

Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Science and Technology at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology

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Regulation No. 1

Article 1 (Purpose)

These regulations stipulate matters necessary for registration by students of the Graduate School of Science and Technology in accordance with Article 34 of the Regulations of Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Regulations No. 1, 2004) (Hereinafter referred to as “NAIST Regulations”).

Article 2 (Research instructors)

1. Two or more research instructors of different courses, etc. shall be designated for each student to provide guidance on choosing subjects and preparing a degree thesis, etc. (hereinafter referred to as “research guidance”).
2. One of such research instructors shall be designated as the main research instructor.
3. Research instructors may be changed if needed in the course of studying or research guidance.

Article 3 (Research guidance)

The details of research guidance shall be defined for respective students.

Article 4 (Subject categories)

1. Subject categories and the number of credits required for completion for the master’s course shall be as shown in Appendix chart 1.
2. Subject categories and the number of credits required for completion for the doctoral course shall be as shown in Appendix chart 2.
3. The subjects, number of credits, and registration methods for the master’s course and doctoral course shall be stipulated separately.

Article 5 (Registration procedures)

1. Students must, under guidance offered by the main research instructor, choose the subjects they will take.
2. In principle, taking multiple subjects held at the same time is not permitted.

Article 6 (Awarding of credits)

1. Credits shall be awarded by means of an examination or a research report. Credits may be awarded based on an evaluation of day-to-day study activities, instead of such examination.
2. Academic performance based on an examination or a research report shall be evaluated by points (full score: 100 points); 60 points or more is deemed as a “pass”, and less than 60 points is deemed as a “fail”. For evaluation purposes, academic performance may be represented with the evaluation grade prescribed in accordance with the categories below.

(1) 90 points or more	Excellent
(2) 80 points or more	Very good
(3) 70 points or more	Good
(4) 60 Points or more	Fair
(5) less than 60 points	Fail

3. In the event that it is difficult to evaluate academic performance based on points as described in the preceding paragraph, “pass” or “fail” may be used instead of such points.
4. Prescribed credits shall be awarded to students whose academic performance is “pass” in accordance with the two preceding paragraphs.
5. Subjects whose credits have been earned cannot be taken again.

Article 7 (Approval of research guidance)

Research guidance shall be approved by the main research instructor and reported to the Dean.

Article 8 (Theme of the degree thesis)

Students shall be required to report the theme of their degree thesis by the specified date, with the approval of the main research instructor.

Article 9 (Submission of the degree thesis)

1. Students are required to submit a degree thesis by the specified date, with the approval of the main research instructor.
2. A degree thesis can be submitted by students who (i) have earned or who are expected to earn credits necessary for completion of the course and (ii) have completed the necessary research guidance offered by research instructors.

Article 10 (Disqualification of credits for students who have been expelled due to unpaid tuition)

Credits accrued during the period of unpaid tuition will be disqualified when the student has been expelled from school, pursuant to Article 53-2 (4) of Regulation.

Article 11 (Index indicating the academic performance)

An objective index indicating the academic performance related a certain period or cumulative period can be calculated and evaluated, based on the evaluation performed pursuant to Article 6-2.

Article 12 (Miscellaneous provision)

Other matters relating to registration by students shall be stipulated separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2018.

(Abolition)

2. The Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Information Science at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology, The Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology and The Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Materials Science at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “the former Registration Regulations”) are abolished.

(Transitional measures)

3. For students who were admitted in the 2017 academic year or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”) to take subjects, the previous Registration Regulations shall remain in effect even after these Regulations come into effect. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Appendix chart 1 (supplement to Article 4, Paragraph 1)

Subject Category		Number of credits required for completion
Courses	Category	
General Subjects	—	4
Science and Technology Subjects	Introduction Subjects	3
	Basic Subjects	1 2
	Specialized Subjects	
	PBL Subjects	2
Research-based Subjects	—	9
Total		3 0

Appendix chart 2 (supplement to Article 4, Paragraph 2)

Subject Category	Number of credits required for completion
Courses for research skills	3
Courses for independent research abilities	7
Total	1 0

**Registration Policies for the Graduate School of Science and Technology
at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology**

March 27, 2018

Policy No. 1

Article 1 (Purpose)

These Policies stipulate matters necessary for the subjects, number of credits, and registration methods in accordance with Article 34 of the Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Science and Technology at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Regulations No. 1, 2018) (Hereinafter referred to as “Registration Regulations”).

Article 2 (Subjects)

1. The subjects, number of credits, and registration methods for the Master’s Course shall be as shown in Schedule 1.
2. The subjects, number of credits, and registration methods for the Doctoral Course shall be as shown in Schedule 2.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Policies shall come into effect on April 1, 2018.

Curriculum table of the Graduate School of Science and Technology (Master's Course)

(1) Subject name, etc.

