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## ○ Regulations Concerning the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University

April 1, 2004

UGSAS Regulations No. 1

### (Purpose)

Article 1 These regulations, in addition to the Kagoshima University Graduate School Regulations (Regulations No. 87 of 2004) and the Kagoshima University Degree Regulations (Regulations No. 117 of 2004), shall stipulate necessary matters concerning the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University (hereinafter, "the UGSAS-KU").

### (Configuration and Operation)

Article 2 The UGSAS-KU shall consist of the Faculty of Agriculture, the Faculty of Fisheries at Kagoshima University, the Faculty of Agriculture at Saga University, and the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of the Ryukyus. Its operation is conducted based on the "Agreement between Constituent National University Corporations on the Establishment and Operation of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University," concluded among the three national university corporations.

### (Major, etc.)

Article 3 The UGSAS-KU's Course of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Life Sciences shall include the following fields.

Division of Agricultural and Fisheries Production Sciences  
Division of Bioresource and Life Sciences  
Division of Rural Communities and Environmental Sciences

### (Aim)

Article 3-2 In order to produce individuals with advanced expertise in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and life sciences, as well as a broad interdisciplinary perspective, the UGSAS-KU aims to train the following types of individuals.

- (1) Individuals with advanced expertise and technical skills in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and life sciences, who can autonomously identify and resolve issues in these fields with strong initiative
- (2) Individuals with a broad interdisciplinary perspective that allows them to comprehensively view agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and life sciences
- (3) Individuals with cutting-edge data analysis skills, logical thinking skills, and explanatory abilities, as well as the mindset to take on the challenge of difficult issues
- (4) Individuals with a global perspective who can contribute to the development of both local and international communities as highly skilled doctoral professionals sought by society

### (Assigned Faculty Members)

Article 4 The faculty members of the UGSAS-KU shall consist of full-time professors, associate professors, lecturers, and assistant professors of the UGSAS-KU (hereinafter referred to as "UGSAS-KU full-time faculty members"), as well as professors, associate professors, lecturers, assistant professors, visiting professors, and visiting associate professors of the Faculties of Agriculture and Fisheries and related research facilities at Kagoshima University, Saga University, and the University of the Ryukyus (hereinafter referred to as the "constituent universities"), who are qualified to teach courses and provide research guidance in the UGSAS-KU (hereinafter referred to as "UGSAS-KU faculty members"). The status of each UGSAS-KU faculty member shall always be clarified by individual and by field.

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- 2 The qualifications for teaching courses and providing research guidance in the UGSAS-KU shall be classified as either "main supervisor qualifications" or "secondary supervisor qualifications," with the criteria for qualification to be determined separately.
- 3 UGSAS-KU full-time faculty members shall provide guidance to applicants (including those seeking to become international students) regarding application and coursework, as well as coordinate educational and research-related matters among the constituent universities where students are assigned.

(Supervisors)

- Article 5 To provide guidance for students' research, supervisors shall be assigned, consisting of UGSAS-KU full-time faculty members and UGSAS-KU faculty members.
- 2 Of the supervisors, the faculty member primarily responsible for overseeing a student's research shall be designated as the "main supervisor," while those assisting with research guidance shall be designated as "secondary supervisors." Each student shall have one main supervisor and two secondary supervisors.
  - 3 The main supervisor shall be selected from those possessing main supervisor qualifications. As a rule, the first secondary supervisor shall be a faculty member from the university to which the student is assigned, and the second secondary supervisor shall be a main supervisor from another university.
  - 4 The selection and reassignment of main and secondary supervisors shall be determined by the Board of Representatives, as delegated by the Faculty meeting.
  - 5 To strengthen the supervisor system, assistant professors who support faculty members may be assigned as assistant supervisors.

(Selection of Applicants)

- Article 6 The selection of applicants shall be conducted in accordance with the stipulations of the Detailed Regulations on Applicant Selection for the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University, and other relevant provisions.

(Assignment of Students)

- Article 7 Students shall be assigned to the constituent university where the main supervisor, as stipulated in Article 5, Paragraph 2, is employed as a full-time faculty member.
- 2 Students assigned to a constituent university other than Kagoshima University in accordance with the stipulations of the preceding Paragraph must comply with the regulations of that university as instructed, in addition to the Kagoshima University Regulations (Regulations No. 86 of 2004) and other related rules.

(Course Length and Maximum Duration)

- Article 8 The standard duration of study in the UGSAS-KU shall be three years, and the maximum enrollment period shall not exceed twice the standard duration of study.

