cases where acquisition of over 93 credits is required for completion, it may be regarded as having acquired over 30 credits, limited to the number of credits in excess.

(3) The number of credits that may be regarded as having been acquired by a Legal Studies Student in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the preceding paragraph shall not exceed 30 credits (excluding the number of credits regarded as having been acquired that exceed 30 credits, in accordance with the stipulations set forth in the proviso to Article 35, Paragraph 1 and the proviso to the preceding paragraph) together with the number of credits that may be regarded as having been acquired in accordance with the stipulations set forth in Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 of Article 35, and Article 36, Paragraph 1.

Conferment of Degrees:

Article 46. A person who completes This Graduate School shall be conferred a master's degree, doctorate degree, or professional degree by the president.

(2) A doctorate degree shall be conferred even upon a person who does not undertake a doctorate course at This Graduate School when such a person submits a dissertation and passes screening, and an interview.

(3) Matters necessary to the conferment of a master's, doctorate, or professional degree shall be separately stipulated.

Dissertations and Final Examinations:

Article 47. The final examination set forth in Article 43 and Article 44 shall focus on a dissertation and cover related subjects.

Article 48. The passing or failure of a dissertation and final examination shall be determined by the graduate school dean following screening at the Faculty Meeting in said graduate school.

(2) The method of the screening verdict shall be prescribed by each graduate school.

Chapter 7 Tuition

Tuition:

Article 49. Annual tuition shall be 535,800 yen (804,000 yen for Hiroshima University Law School). However, the amount for a person approved for Long-term Completion of Curricula in accordance with Article 32 shall be calculated by dividing the amount obtained by multiplying the annual tuition amount by the number of years equal to the remaining standard term of study at the time the Long-term Completion of Curricula was approved, by the number of years of said Long-term Completion of Curricula (when that amount contains a fraction less than 10 yen, the amount shall be rounded up).

(2) The entire tuition for the second semester may be exempt for students demonstrating outstanding achievement.

(3) When a person who has paid the tuition becomes exempt from paying tuition as a student demonstrating outstanding achievement, an amount equal to the tuition for the second semester shall be refunded in accordance with the request of the person who made the payment.

(4) In addition to the prescriptions in Paragraph 2, a scholarship student in the separately prescribed Hiroshima University Hikorikagayaku Scholarship Program may be exempt from paying the entire tuition.

(5) In addition to the prescriptions in the preceding paragraphs, the stipulations set forth in Article 47, Paragraph 2 to Article 51 of the General Provisions regarding payment procedures, etc. for tuition shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Chapter 8 Special Research Students

Special Research Students:

Article 50. When a person applies to receive Research Instruction at This Graduate School who is a student at another graduate school, foreign graduate school, etc., or the United Nations University, a graduate school may accept him/her as a special research student, based on discussions with said other graduate school, foreign graduate school, etc., or the United Nations University.

Tuition , etc. for Special Research Students:

Article 51. The tuition for special research students shall be an amount equal to the amount stipulated in Article 8 of the Hiroshima University Research Student Regulations (April 1, 2004 Regulation No. 10). However, tuition shall not be collected from a graduate

school student from a national university or a person who falls under any of the items below.

[1] When the tuition for said student is deemed mutually non-collectible through an inter-university exchange agreement for special research students that is concluded with a public or private university

[2] When the tuition for said student is deemed mutually non-collectible through a university exchange agreement, faculty exchange agreement, or the equivalent that is concluded with a foreign graduate school, etc.

(2) Special research students must pay the amount stipulated in the preceding paragraph by a designated date every 6 months (when the period of intended Research Instruction is less than 6 months, tuition must be paid for that period), in accordance with the period of intended Research Instruction.

(3) Tuition that has already been paid shall not be refunded.

(4) Examination fees and admission fees related to special research students shall not be collected.

Application of Regulations:

Article 52. In addition to the prescriptions set forth in this Chapter, the regulations regarding students at This Graduate School shall apply mutatis mutandis to special research students.