Courses	Category	Subject name	Subject Number	Number of credits	Number of credits required for completion	Registration Category						Remarks			
						Education Programs									
						Information Science and Engineering	Computational Biology	Biological Science	Bionanotechnology	Materials Science and Engineering	Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems		Data Science		
General Subjects	-	Techonology and Professional Ethics	1001	1	4	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	◎	two of the six subjects as elective subjects		
		Philosophy of Science	1002	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Science Communication	1003	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Intellectual Property Right	1004	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Global Entrepreneur I	1005	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Global Entrepreneur II	1006	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Global Entrepreneur III	1007	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Global Entrepreneur IV	1008	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Global Entrepreneur V	1009	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Professional Communication I	1010	1		□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	
		Professional Communication II	1011	1		□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	
		Academic Discussion	1012	1		□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	
		Research Presentation	1013	1		□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	
		Research Writing	1014	1		□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	
		Advanced Research Writing	1015	1		□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□	
		Japanese Culture	1016	2		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	International students have priority
		Japanese Course I	1017	2		△	△	△	△	△	△	△		△	For international students
		Japanese Course II	1018	2		△	△	△	△	△	△	△		△	For international students
Science and Technology Subjects	Introduction Subjects	Introduction to Information Science and Engineering	2001	1	3	○	○	○	○	○	○	○			
		Introduction to Computational Biology	2002	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Introduction to Biological Science	2003	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Introduction to Bionanotechnology	2004	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Introduction to Materials Science and Engineering	2005	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Introduction to Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems	2006	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
		Introduction to Data Science	2007	1		○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○	
	Basic Subjects	Formal Language Theory	3001	1	at least 12 credits from the basic and specialized subjects required for each educational program	□C	△	△	△	△	○	○			
		Programming Course	3002	1		□C	○	△	△	△	△	○		○	
		Principles of Signal Processing	3003	1		○	○	△	△	△	△	○		○	
		Applied Analysis	3004	1		○	○	△	△	△	△	○		○	
		Data Engineering	3005	1		○	△	△	△	△	△	○		□C	
		Machine Learning	3006	1		○	△	△	△	△	△	○		□C	
		Optics	3007	1		○	○	△	△	△	△	□C		△	
		High Performance Computing Platforms	3008	1		□C	△	△	△	△	△	□C		○	
		Software Design	3009	1		□C	△	△	△	△	△	○		△	
		Artificial Intelligence	3010	1		□C	△	△	△	△	△	△		○	
		Cell Biology	3011	1		△	○	○	○	○	△	△		△	
		Molecular Biology	3012	1		△	○	○	○	○	△	△		△	
		Cell Membranes and Transport	3013	1		△	○	○	○	○	△	△		△	
		Cell Signaling	3014	1		△	○	○	○	○	△	△		△	
		Microbial Science	3015	1		△	○	□C } select one	○	○	△	△		△	
		Plant Science	3016	1		△	○		○	○	○	△		△	△
		Biomedical Science	3017	1		△	○		○	○	○	△		△	△
		Cytoskeleton and Cell Cycle	3018	1		△	○	□C	○	○	△	△		△	
		Genetics and Stem Cell Biology	3019	1		△	○	□C	○	○	△	△		△	
		Gene Cloning and DNA Analysis	3020	1		△	○	○	○	○	△	△		△	
		Mathematical Analyses for Materials Science	3021	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	○		△	
		Quantum Mechanics	3022	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	□C		○	
		Core Quantum Mechanics II	3023	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	○		○	
		Core Physical Chemistry I	3024	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	□C		○	
		Physical Chemistry	3025	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	○		○	
		Core Solid State Physics I	3026	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	□C } combination		○	
		Core Solid State Physics II	3027	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	□C } combination		○	
		Core Molecular Science I	3028	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	○		○	
		Core Molecular Science II	3029	1		△	△	△	○	○	○	□C } combination		○	
Biomaterials Chemistry	3030	1	△	△	△	○	○	○	□C	○					
Specialized Subjects	Distributed Computing	4001	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Advanced Algorithm Design	4002	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Ubiquitous Systems	4003	1	○	○	△	△	△	△	□C	△				
	Mobile Computing	4004	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Virtual Systems Infrastructure	4005	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Software Engineering	4006	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Internet Engineering	4007	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Computer Network	4008	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Ambient Intelligence	4009	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Natural Language Processing	4010	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	△	○				
	Virtual Reality	4011	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Computer Vision	4012	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Computer Graphics	4013	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Media Information Processing	4014	1	○	△	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Wireless Communication Systems	4015	1	○	○	△	△	△	△	○	△				
	Signal Detection Theory	4016	1	○	○	△	△	△	△	○	○				

