

Regulations of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University

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UGSAS Regulations No.1

(Purpose)

Article 1 These regulations specify the essentials regarding the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University (hereinafter referred to as “The School”), in addition to the rules and regulations provided by the Statutes of Kagoshima University (established April 1, 2004) and the Regulations on Academic Degrees of Kagoshima University (established April 1, 2004).

(Structure and Operation)

Article 2 The School consists of the Kagoshima University Faculties of Agriculture and Fisheries, the Saga University Faculty of Agriculture and the University of the Ryukyus Faculty of Agriculture, and shall be operated based on the Agreement concluded between the three national universities regarding the establishment and operation of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University.

(Courses and Classes)

Article 3 The School shall offer the following doctoral courses, and all classes shall be provided as joint courses

Science of Bioresource Production:

Tropical Bioresource and Plant Resource Production,
Animal Resource Production, Regional and Global Resource Economics

Biological Science and Technology:

Bioscience and Biotechnology, Food Science and Nutrition,
Advanced Life Science

Resource and Environmental Science of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Environmental Science and Conservation Biology
Regional Resource Environment Engineering
Fisheries Science of Resources and Environments

(Objective)

Article 3-2 The objective of the School is to create an education and research system by combining the faculties and research institutions/facilities of the constituent universities in Kyushu and Okinawa at which unique agricultural products has been taking place, and to foster researchers with high professional ability and abundant academic knowledge regarding the development, utilization, and conservation of bioresources and the practice of bioscience, so as to contribute to the advancement of bio-related studies and industries.

(1)The aim of the Science of Bioresource Production Course is to foster human resources with high professional ability by providing professional education in the areas of agricultural production manufacturing, utilization of tropical and subtropical bioresources, agricultural and marine product distribution and its related international policy, building of food production systems, development of new strains of crops and effective methods of livestock production, with a view to contributing to the development of the agricultural and fishery industries.

- (2) The Biological Science and Technology Course fosters human resources with high professional abilities and knowledge by offering specialty education in the areas of biological resources utilization, effective utilization of unused resources and waste substances, development of research into functions of foods, food safety management, food and health, advanced bioscience and biotechnology, and research into biological functioning from molecular to the individual level.
- (3) The Resource and Environmental Science of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries fosters individuals with superior professional knowledge, by providing specialty education in the areas of environmental improvement and management in agricultural and fishery zones, streamlining food transportation and improving food production, enabling the survival mechanism of agricultural crops, environmental conservation and resource management in forestry and fishery zones.

(Responsible Instructor)

- Article 4 Responsible Instructor of the School shall be dedicated professors of the School (hereinafter referred to as “Dedicated Instructor”), and a person who is qualified to give lectures and instructions on research at the School (hereinafter referred to as “School Instructor” among the professors, associate professors, lecturers, assistant professors, visiting professors, and visiting associate professors of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Faculty of Fisheries and research institutes related thereto of Kagoshima University, Saga University, and the University of the Ryukyus (hereinafter referred to as “Constituent Universities”), and the present status shall always be elucidated by individual, major, and course.
- 2 The eligibility required to lecture and supervise research in the School shall be the status of either Advisory Professor or Vice-advisory Professor, and their selection procedure shall be specified separately.
 - 3 The Associate Dean shall give instructions for prospective students (including prospective international students) concerning entrance application and course enrollment, and make arrangements to resolve problems related to education and research among constituent universities to which students are deployed.

(Academic Advisors)

- Article 5 To supervise students’ research, academic advisors shall be assigned, who shall be selected from the Assistant Dean and Instructors of the School.
- 2 Among the academic advisors, those who comprehensively supervise the students’ research shall be called Advisory Professors and those who assist the Advisory Professor in supervising research shall be called Vice-advisory Professors. A student shall have one Advisory Professor and two Vice-advisory Professors.
 - 3 The Advisory Professor under the preceding paragraph shall be the person qualified as Advisory Professor. The First Vice-advisory Professor shall generally be the person qualified as the teacher of the University to which the student is assigned and the Second Vice-advisory Professor shall be the person qualified as an Advisory Professor of other Universities.
 - 4 Selection and replacement of Advisory Professors and Vice-advisory Professors shall be decided by the Board of Representatives upon authorization by the Committee of Advisory Professors.
 - 5 In order to strengthen the Advisory Professor System, an assistant professor who assists the Advisory Professor may be assigned.

