

**Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences  
at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology**

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Article 1 (Purpose)

These regulations stipulate matters necessary for registration by students of the Graduate School of Biological Sciences in accordance with Article 34 of the Regulations of Nara Institute of Science and Technology(2004 Regulations No.1)(“NAIST Regulations”).

Article 2 (Research instructors)

1. Two or more research instructors of different courses, etc. shall be designated for each student to provide guidance on choosing subjects and preparing a degree thesis, etc. (hereinafter referred to as “research guidance”).
2. One of such research instructors shall be designated as the main research instructor.
3. Research instructors may be changed if needed in the course of studying or research guidance.

Article 3 (Research guidance)

The details of research guidance shall be defined for respective students.

Article 4 (Subjects and number of credits)

1. The subjects, number of credits, and registration methods for the Master’s Course shall be as shown in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2.
2. The subjects, number of credits, and registration methods for the Doctoral Course shall be as shown in Schedule 3.

Article 5 (Registration procedures)

1. Students shall be required to submit the prescribed registration form, under the guidance offered by the main research instructor, to the dean of the graduate school by the specified date.
2. Students who want to change their chosen subjects written on the registration form shall report the changes to the dean of the graduate school, with the approval of the faculty member in charge of such subjects and the main research instructor.

Article 6 (Awarding of credits)

1. Credits shall be awarded by means of an examination or a research report. Credits may be awarded based on an evaluation of day-to-day study activities, instead of such examination.
2. Academic performance based on an examination or a research report shall be evaluated by points (full score: 100 points); 60 points or more is a “pass”, and 59 points or less is a “fail”. For evaluation purposes, academic performance may be represented as “Excellent,” “Good,” “Fair,” and “Fail” in accordance with the categories below.

80 points or more	Excellent
70–79 points	Good

60–69 points	Fair
59 points or less	Fail

3. In the event that it is difficult to evaluate academic performance based on points as described in the preceding paragraph, “pass” or “fail” may be used instead of such points.

4. Prescribed credits shall be awarded to students whose academic performance is “pass” in accordance with the two preceding paragraphs.

5. Subjects whose credits have been earned cannot be taken again.

#### Article 7 (Approval of research guidance)

Research guidance shall be approved by the main research instructor and reported to the dean of the graduate school.

#### Article 8 (Theme of the degree thesis)

Students shall be required to report the theme of their degree thesis by the specified date, with the approval of the main research instructor.

#### Article 9 (Submission of the degree thesis)

1. Students are required to submit a degree thesis by the specified date, with the approval of the main research instructor.

2. A degree thesis can be submitted by students who (i) have earned or who are expected to earn credits necessary for completion of the course and (ii) have completed the necessary research guidance offered by research instructors.

#### Article 10 (Disqualification of credits for students who have been expelled due to unpaid tuition)

Credits accrued during the period of unpaid tuition will be disqualified when the student has been expelled from school, pursuant to Article 53-2-4 of Regulation.

#### Article 11 (Miscellaneous provision)

Other matters relating to registration by students shall be stipulated separately.

#### Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2004.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2003 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”), the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall remain in effect even after these Regulations come into effect. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

(An omission)

#### Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2010.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2009 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”), the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall supersede these Regulations after revision. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2011.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2010 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”), the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall supersede these Regulations after revision. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2012.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2011 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”), the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall supersede these Regulations after revision. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2013.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2012 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”), the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall supersede these Regulations after revision. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2014.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2013 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”) with regard to subjects, number of credits, and registration, the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall supersede these Regulations after revision notwithstanding the provisions of appended Schedule 1, 2 and 3. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2015.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2014 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”) with regard to subjects, number of credits, and registration, the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall supersede these Regulations after revision notwithstanding the provisions of appended Schedule 1, 2 and 3. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2016.

(Transitional measures)

2. For students who were admitted in academic year 2015 or earlier (hereinafter referred to as “enrolled students”) with regard to subjects, number of credits, and registration, the former Registration Regulations for the Graduate School of Biological Sciences at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology shall supersede these Regulations after revision notwithstanding the provisions of appended Schedule 1, 2 and 3. In the event that enrolled students take subjects within the scope of these Regulations, such subjects shall be deemed to be replaced with former subjects as set forth separately.

Supplementary provisions

(Effective date)

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2017.

## Curriculum table of the Graduate School of Biological Sciences

(1) Subject name, etc.