(Education Method)

- Article 9 Education in the UGSAS-KU shall be conducted through coursework and research guidance.
- 2 Students must determine their research proposal under the instruction of their main supervisor and promptly submit the research proposal and research plan to the main supervisor using Appended Form No. 1. The same procedure shall apply when changing the research proposal or research plan.
  - 3 The main supervisor shall prepare an annual education and research guidance plan using Appended Form No. 2, present it to the student, and submit it to the Dean of the UGSAS-KU.

(Courses, Credits, and Credit Calculation Methods)

- Article 10 The courses and the number of credits offered in the UGSAS-KU shall be as specified in the

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attached table.

- 2 For a single course, whether conducted through lectures, seminars, experiments, practical training, or a combination thereof, one credit shall be awarded for a total of 15 to 45 hours of instruction.

(Enrollment in Courses at Other Graduate Schools)

Article 11 When deemed educationally beneficial, the UGSAS-KU may allow students to enroll in courses offered by other graduate schools in accordance with the stipulations of mutual agreements.

- 2 Students who wish to enroll in courses at other graduate schools must obtain permission from the Dean of the UGSAS-KU through their main supervisor.

(Delegation of Research Guidance)

Article 11-2 When deemed educationally beneficial, the UGSAS-KU may, in accordance with the stipulations of mutual agreements concluded with other graduate schools or research institutions (hereinafter, "other graduate schools, etc."), allow students to receive necessary research guidance at such institutions.

- 2 The period during which a student may receive research guidance in accordance with the stipulations of the preceding Paragraph shall be limited to one year within the enrollment period. However, if deemed necessary by the Board of Representatives, this period may be extended by an additional year.
- 3 The total period of delegated research guidance shall not exceed two years.

(Examinations)

Article 12 Examinations to earn credits shall be conducted at the end of the course or the semester.

(Grade Assessment)

Article 13 The grades for courses awarding credits shall be expressed as "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," "Pass," and "Fail," with "Excellent," "Good," "Fair," and "Pass" considered to be passing grades.

(Awarding of Degrees)

- Article 14 A doctoral degree shall be awarded to those who have been enrolled in the UGSAS-KU for at least three years, received the necessary research guidance, earned at least 12 course credits, and passed both the dissertation review and the final examination. However, those who have been enrolled in the UGSAS-KU for at least one year, received the necessary research guidance, earned at least 12 course credits, and are recognized by the Faculty meeting for outstanding research achievements may also be awarded the degree.
- 2 In addition to the stipulations of the preceding Paragraph, a doctoral degree may be awarded to those who, without completing the UGSAS-KU program, submit a doctoral dissertation, pass the dissertation review, and are confirmed to possess academic ability equal to or greater than that of those who have completed the program and been awarded the degree. However, the submitted doctoral dissertation must contain content equivalent to or greater than that of a dissertation submitted by those who have completed the UGSAS-KU program and been awarded the degree.

(Major Field)

Article 15 When awarding a degree in accordance with the stipulations of the preceding Article, the following major field names shall be appended.

Agriculture

Fisheries

Arts and Science

- 2 In the case of appending "Arts and Science" under the stipulations of the preceding Paragraph, it shall be done for individuals who have specialized in interdisciplinary fields,

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etc., in the UGSAS-KU and who are deemed appropriate by the Faculty meeting, or for those whose doctoral dissertation is determined to fall under interdisciplinary fields, etc., and who are also deemed appropriate by the Faculty meeting.

- 3 The criteria, etc., for appending "Arts and Science" shall be separately determined by the Faculty meeting.

(Submission and Review, etc., of Dissertation)

Article 16 The submission and review methods for the dissertation shall be stipulated separately.

(Transferring to Another Graduate School)

Article 17 If a student wishes to transfer to another graduate school, the transfer may be permitted by the Faculty meeting after deliberation, in accordance with the stipulations of the graduate school to which the student is seeking to transfer.

(Miscellaneous Provisions)

Article 18 Matters necessary for the administration of the UGSAS-KU shall be determined by the Faculty meeting.

- 2 Administrative matters related to the UGSAS-KU shall be handled by the Administrative Office of the Faculty of Agriculture and the Joint Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kagoshima University.

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 Notwithstanding the stipulations of Articles 3 and 4 and Articles 9 through 14 of the revised regulations, students who are already enrolled in school on the day immediately preceding the effective date shall be subject to the prior stipulations.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from May 13, 2009, and shall be applied from April 1, 2009.

Supplementary Provision

- 1 These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2012.

- 2 Notwithstanding the stipulations of the Appendix to Article 10 of the revised regulations, students who are already enrolled in school on the day immediately preceding the effective date shall be subject to the prior stipulations.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from February 15, 2013, and shall be applied from April 1, 2012.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from September 5, 2014, and shall be applied from April 1, 2014.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2015.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from February 19, 2016.