(Selection of Entrants)

Article 6 Students to enter the School shall be selected in accordance with the rules for admission selection of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University.

(Assignment of Students)

Article 7 Students shall be assigned to one of the constituent universities at which their Advisory Professor specified in Article 5-2 works as a full-time professor.

2 A student who is assigned to any constituent university other than Kagoshima University under the provision above shall comply with the rules and regulations of the university as instructed by the university, as well as the Statutes (established April 1, 2004) and other regulations of Kagoshima University.

(Course Length and Maximum Duration)

Article 8 The standard length of a course of the School shall be three years, and a student is not allowed to remain on the course for a period longer than double the standard length.

(Education Method)

Article 9 The School's education shall be provided in the form of course lectures in the subject and supervision of researches.

2 Students must decide their research topics after consultation with their Advisory Professors, and promptly notify the Advisory Professors of their research topics and plans by submitting Appended Form No.1. The same shall apply if they change their research topics or research plans.

3 Upon receiving the above notification, an Advisory Professor shall prepare an education and research supervision plan on Appended Form No. 2 and promptly submit the form to the Dean.

(Course titles and loads)

Article 10 Class subjects and credits of the School shall be as set forth in the Appendix..

(Course titles in other graduate schools)

Article 11 Students can take courses in other graduate schools after consulting with such graduate schools, when the School determines it as educationally beneficial.

2 The students who wish to take courses in other graduate schools shall obtain the Dean's approval through an Advisory Professor.

(Examination)

Article 12 Examination for credits shall be conducted at the end of term or when lectures are finished.

(Evaluation of learning results)

Article 13 Course grades awarded for credits shall be indicated in descending order of superiority: Excellent (秀), Good (優), Fair (良), Pass (可), and Failed (不可). Only a person awarded Shu, Yu, Ryo or Ka shall be considered to have passed the relevant titles.

(Conferral of Degrees)

Article 14 Doctoral degrees shall be conferred on students who have studied at the School for at least three years to receive the necessary supervision for their research, earned at least 12 credits

from course titles, and passed the doctoral thesis examination as well as the final examination. However, students who have studied in the School for at least one year and received necessary supervision for their research and earned at least 12 credits from course titles may attain doctoral degrees if the Committee of Advisory Professors accepts that they have achieved excellent academic results.

- 2 Besides those conditions specified above, a person who submits a dissertation without taking a course of the School, passes the examination, and is confirmed as having an academic capability equal to or higher than those who completed the courses of the School may attain a doctoral degree, provided, however, that the doctoral dissertation he/she submits is of a quality equal to or higher than that of those who have attained a degree after completing the courses of the School.

(Major Course)

Article 15 When conferring a degree as above, one of the following course titles shall be attached.

Agriculture

Fisheries

Science

- 2 The title “Science” shall be provided for those who majored in interdisciplinary fields in the School when the Committee of Advisory Professors approves it as appropriate, or when the content of a dissertation is considered to be interdisciplinary and the Committee of Advisory Professors approves it as appropriate.
- 3 The basis and rules for deciding “Science” shall be specified separately by the Committee of Advisory Professors of the School.

(Submission, Examination, etc. of Dissertations)

Article 16 Procedures and methods for submission and examination of dissertations shall be decided separately.

(Miscellaneous)

Article 17 Matters necessary for the management of the School shall be decided by the Committee of Advisory Professors.

