

Chung Yuan Christian University
Department of Financial and Economic Law
Academic Guidelines for Graduate Students

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Chapter One General Principles

Article 1 Applicability

This guideline has been proposed to provide the course study, appointment of supervising professors, qualification for degree examination, and other matters concerning the master's program students in the Department of Financial Law at Chung Yuan Christian University (hereinafter referred to as "the University "), unless otherwise stipulated by the University, shall be handled under the "Academic Guidelines for Graduate Students of the Department of Financial and Economic Law at Chung Yuan Christian University" (hereinafter referred to as "these Regulations")

Article 2 Degree conferring

The Chinese and English names for the Master's and Pro. Master degrees awarded by this department are as follows:

The title of the department in Chinese & English	Degree conferring	
	Name of Chinese & English	Abbreviation
財經法律學系	法律學碩士	
Department of Financial and Economic Law	Master of Laws	LL.M.

Article 3 Grouping of Master's Students

The master's students in our department include the Master's Program Class 1(A, B, and, C), the Master's Program Class 2, and Pro. Master Program (hereinafter referred to as" On-The-Job-Training Program") including Group in Legal Affairs and in Financial and Group in Economic Law students.

Among these, Pro. Master Program students are categorized as either law-related or non-law-related based on their previous academic background.

Non-law students are required to take foundational professional courses as remedial classes.

Chapter Two Course Study

Article 4 Required Courses and Credits

The requirements for required courses and credits of Master Program Class 1 (A, B, and C) are shown in Appendix I.

The requirements for required courses and credits of Master Program Class 2 are

shown in Appendix II.

The requirements for required courses and credits of On-The-Job-Training Program law students are shown in Appendix III.

The requirements for required courses and credits of the On-The-Job-Training Program students without legal backgrounds are shown in Appendix IV.

Article 5 Credit Restrictions

Class 1 Master's students shall take up a maximum of 12 credits per semester, with at least 4 credits per semester in the first year.

On-The-Job-Training Program students shall take up a maximum of 12 credits per semester. Upon approval from the Department Chair, full-time master's students may take up to a maximum of 15 credits, out of which, seminar courses may not account for over 12 credits.

If a master's student takes a semester course that starts early during the summer or winter vacation, those credits shall be counted into that semester, and shall not be bound by the two aforementioned credit restrictions.

Anyone who does not select courses according to the above credit restrictions shall comply with the department office's instructions in re-adjusting their credit selections.

Article 6 Language Courses

The language course is a year-long course divided into Course A and Course B in the spring and fall semesters, respectively, the order in which the courses are taken shall not be reversed. Master's students should choose one of the language courses, which are Legal English, Legal Japanese, and Legal Germany. Additional language courses taken shall be regarded as elective credits, with only a maximum of four credits accounted for.

Article 7 Course Selection Restrictions

Class 2 students may not take primary compulsory courses given to non-law students of the On-The-Job-Training Program.

Students without legal backgrounds studying in the On-The-Job-Training Program may not take primary compulsory courses given to university students.

On-The-Job-Training-Program courses shall be mainly for On-The-Job-Training-Program students, its course instructors may set restrictions that block master's students from taking its courses.

Courses given by other graduate institutions that are unrelated to law but are relevant to our students' thesis, the department's master's students may take a maximum of three credits in such courses.

Chapter Three Thesis Advising Professor

Article 8 Deadline and procedure for choosing a thesis advising professor and thesis topic

Master's students from Class 1 and On-The-Job-Training Program shall submit the name of their thesis advising professors and thesis topics by the end of the first semester in

their second year of the MA program.

Master's students from Class 2 shall submit the title of their thesis advising professors and thesis topics by the end of the second semester in their second year of the MA program.

Master's students without legal background from the On-The-Job-Training Program shall submit the title of their thesis advising professors and thesis topics by the end of the first semester in their third year of the MA program.

Along with the submission of the thesis advising professor's name and thesis topic, an approval letter from the thesis advising professor should also be included. The Department office shall submit it to a Department meeting for review.

An advising professor shall be appointed by the Department Chair, through coordination, for anyone who cannot find a thesis advising professor before the deadline.

Article 9 Consequences of Deadline Violations

Students who are unable to submit the advisor name and thesis topic before the deadline stated in the above Paragraphs 1 to 3 may only apply for the defense exam three semesters after their thesis advisor agrees to have his/her name submitted to the Department office.

Students who are unable to submit the advisor's name and thesis topic before the deadline stated in the above Paragraphs 1 to 3 should provide a written explanation and make an oral presentation at the Department Meeting.

Article 10 Thesis Advising Professor Selection Regulations

Before master students submit their thesis advisor name and thesis topics, students should have taken at least one or more courses given by the named advisor on related fields. However, exceptions can be made if students have received approval from their advisors.

When the thesis advisor signs consent to act as the advisor, he/she must also include a list of requirements for courses the student must take regarding the student's thesis. If students fail to comply with those requests, the advisor may terminate his/her guidance.

Article 11 Qualification for Advisors

The qualification for thesis advising professors shall be in accordance with stipulations of Article 5, CYCU Guideline on Oral Defense Examination for Master's students. Also, thesis advisors should be limited to full-time faculty members of our Department.

Students may apply to the Department Meeting their requests for other advisors so as to meet research demands. They may choose both external or internal academics and experts to co-advise with our Department's full-time faculties on their thesis; priorities shall be given to part-time lecturers of our Department.

