

National Sun Yat-sen University

Guidelines for the Five-Year Bachelor's and Master's

Degree System

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- Article 1. The Guidelines were established to encourage outstanding undergraduates to stay and study for their Master's degree at the university for the sake of continuous learning and a shortened study period.
- Article 2. Students admitted under the Guidelines are qualified as candidates for a Bachelor's degree and as pre-graduates for the Master's program (hereafter referred to as "pre-graduates").
- Article 3. An undergraduate student who demonstrates academic excellence after enrollment may apply to the Master's program of their preferred department (institute) for pre-graduate status in the 2nd semester of their third year at the time specified in the calendar. The approved candidate is qualified as a pre-graduate; the selection criteria are defined by each department (institute) and submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.
In addition to announcing the list of qualified pre-graduates, each department (institute) should also submit the list to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.
- Article 4. Students qualified as pre-graduates must obtain their Bachelor's degree within the specified study period (not including extended study periods) and participate in the Master's program selection or examination in the academic year of their graduation. Once accepted, they are formally qualified as a graduate student in a Master's program at the university.
- Article 5. Once a pre-graduate is accepted by a Master's program at the university, they may apply for a transfer of credits from the additional graduate courses they completed

as an undergraduate; if the credits from the graduate courses they took had already been counted towards their undergraduate graduation requirements then they may not be transferred to the credits of the Master's program.

Article 6. Pre-graduates accepted by a Master's program should count towards the admission quota for the academic year of that program.

Article 7. Any matters not covered in the Guidelines shall be handled in accordance with the Academic Regulations and related policies.

Article 8. The Guidelines were approved by the Academic Affairs Council and sanctioned by the University President prior to implementation. Modifications shall follow the same procedure.