Courses Category	Subject name	Subject Number	Number of credits	Number of credits required for completion	Registration Category						Remarks		
					Education Programs								
					Information Science and Engineering	Computational Biology	Biological Science	Bionanotechnology	Materials Science and Engineering	Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems		Data Science	
Science and Technology Subjects PBL Subjects	Information Science and Engineering PBL I	5001	1	2	⊙							Only PBL subjects related to the selected Educational Program can be taken	
	Information Science and Engineering PBL II	5002	1		⊙								
	Computational Biology PBL I	5003	1			⊙							
	Computational Biology PBL II	5004	1			⊙							
	Biological Sciences PBL I	5005	1					⊙					
	Biological Sciences PBL II	5006	1					⊙					
	Bionanotechnology PBL I	5007	1						⊙				
	Bionanotechnology PBL II	5008	1						⊙				
	Materials Science and Engineering PBL I	5009	1							⊙			
	Materials Science and Engineering PBL II	5010	1							⊙			
	Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems PBL I	5011	1								⊙		
	Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems PBL II	5012	1								⊙		
	Data Science PBL I	5013	1										⊙
	Data Science PBL II	5014	1										⊙
Research-based Subjects	Seminar I	6001	1	9	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙		
	Seminar II	6002	1		⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	
	Colloquium A	6003	1		⊙	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	
	Colloquium B	6004	1		⊙	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	
	Research Experiments I	6005	2			□	□	□	□	□	□	□	
	Research Experiments II	6006	2			□	□	□	□	□	□	□	
	Research Thesis	6007	5			⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙	
Number of credits required for completion				30									
In the "Required/elective" column, ⊙, □, ○, and △ represent required subjects, required elective subjects, and elective subjects, respectively. Subjects marked △ do not count as credits toward the completion requirements. C mark represent the core subjects for each educational program.													

(2) Registration requirements

A. Students are required to earn 30 credits or more in total. The total credits must include at least 4 credits from "General Subjects," at least 3 credits from introductory subjects in "Science and Technology Subjects," at least 12 credits from the basic and specialized subjects required for each educational program (※), at least 2 credits from PBL subjects, and at least 9 credits from "Research-based Subjects".

B. Of the basic subjects, subjects that can be judged to be have earned from the undergraduate department curriculum may not be included as a unit required for the student to complete.

C. The courses indicated by (※) are required or elective subjects which are core subjects to gain specialized knowledge required by each educational program.

- In the Program of Information Science and Engineering, students are required to study at least two of the following five subjects as elective subjects. ① Formal Language Theory, ② Programming Course, ③ High Performance Computing Platforms, ④ Software Design, ⑤ Artificial Intelligence.
- In the Program of Computational Biology, students are required to study at least three of the following seven subjects as elective subjects. However, you can only choose one of ④, ⑤, or ⑥. ① Systems Biology, ② Medical Imaging Analysis, ③ Biomedical Media Informatics, ④ Applied Life Sciences · Microbial Science, ⑤ Applied Life Sciences · Plant Science, ⑥ Applied Life Sciences · Biomedical Science, ⑦ Development of Bioscience into Industry I.
- In the Program of Biological Science, students are required to study at least three of the following six subjects as elective subjects. However, you can only select one of ①, ②, or ③. ① Microbial Science, ② Plant Science, ③ Biomedical Science, ④ Cytoskeleton and Cell Cycle, ⑤ Genetics and Stem Cell Biology, ⑥ Advanced Techniques in Bioscience.
- In the Program of Bionanotechnology, students are required to study at least three of the following seven subjects as elective subjects. However, you can only select one of ③, ④, or ⑤. ① Core Molecular Science II, ② Biomaterials Chemistry, ③ Applied Life Sciences · Microbial Science, ④ Applied Life Sciences · Plant Science, ⑤ Applied Life Sciences · Biomedical Science, ⑥ Development of Bioscience into Industry I, ⑦ Biomolecular Science.
- In the Program of Materials Science and Engineering, students are required to study of the following four subjects, you must study either a two-subject combination of ① and ② or ③ and ④ as elective subjects. ① Core Solid State Physics I, ② Core Solid State Physics II, ③ Core Molecular Science I, ④ Core Molecular Science II.
Furthermore, you must study at least two of the following four subjects as elective subjects. ⑤ Biomaterials Chemistry, ⑥ Semiconductor Materials, ⑦ Optoelectronics, ⑧ Organic Synthesis and Polymer Science.
- In the Program of Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems, students are required to study at least three of the following nine subjects as elective subjects. ① Optics, ② High Performance Computing Platforms, ③ Quantum Mechanics, ④ Core Physical Chemistry I, ⑤ Ubiquitous Systems, ⑥ Human Computer Interaction, ⑦ Machine Learning and Intelligent Control, ⑧ Robotics, ⑨ Materials Informatics.
- In the Program of Data Science, students are required to study ① Data Science.
Furthermore, you must study at least one of the following three subjects as elective subjects. ② Data Engineering, ③ Machine Learning, ④ Data Mining.
Furthermore, you must study at least one of the following two subjects as elective subjects. ⑤ Big data in Bioscience, ⑥ Materials Informatics.