Article 12 Quota Restrictions

The quota for advising students per advisor (full-time faculty of the Department) is set at a maximum of ten (not including drop-out students). However, the quota may be

increased with Department Meeting approval.

The number of students to be co-advised by an external advisor (not a full-time faculty of the Department) is set at a maximum of three.

Article 13 Co-advisor Application

If master's students want to choose internal or external academics or experts as their advisors, they should prepare the following documents and submit them to the Department Meeting for review:

- I. Reasons for choosing an external (not a full-time faculty of the Department) co-advisor.
- II. Educational background and experience of co-advisors.
- III. Thesis proposal
- IV. Consent form signed by co-advisors

Article 14 Change of thesis advising professors

If a Master's student wishes to change his/her thesis advisor(s), he/she may submit a "Change of Advisor Consent Form" signed by both the original and new advisor to the Department Meeting for review.

Chapter Four Thesis Advising Professor

Article 15 Publication of Thesis

Before applying for the master's degree examination, students may hold a public thesis presentation as required by their advisor.

The regulations concerning the public presentation of the thesis shall be defined separately by the Department Meeting.

Article 15-1 Master's students in the Department's Class 2 and Pro. Master's programs may apply to substitute a professional practice report for the thesis.

For such applications, students must submit a professional practice report proposal to their advisor for approval no later than one semester before graduation and pass the review of the professional practice report plan.

The review of the Professional practical report plan shall be reviewed in writing by the Master's Thesis Review Committee.

The topic and content of the professional practice report should be selected from the following:

- I. The legal analysis of practical cases will benefit the development of adjudication.
- II. The legal research on social issues that benefit the solution of the issues.
- III. The legal evaluation of national policies is beneficial to policy improvement.

The content of the professional practice report should contain original insights and include professional practice concepts, problem solutions, theoretical foundations, analytical methods, achievement contributions, and other derivative achievements.

The cover of the professional practice report should clearly be labeled "Professional

Practice Report" underneath the title of the paper, using the same font and size as the title.

Chapter Five Defense Examination and Graduation Procedures

Article 16 Defense Examination Procedures

Before applying for the master's degree examination, in addition to the requirements stated in the previous article, master's students must pass the thesis review conducted by our Department.

The department will establish a Master's Thesis Review Committee, composed of at least three faculty members with different areas of expertise, to assess whether the thesis meets the professional standards in the field of financial law or related legal disciplines.

Students who fail the professional compliance review are not allowed to participate in the degree examination.

Master's students applying for the degree examination must meet the "CYCU Regulations on Graduate Student Degree Examinations".

Article 17 Graduation Procedures

Master's students who pass their defense examinations may complete their graduation procedures in accordance with CYCU's Graduation Procedures.

Before completing graduation procedures, master's students should hand in the number of thesis copies assigned by the Department and by CYCU and return all books and materials borrowed from the Department's library and their keys to the Department's study rooms.

Article 18 Implementations and amendments

This Guideline shall come into effect upon the Academic Affairs Meeting's approval; the same procedures apply to any amendments made.

Stipulations in Article 8 and Article 9 are applicable only to students who were admitted after (and including) 2012.

The regulations of Article 15-1 shall be applied to students applying for the master's degree thesis examination from the 2023 academic year onwards.

CYCU Department of **Financial and Economic Law Pro. Master**

Table of Curriculum & Credit

(Applicable to students enrolled in the **2024~2025** academic year)

Course Name	Characteristic	Credits	Renewal subjects & conditions for continued study	
			Course Name	Limitation
Compulsory Course	Legal English	Full	4(2,2)	1. choose one from three 2. Full-year courses must be taken in sequence.
	Legal Japanese	Full	4(2,2)	
	Legal German	Full	4(2,2)	
	Seminar on Legal Ethics	Half	2	
	Thesis	Full	6(3,3)	
	Total			6

Structure table of Graduation Credits

Category	Credits	The School Regulations : 1. From the academic year 2016, foreign graduate students are eligible for graduation by taking Mandarin courses and passing the TOCFL test to obtain a Basic Certificate or pass the school's Chinese Language Proficiency Test. 2. For the courses and grades issues, please consult the related regulations according to "CYCU Academic Policies". Graduation Regulations of the Department : For guidelines and rules regarding courses and thesis advisors, please refer to the Department's Academic Guidelines for MA Program.
1、Compulsory Course	6	
2、Elective Course	18	
Minimum credits required for graduation (exclude thesis/dissertation)	24	

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【Non-Law Students】

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(Applicable to students enrolled in the 2024~2025 academic year)

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				Course Name	Limitation
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	Legal Japanese	Full	4(2,2)		
	Legal German	Full	4(2,2)		
	Seminar on Legal Ethics	Half	2		
	Thesis	Full	6(3,3)		
	Total			4	
Undergraduate Basic Course	General Principles of Civil Law	Half	2	Full-year courses must be taken in sequence.	
	Property Law	Half	2		
	General Principles of Civil Obligations	Half	3		
	Civil Law: Kinds of Obligations	Half	3		
	Criminal Law (1)	Half	2		
	Criminal Law (2)	Half	2		
	Public Law (1) – Constitutional Law and Administrative Law	Half	2		
	Public Law (2) – Administrative Law	Half	2		
	Business Law	Half	3		
Total			21		
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1、Compulsory Course		6			
2、Elective Course		18			
3、Undergraduate Basic Course		21			
Minimum credits required for graduation (exclude thesis/dissertation)		45			

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