

The MA Program of Chinese Arts for International Students
National Taiwan University of Arts
Program Provisions

(Applicable to the international students registered as of the 2013 academic year)

1. The curriculum provisions are based on the NTUA regulations but have been modified to bring them into alignment with the program objectives and the needs of international students.

2. The enrollment period of the MA program is from one to four years. After completing the following requirements, students are eligible for graduation.

(1) Completion of 27 credits of courses (including 3 credits of the MA thesis)

I. The requirements include 3 credits of required courses, at least 12 credits of elective courses, and 3 credits of an MA thesis provided by the program. At least 9 credits of interdisciplinary courses must be taken with affiliated programs outside of the program. Students should be advised, regulations are subject to change. Students must ensure they are aware of all regulations for the current academic year.

II. Students are required to take 9 credits of courses per semester for the first academic year, and 3 the second.

(2) MA Thesis

I. The research topics and proposals of MA theses must be submitted and approved by students' thesis advisors by the semester prior to the semester the students wish to graduate (Appendix 1 Thesis Proposal Application Form). An acceptable MA thesis, written in English, is required to be six thousand to nine thousand words in length (references excluded) and must be written in Chicago, APA, or MLA documentation styles.

II. In the case of theses with curatorial, performance, visual arts, video, audio, or multimedia projects, the topics and proposals also have to be submitted and approved by students' thesis advisors by the semester prior to the semester the students wish to graduate (Appendix 1 Thesis Proposal Application Form). An acceptable MA thesis, written in English, in such cases requires four thousand to six thousand words in length (references excluded) and must be written in Chicago, APA, or MLA documentation styles.

III. In cases of thesis plagiarism or fraud violations, once confirmed by the reviewers and noted in the MA Degree Qualification Examination Grade Report, the student's MA thesis will receive an F and the student must be expelled from the University.

(3) Successful MA Degree Qualification Examination

- I. The MA Degree Qualification Examination is based on the University regulations.
- II. Students are required to access the university system and apply to take the examination, fill in and download the forms, along with the required documents, receive approval from his/her thesis advisors, and submit all documents for approval.
- III. The MA Degree Qualification Examination orals are held in public. Students are required to distribute the dates, locations, and thesis titles two weeks prior to scheduled date to students and faculty.
- IV. The examination results must be noted in writing on the MA Degree Qualification Examination Score (Appendix III) and the MA Degree Qualification Examination Grade Report (Appendix IV).
- V. Once the students' MA Degree Qualification Examination has been passed, the committee members of the Examination are required to fill in the MA Degree Qualification Examination Report (Appendix V) and submit it along with other required documents to the Office of Academic Affairs.
- VI. After revising the thesis based on the committee members' demands, students are required to submit the revised copies to the university library within a month. Theses must be submitted in accordance with the library's guidelines. Once the submission process has been completed, students will earn the 3 credits from the MA thesis.

(4) Students are required to follow the procedures for graduating issued by the University.

3. Students may apply for thesis advisors between the second and the third semesters by submitting the Thesis Advisor Agreement Form (Appendix VI) to the Program office in order to be approved and signed by the Program Head. The signed forms will be documented and made public.

4. It is recommended that students examine current faculty members of the program before looking outside of it for a thesis advisor.

(1) If the preferred advisor is not a member of the program's faculty, the student must choose a co-advisor from the program's faculty (the positions of primary and secondary advisor will be decided by the advisors).

(2) Students are required to take at least one course instructed by their thesis advisor(s).

(3) If a student wishes to change thesis advisors, students are required to submit an application for changing thesis advisors with the signatures of the original advisors, the new advisors, and the Program Head (Appendix VII the Replacement of Thesis Advisors Agreement Form).

(4) Changing thesis advisors is considered changing thesis topics and proposals. Continuing the research on the original thesis topics and proposals is not allowed. Students are required to submit another thesis topic and proposal and complete the process of thesis proposal application from the beginning.

5. If thesis plagiarism or fraud violations are discovered after the MA degree is granted, the degree will be revoked and the diplomas will be rescinded.

6. The curriculum provisions will be revised each semester at the Academic Affairs Meeting.

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Thesis Proposal Application Form

Name of Applicant: _____ Year: _____ Student ID: _____

Thesis Title: _____

Thesis Advisor: _____

Keywords:

(no more than 5 keywords)

Research Motivation and Objectives:

Scholarship Review and Analysis:

Research Methods and Procedures:

Expected Results and Contributions:

Signature of Program Head: _____ Date: _____

Date of Submission: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd)

Appendix II

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MA Degree Qualification Examination Score

Name of Applicant: _____ Year: _____ Student ID: _____

Thesis Title: _____

Comments:

Score (in letters): _____

Signature of Reviewer _____

Date of Submission: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd)

Appendix III

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MA Degree Qualification Examination Grade Report

Name of Applicant: _____ Year: _____ Student ID: _____

Thesis Title: _____

Concluding Comments:

Final Score (in letters): _____

Evaluation:

Approved To be approved after revision in accordance with the comments Disapproved

Signature of the Committee Convener _____

Date of Submission: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd)

Appendix IV

**The MA Program of Chinese Arts for International Students
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MA Degree Qualification Examination Report

By signing this form, the MA Degree Qualification Examination Committee agree and approve that the MA thesis

_____ (thesis title) written and submitted by
_____ (student's name), student ID _____,

a student in the MA Program of Chinese Arts for International Students, meets the academic criteria of the MA thesis.

MA Degree Qualification Examination Committee

Signature of Mediator _____

Signature of Thesis Advisor _____

Signature of Committee Member _____

Signature of Committee Member _____

Signature of Committee Member _____

Date of Submission: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd)

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Thesis Advisor Agreement Form

By signing this form, I agree to be the thesis advisor of

_____ (student name), student ID _____,

a student in the MA Program of Chinese Arts for International

Students, who proposes his/her MA thesis on

_____.

Signature of Thesis Advisor: _____

Signature of Thesis Co-advisor: _____

Date of Submission: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd)

Signature of Program Head: _____ Date: _____

Appendix VI

**The MA Program of Chinese Arts for International Students
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Replacement of Thesis Advisors Agreement Form

To the Head of the MA Program of Chinese Arts for International Students,

I, _____(student name), student ID _____,

a student in the MA Program of Chinese Arts for International

Students, request to be allowed to change my thesis advisor.

Original Thesis Advisor: _____

Original Thesis Co-Advisor: _____

New Thesis Advisor: _____

New Thesis Co-Advisor: _____

Date of Submission: _____ (yyyy/mm/dd)

Signature of Program Head: _____

Date: _____