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Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2017.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from June 10, 2019.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from February 19, 2021.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2022.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2023.

Supplementary Provision

These regulations shall be effective from September 8, 2023, and shall be applied from April 1, 2023.

Supplementary Provision

- 1 These regulations shall be effective from April 1, 2025.
- 2 Notwithstanding the stipulations of Form No. 1 appended to Article 9 and the Appendix to Article 10 of the revised regulations, students who are already enrolled in the UGSAS-KU on the day immediately preceding the effective date shall be subject to the prior stipulations.

Appendix (Related to Article 10)

UGSAS-KU common subjects

Subject classification		Course name	No. of credits
Required subjects	Subjects to deepen specialized knowledge	Thesis Research Project (Agriculture)	6
		Thesis Research Project (Fisheries)	6
		Thesis Research Project (Arts and Sciences)	6
		Data Analysis Exercises (Agriculture)	1
		Data Analysis Exercises (Fisheries)	1
		Data Analysis Exercises (Arts and Sciences)	1
		Advanced lectures on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Life Sciences	1
Compulsory Elective Subjects	Subjects to gain interdisciplinary knowledge	Special Seminar on Agricultural Sciences	2
		Joint Seminar on Agricultural Sciences I	1
		Joint Seminar on Agricultural Sciences II	1
		Onboard Seminar	1
	Career development subjects	Advanced Lecture on Career Development	1
		Internship (Research)	1
		Internship (University Education)	1

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Appended Form No. 1 (Related to Article 9)

Kagoshima University Graduate School

To: Dean of the United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences

Academic year of enrollment

Course

Student No.

Name

## Research Proposal Notification Form

Research Proposal			
Research plan			
	Area of specialization in the target degree	(1) Select one of the following and place a checkmark <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> next to it. <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Sciences	
(2) If you selected "Arts and Sciences" in (1) above, indicate the reason.			
University affiliation/ Names of supervisors	(Main supervisor)	(Secondary supervisor)	(Secondary supervisor)
	University: Seal	University:	University:

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Appended Form No. 2 (Related to Article 9)

Education and Research Guidance Plan, United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Kagoshima University

Student name	Date of birth: Male/Female		Department	Course	Academic year of enrollment	Academic year
				Affiliated university		
Prior universities	Course	University/graduate school	Faculty/graduate school/ major, etc.	Course name	Dissertation title	Name of supervisor
	Faculty	University Month/year of graduation	College Department			
	Master's degree	University Graduate School Month/year of completion	Graduate School Major		Degree Master's Month/year of completion	
	Doctoral degree	University Graduate School Month/year of completion/ withdrawal	Graduate School Major		Degree Doctoral Month/year of completion	
Research topic						

Supervisor	Main supervisor	Seal	United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences affiliation	<input type="checkbox"/> Course of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Agricultural and Fisheries Production Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Bioresource and Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Rural Communities and Environmental Sciences	Name of affiliated university	<input type="checkbox"/> Kagoshima University <input type="checkbox"/> Saga University <input type="checkbox"/> University of the Ryukyus
	Secondary supervisor (1)		United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences affiliation	<input type="checkbox"/> Course of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Agricultural and Fisheries Production Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Bioresource and Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Rural Communities and Environmental Sciences	Name of affiliated university	<input type="checkbox"/> Kagoshima University <input type="checkbox"/> Saga University <input type="checkbox"/> University of the Ryukyus
	Secondary supervisor (2)		United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences affiliation	<input type="checkbox"/> Course of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Agricultural and Fisheries Production Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Bioresource and Life Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Division of Rural Communities and Environmental Sciences	Name of affiliated university	<input type="checkbox"/> Kagoshima University <input type="checkbox"/> Saga University <input type="checkbox"/> University of the Ryukyus
Assistant supervisor				Name of affiliated university, etc.	Graduate school of _____ University Course: _____ Course/facility	
Education and research guidance plan	Main supervisor's education and research guidance plan				Names of organizations, etc., that mainly provide education and research guidance	University Faculty Laboratory
					Form of education and research guidance	
					No. of hours for education and research guidance per year	Thesis/dissertation (including guidance for papers) Hours per week Hours per year
	Secondary supervisor (1)'s education and research guidance plan				Names of organizations, etc., that mainly provide education and research guidance	University Faculty Laboratory
					Form of education and research guidance	
					No. of hours for education and research guidance per year	Thesis/dissertation (including guidance for papers) Hours per week Hours per year
	Secondary supervisor (2)'s education and research guidance plan				Names of organizations, etc., that mainly provide education and research guidance	University Faculty Laboratory
					Form of education and research guidance	
					No. of hours for education and research guidance per year	Thesis/dissertation (including guidance for papers) Hours per week Hours per year