(3) Numbering Information

Subject numbers consist of 4-digit numbers based on levels of courses.

First digit : The first digit in the 6-digit numbers indicates levels of subjects:

- 1XXX = General Subjects (For master's course)
- 2XXX = Introduction Subjects (For master's course)
- 3XXX = Basic Subjects (For master's course)
- 4XXX = Specialized Subjects (For master's course)
- 5XXX = PBL Subjects (For master's course)
- 6XXX = Research-based Subjects (For master's course)
- 7XXX = Courses for research skills (For doctoral course)
- 8XXX = Courses for independent research abilities (For doctoral course)

From second to fourth digits : The from second to fourth digits in the 6-digit numbers indicate serial
XXXX = Serial numbers (ranging from 01 to 99)

Curriculum table of the Graduate School of Science and Technology (Doctoral Course)

(1) Subject name, etc.

Category	Subject name	Subject Number	Number of credits	Number of credits required for completion	Required/elective	Remarks
Courses for research skills	Advanced English A	7001	1	3	○	English lectures at NAIST
	Advanced English B	7002	1		○	
	Advanced English C	7003	1		○	
	Advanced English D	7004	1		○	
	Overseas English Training I	7005	2		○	English training overseas (About 3 weeks or more)
	Overseas English TrainingII	7006	2		○	
	Overseas English TrainingIII	7007	2		○	
	International Training I	7008	1		○	Presentations at a international conference
	International TrainingII	7009	1		○	
	International TrainingIII	7010	1		○	
	Study Abroad I	7011	2		○	* Registration requirements B • Internship at an overseas corporation to perform research (About 3 weeks or more) • Research activities at a overseas partner laboratory or research institution (About 3 weeks or more) • Overseas research
	Study Abroad II	7012	2		○	
	Study AbroadIII	7013	2		○	
	Seminar for International Workshop Planning	7014	1		○	Plan an international student workshop, etc.
	Project Management I	7015	1		○	Management of research project, etc
	Project Management II	7016	1		○	
	Project ManagementIII	7017	1		○	
	Special Lectures in Information Science and Engineering	7018	1		○	Special lectures corresponding to seven educational programs in the Master's course
	Special Lectures in Computational Biology	7019	1		○	
	Special Lectures in Biological Science	7020	1		○	
Special Lectures in Bionanotechnology	7021	1	○			
Special Lectures in Materials Science and Engineering	7022	1	○			
Special Lectures in Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems	7023	1	○			
Special Lectures in Data Science	7024	1	○			
Innovation ManagementA	7025	1	○	* Registration requirements B		
Innovation ManagementB	7026	1	○			
Career ManagementA	7027	1	△			
Career ManagementB	7028	1	△			
Courses for independent research abilities	Research Status Hearing	8001	1		◎	Research status hearing (A mid-term report)
	Doctoral Research I	8002	3		○	(The first half-year)
	Doctoral Research II	8003	3		○	(The second half-year)
	Doctoral Research III	8004	3	7	○	(The third half-year)
	Doctoral Research IV	8005	3		○	(The fourth half-year)
	Doctoral Research V	8006	3		○	(The fifth half-year)
	Doctoral Research VI	8007	3		○	(The sixth half-year)
Number of credits required for completion				10		
In the "Required/elective" column, ◎, □, ○, and △ represent required subjects, required elective subjects, and elective subjects, respectively. Subjects marked △ do not count as credits toward the completion requirements.						

* This curriculum is also used for double degree program students.

(2) Registration requirements

A. Students are required to earn 10 credits or more in total. The total credits must include at least 3 credits from "Courses for research skills" and at least 7 credits from "Courses for independent research abilities" (including earning 1 credit of "Research Status Hearing").

B. Students are required to actively take two subjects, "Study Abroad I " and "Innovation ManagementA".

(3) Numbering Information

Subject numbers consist of 4-digit numbers based on levels of courses.

First digit : The first digit in the 4-digit numbers indicates levels of subjects:

1XXX = General Subjects (For master's course)

2XXX = Introduction Subjects (For master's course)

3XXX = Basic Subjects (For master's course)

4XXX = Specialized Subjects (For master's course)

5XXX = PBL Subjects (For master's course)

6XXX = Research-based Subjects (For master's course)

7XXX = Courses for research skills (For doctoral course)

8XXX = Courses for independent research abilities (For doctoral course)

From second to fourth digits : The from second to fourth digits in the 4-digit numbers indicate serial

XXXX = Serial numbers (ranging from 01 to 99)