Chapter 9 Research Students and Credited Auditors, etc.

Research Students:

Article 53. When a person other than a student at This Graduate School applies to research a specific matter at This Graduate School, s/he may be granted admission as a research student by selection, provided it does not present a hindrance to education and research.

(2) Matters necessary to research students shall be separately stipulated.

Credited Auditors:

Article 54. When a person who is not a student at This Graduate School applies to complete one or more class subjects at This Graduate School, admissi

(2) Matters necessary to law school research students shall be prescribed by Hiroshima University Law School.

Credit Program:

Article 54-3. A credit program may be established at This Graduate School as a special course as stipulated in Article 105 of the Law for the purpose of utilizing the education and research resources at This Graduate School to actively provide learning opportunities for adults in the workforce, etc.

(2) Matters necessary to the credit program shall be separately prescribed.

Chapter 10 Teacher Organization

Teacher Organization:

Article 55. Professors or associate professors shall be in charge of classes in each graduate school (excluding Hiroshima University Law School). However, when necessary, instructors or assistant professors shall be in charge or share duties.

(2) Professors shall be in charge of Research Instruction in each graduate school (excluding Hiroshima University Law School). However, when necessary, associate professors, instructors, or assistant professors shall be in charge or share duties.

(3) Professors shall be in charge of classes in Hiroshima University Law School. However, when necessary, associate professors, instructors, or assistant professors shall be in charge or share duties.

Chapter 11 Miscellaneous Provisions

Miscellaneous Provisions:

Article 56. The graduate school dean shall report revisions to the graduate school by-laws to the president.

(2) In addition to the regulations prescribed here, the stipulations set forth in the General Provisions shall apply mutatis mutandis to matters necessary to student learning at This Graduate School.

Article 57. In cases where the General Provisions are applied mutatis mutandis to these regulations, “school dean” shall be replaced with “graduate school dean.”

Supplementary Provisions

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2008.
2. Notwithstanding the stipulations in Article 4 and the Appended Table, the Program in Education for Children with Disabilities/Graduate School of Education shall continue until persons enrolled in said major as of March 31, 2008 are no longer enrolled in said major.

Supplementary Provisions (December 16, 2008 Regulation No. 171)

This regulation shall come into effect from December 16, 2008.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2009 Regulation No. 15)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2009.
2. The admission capacity for the Program for Oral Health Sciences/Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the graduate school, and the admission capacity for all graduate schools shall be as shown in the following table for FY2009, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course
		Admission Capacity
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences	Program for Oral Health Sciences	12
	Total	138
Total		2,130

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2010 Regulation No. 13)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2010.
2. The provisions then in force regarding performance assessment of class subjects for students admitted in or before FY2009 shall remain applicable, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Article 30 of the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation (hereafter, New Regulations).
3. Each major in the Graduate School of Engineering stipulated in Article 4 of the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations prior to revision in accordance with this regulation (hereafter, Former Regulations) shall continue until persons enrolled in said major as of March 31, 2010 are no longer enrolled in said major, regardless of the stipulations set forth in the Appended Table and Article 4 of the New Regulations.
4. The admission capacity for each major in the Graduate School of Engineering and the graduate school, and the admission capacity for all graduate schools shall be as shown in the following table for FY2010 and FY2011, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the New Regulations.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course	Doctorate Course or Second Term Doctorate Course
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		Admission Capacity		
		FY2010	FY2011	
Graduate School of Engineering	Artificial Complex Systems Engineering	24	22	11
	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	36	34	17
	Social and Environmental System Engineering	43	42	21
	Mechanical System Engineering	69	47	37
	Mechanical Science and Engineering	30	10	20
	System Cybernetics	34	11	22
	Information Engineering	64	39	39
	Chemical Engineering	24	8	16
	Applied Chemistry	26	9	18
	Civil and Environmental Engineering	20	7	14
	Transportation and Environmental Systems	20	7	14
	Architecture	21	7	14
	Total	411	243	243
	Total	2,176	1,612	1,612

