

# National Central University Graduate Institute of Astronomy Regulations Governing Master's and Doctoral Degree Requirements\*

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- Article 1 These regulations are provided in accordance with the *National Central University Rules Governing the Master's and Doctoral Degree Qualifying Exam and Thesis Defense Article 2*.
- Article 2 Master's students are expected to earn at least 24 credit hours during their course of study; doctoral students are expected to earn at least 18 credit hours; direct-entry doctoral students are expected to earn at least 34 credit hours (of which at least 18 must be credit hours earned from doctoral courses).
- Article 3 Master's students are expected to take and pass the following required courses: Observational Astronomy , Stellar Atmosphere and Structure, Astrophysics of Galaxies , Seminar I and II. Students must submit a master's thesis and pass the oral defense of the thesis. Those who fail these requirements shall not be allowed to graduate.
- Article 4 Doctoral students are expected to complete the requirements of this Institute's *Guidelines Governing Doctoral Degree Qualifying Examination and Graduation Requirements*. Those who fail these requirements shall not be allowed to graduate.
- Article 5 Master's and doctoral students are expected to take courses offered by this Institute. Without the approval of this Institute, courses taken outside the Institute shall not be considered as graduation credits.
- Article 6 Students who have taken courses offered by this Institute before their enrollment in the Institute are eligible to apply for credit waiver in accordance with the *Course Credit Waiver Guidelines for Students in the Graduate Institute of Astronomy at National Central University*.
- Article 7 Matters not covered by these guidelines shall be conducted in accordance with relevant rules and regulations by the Ministry of Education and the University.
- Article 9 These regulations shall be implemented and entered into force upon approval by a Meeting of the Institute Affairs Committee and appraisal and ratification by a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee. The

same procedure applies to any amendment of these regulations.

\*These regulations have been translated from Chinese. In the event of discrepancies between the Chinese and English versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.