- 2 Administrative work related to the School shall be handled by the Kagoshima University’s Administrative Office of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Appendix (Article1 10)

Required Subjects

Course Titles	Credits
Agricultural Science(General Seminar)	2
Thesis Seminar	
Tropical Bioresource and Plant Resource Production	2
Animal Resource Production	2
Regional and Global Resource Economics	2
Tropical Bioresource and Plant Resource Production	2
Bioscience and Biotechnology	2
Food Science and Nutrition	2
Advanced Life Science	2
Environmental Sciences and Conservation Biology	2
Regional Resource Environment Engineering	2
Fisheries Science on Resources and Environments	2
Thesis Research	
Tropical Bioresource and Plant Resource Production	6
Animal Resource Production	6
Regional and Global Resource Economics	6
Tropical Bioresource and Plant Resource Production	6
Bioscience and Biotechnology	6
Food Science and Nutrition	6
Advanced Life Science	6
Environmental Sciences and Conservation Biology	6
Regional Resource Environment Engineering	6
Fisheries Science on Resources and Environments	6

Basic Subjects

Course Titles	Credits
Science of Bioresource Production Intensive Lecture	0.5
Biological Science and Technology Intensive Lecture	0.5
Resources and Environmental Science of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Intensive Lecture	0.5

Advanced Subjects

Course Titles	Credits
Science of Bioresource Production Intensive Lecture(English)	0.5
Biological Science and Technology Intensive Lecture(English)	0.5
Resources and Environmental Science of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Intensive Lecture(English)	0.5

Common Subjects

Course Titles	Credits
Advanced Agriculture Science Seminar I (Japanese)	0.5
Advanced Agriculture Science Seminar II (English)	0.5
Human Resource Development Seminar I	0.5
Human Resource Development Seminar II (On board Seminar)	1.0
International Agricultural Science(English)	0.5

Non-essential Subjects

Course titles	Credits
Internships	
Study Abroad	
English Composition Seminar for Thesis	

Appended Form No. 2 (Article 9)

**Education and Research Instruction Plan, United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences,
Kagoshima University for year _____**

Student name	Date of birth: Male/Female		Belong to:	Course	Entrance year	Year:	
				Joint Course			
Graduating universities	Course	University, graduate school	Department, course etc.		Course	Dissertation themes	Instructor
	Under-graduate	University: Graduated on:	Department: Course:				
	Master's course	Graduate School: Completed on:	Department: Course:			Master's degree in: Attained on:	
	Doctoral course	Graduate School: Completed/left on:	Department: Course:			Doctoral degree in: Attained on:	
Research subject							

Advisor	Advisory Professor		In UGSAS, belong to:	Course	Main University	Kagoshima Saga Miyazaki The Ryukyus	
				Joint Course			
	Vice-advisory Professor 1		In UGSAS, belong to:	Course	Main University	Kagoshima Saga Miyazaki The Ryukyus	
				Joint Course			
	Vice-advisory Professor 2		In UGSAS, belong to:	Course	Main University	Kagoshima Saga Miyazaki The Ryukyus	
				Joint Course			
Assistant instructor		Name	Belong to	Graduate School of University / Course:			
Education and Research Instruction Plan	Education & Research Plan by Advisory Professor				Main institution for education & research instruction	University Faculty	
					Form of education & research instruction		
					Hours for education & research instruction per year	Research paper (including instruction) Hours per week: Hours per year:	
	Education & Research Plan by Vice-Advisory Professor 1				Main institution for education & research instruction	University Faculty	
					Form of education & research instruction		
					Hours for education & research instruction per year	Research paper (including instruction) Hours per week: Hours per year:	
	Education & Research Plan by Vice-Advisory Professor 2				Main institution for education & research instruction	University Faculty	
					Form of education & research instruction		
					Hours for education & research instruction per year	Research paper (including instruction) Hours per week: Hours per year:	

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2004.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2005.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2006.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2007

Supplementary Provision

1. These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2009.
2. Students who are already in school on the day before are bound by prior provisions, regardless of Article 3 to 4 and Article 9 to 14 of the new regulation.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from May 13, 2009.

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provision

1. These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2012.
2. Students who are already in school on the day before are bound by prior provisions, regardless of Article 10 attached table of the new regulation.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from February 15, 2013.

These regulations shall be applied from April 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be applied from April 1, 2015

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be applied from April 1, 2017

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be applied from June 10, 2019