5. The admission capacity for the Programs for Pharmaceutical Sciences and Medicinal Sciences Major/Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the graduate school, and the admission capacity for all graduate schools shall be as shown in the following table for FY2010, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the New Regulations.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course
		Admission Capacity
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences	Programs for Pharmaceutical Sciences	43
	Medicinal Sciences Major	20
	Total	127
Total		2,176

6. The admission capacity for the Program in Law/Hiroshima University Law School and the graduate school, and the admission capacity for all graduate schools shall be as shown in the following table for FY2010 and FY2011, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the New Regulations.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course	
		Admission Capacity	
		FY2010	FY2011
Hiroshima University Law School	Program in Law	168	156
	Total	168	156
Total		2,176	2,210

Supplementary Provisions (October 19, 2010 Regulation No. 128)

This regulation shall come into effect from October 19, 2010.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2011 Regulation No. 14)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2011.
2. The admission capacity for the Second Term Doctorate Course for the Oral Health Science Major/Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the graduate school, and the admission capacity for all graduate schools shall be as shown in the following table for FY2011 and FY2012, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Doctorate Course, Second Term Doctorate Course	
		Admission Capacity	
		FY2011	FY2012
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences	Oral Health Science Major	4	8
	Total	452	456
Total		1,616	1,620

Supplementary Provisions (March 30, 2012 Regulation No. 26)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2012.
2. The Graduate School of Health Science, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and their majors stipulated in Article 4 of the Hiroshima University Graduate School

Regulations prior to revision in accordance with this regulation shall continue until persons enrolled in said majors as of March 31, 2012 are no longer enrolled in said majors, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Article 4 and the Appended Table of the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation (hereafter, New Regulations).

3. The admission capacity for each major in the Graduate School of Health Science, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences, the admission capacity for each graduate school, and the admission capacity for all graduate schools shall be as shown in the following table for FY2012 to FY2014, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the New Regulations.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course	Doctorate Course, Second Term Doctorate Course		
		Admission Capacity	Admission Capacity		
		FY2012	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Graduate School of Health Science	Health Sciences Major	34	34	17	
	Total	34	34	17	
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences	Programs for Biomedical Research		171	114	57
	Programs for Applied Biomedicine		138	92	46
	Programs for Pharmaceutical Sciences		24	12	
	Medicinal Sciences Major	20			
	Medical and Dental Sciences	20			
	Oral Health Science Major	12	4	4	
	Total	52	337	222	103
Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences	Biomedical Sciences Major		97	194	291
	Oral Health Science Major	12	4	8	
	Medicinal Sciences Major	18	3	6	

	Health Sciences Major	34	15	30	
	Medical and Dental Sciences	12			
	Total	76	119	238	357
Total		2,188	1,603	1,590	1,573

Supplementary Provisions (May 15, 2012 Regulation No. 101)

This regulation shall come into effect from May 15, 2012. However, the revised stipulations set forth in Article 25, Paragraph 2 and stipulations that add a new article following Article 25 shall come into effect from October 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provisions (June 19, 2012 Regulation No. 111)

This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2013.

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2015 Regulation No.51)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2015.
2. The admission capacity for the Program in Law/Hiroshima University Law School and the graduate school, and all graduate schools, shall be as shown in the following table for FY2015 to FY2016, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course	
		Admission Capacity	
		FY2015	FY2016
Hiroshima University Law School	Program in Law	132	120
	Total	132	120
Total		2,166	2,154

Supplementary Provisions (March 31, 2016 Regulation No.52)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from April 1, 2016.
2. Each major, excluding the Program in Educational Studies and Program in Psychology, in the Graduate School of Education stipulated in Article 4 of the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations prior to revision in accordance with this regulation shall continue until persons enrolled in said majors as of March 31, 2016 are no longer enrolled in said majors, regardless of the stipulations set forth in Article 4 and the

Appended Table of the Hiroshima University Graduate School Regulations revised in accordance with this regulation (hereafter, New Regulations).

3. The admission capacity for each major in the Graduate School of Education and the graduate school, and the admission capacity for all graduate schools shall be as shown in the following table for FY2016 to FY2017, regardless of stipulations set forth in the Appended Table for the New Regulations.

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course	Doctorate Course, Second Term Doctorate Course	
		Admission Capacity	Admission Capacity	
		FY2016	FY2016	FY 2017
Graduate School of Education	Program in Learning Science	19		
	Program in Special Education	5		
	Program in Science, Technology and Social Studies Education	35		
	Program in Language and Culture Education	34		
	Program in Lifelong Activities Education	25		
	Program in Educational Studies	29		
	Program in Higher Education Development	5		
	Program in Learning and Curriculum Development		18	9

	Program in Arts and Science Education		44	22
	Program in Education and Human Science		36	18

Hiroshima University Law School	Program in Law	104	76
	Total	104	76
Grand Total		2,153	2,140

Supplementary Provisions (July 19, 2016 Regulation No. 174)

1. This regulation shall come into effect from July 19, 2016.
2. The stipulations set forth in Article 15 and Article 17 of the Hiroshima University General Provisions revised in accordance with this regulation (hereafter, New Provisions) shall be applied from April 1, 2016.
3. The stipulations set forth in Article 18, Paragraph 2, Item 1 and Item 2 of the New Provisions shall be applied from April 14, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (October 18, 2016 Regulation No. 226)

This regulation shall come into effect from October 18, 2016.

Supplementary Provisions (February 21, 2017 Regulation No. 7)

This regulation shall come into effect from February 21, 2017.

Supplementary Provisions (March 14, 2018 Regulation No. 17)

This regulation shall come into effect from March 14, 2018.

Appended Table (related to Article 5)

Admission Capacity

Graduate School Name	Name of Major	Master's Course, First Term Doctorate Course, or Professional Degree Course		Doctorate Course, Second Term Doctorate Course	
		Student Quota	Admission Capacity	Student Quota	Admission Capacity
Graduate School of Integrated Arts and Sciences	Program in Integrated Arts and Sciences	60	120	20	60
	Total	60	120	20	60
Graduate School of Letters	Program in Humanities	64	128	32	96
	Total	64	128	32	96
Graduate School of Education	Program in Professional Development of Teachers	20	40	—	—
	Program in Learning	20	40	—	—

	and Curriculum Development				
	Program in Curriculum and Instruction Sciences	80	160	—	—
	Program in Japanese Pedagogy, Linguistics and Cultural Studies	14	28	—	—
	Program in Educational Studies	14	28	—	—
	Program in Psychology	19	38	—	—
	Program in Higher Education Research	5	10	—	—
	Program in Education and Learning Science	—	—	49	147
	Total	172	344	49	147
Graduate School of Social Sciences	Program in Legal and Political Systems	24	48	5	15
	Program in Social and Economic Systems	28	56	8	24
	Program in Management	28	56	14	42
	Total	80	160	27	81
Graduate School of Science	Program in Mathematics	22	44	11	33
	Program in Physical Science	30	60	13	39
	Program in Chemistry	23	46	11	33
	Program in Biological Science	24	48	12	36
	Program in Earth and Planetary Systems Science	10	20	5	15
	Program in Mathematical and Life Sciences	23	46	11	33
	Total	132	264	63	189
Graduate School of Advanced Sciences of Matter	Program in Quantum Matter	25	50	12	36
	Program in	24	48	11	33

	Molecular Biotechnology				
	Program in Semiconductor Electronics and Integration Science	15	30	7	21

Science	Program in Biofunctional Science and Technology	24	48	12	36
	Program in Environmental Dynamics and Management	19	38	9	27
	Total	73	146	33	99
Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation	Program in Development Science	43	86	22	66
	Program in Educational Development and Cultural and Regional Studies	28	56	14	42
	Total	71	142	36	108
Hiroshima University Law School	Program in Law	20	60	—	—
	Total	20	60	—	—
Total		1,052	2,124	490	1,567