(Master's Course)

Section	Subjects name	Subject Number	Number of credits	Frontier Bio course		Bio-Expert course		Registration method, etc.
				Required/elective	Number of credits required for completion	Required/elective	Number of credits required for completion	
Common Course	Commentaries on Science and Technology	000201	1	◎	1	◎	1	Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
	Computer System	000101	1	○		○		
	Algorithm	000102	1	○		○		
	Foundation of Materials Science	000301	1	○		○		
	Science Communication	000203	1	○	(*)	○	(*)	
	Philosophy of Science	000103	1	○		○		
	Technology and Professional Ethics	000104	1	○		○		
Introduction to Biological Sciences	000202	1	△		△			
General Course	Global Entrepreneur I	111011	1	△		△		Subject in Information Science
	Global Entrepreneur II	111012	1	△		△		Subject in Information Science
	Global Entrepreneur III	112013	1	△		△		Subject in Information Science
	Global Entrepreneur IV	112014	1	△		△		Subject in Information Science
	Global Entrepreneur V	112015	1	△		△		Subject in Information Science
	Professional English I	210001	1	◎		◎		
	Professional English II	210002	1	◎		◎		
	Professional English III	210003	1	◎		◎		
	Communication Strategies	210004	1	△				
	Communication Quality through Phonology	210005	1	△	5		5	
Logic in Scientific Discovery	210006	1	△					
Social Life Science	210007	1	◎		◎			
Advanced Genome Science and Technology	210008	1	◎		◎			
Basic Course	Introduction of Current Biology	220001	1	◎		◎		
	Practical Biology for Advanced ScienceI	220002	1	◎		◎		
	Practical Biology for Advanced ScienceII	220003	1	◎		◎		
	Basic Bioscience Seminar I	220004	1	◎		◎		
	Basic Bioscience Seminar II	220005	1	◎		◎		
	Microbial Biotechnology	220006	1	□		□		
	Environmental Plant Science	220007	1	□	9	□	9	
	Biomedical Sciences	220008	1	□		□		
	Bioinformatics	220009	1	□		□		
	Practical Bioscience Seminar I	220010	1	◎		◎		
	Practical Bioscience Seminar II	220011	1	◎		◎		
	Bioexpert Seminar for Research Project	220012	1			◎		
	Frontier Bioscience Seminar for Research Project	220013	1	◎				
Specialized Course	Advanced Lecture in Developmental Biology	230001	1	○		○		(Bio-Expert course) Students who select a combination of Research Experiment and Thesis are required to earn three credits or more. Students who select a combination of Research on Biological Subjects and Project Report are required to earn an additional two credits or more (five credits or more in total).  Subject in Information Science (Bio-Imaging, Systems Biology II)
	Bio-industrial Technology	230002	1	○		○		
	Practice in Bio-industrial Technology	230003	1	△		○		
	Topics in Animal Science	230004	1	○		○		
	Frontiers of Plant Sciences	230005	1	○		○		
	Advanced Systems Biology	230006	1	○		○		
	Lecture of intellectual property right	230007	1	○	3	○	5	
	Topics in Bioinformatics	230008	1	○		○	3	
	Bio-Imaging	130037	1	○		○		
	Systems Biology II	130039	1	○		○		
	International Forefront in Bioscience I	230009	1	○				
	International Forefront in Bioscience II	230010	1	○				
Frontier Bioscience Tutorial	230011	1	◎					
Seminar I	240001	2	□		□			
Seminar II	240002	2	□		□			
Seminar III	240003	2	□	4	□	4	4	
Seminar IV	240004	2	□		□			
Research Experiment I	240005	3	□		□			
Research Experiment II	240006	3	□		□			
Research Experiment III	240007	3	□	6	□		6	
Research Experiment IV	240008	3	□		□			
Thesis	250001	2	◎	2	□		2	
Research on Biological Subjects I	240009	2			□			
Research on Biological Subjects II	240010	2			□			
Research on Biological Subjects III	240011	2			□	4		
Research on Biological Subjects IV	240012	2			□			
Project Report	250002	2			□	2		
Number of credits required for completion					30		30	30

1. In the "Required/elective" column, ◎, □, and ○ represent required subjects, required elective subjects, and elective subjects, respectively.

2. In the "Required/elective" column, subjects marked △ do not count as credits toward the completion requirements.

(2) Registration procedures

- A. Students are required to select either the Frontier Bio course or the Bio-Expert course under the guidance offered by the education committee of the school.
- B. Students who select the Bio-Expert course are also required to select either Research Experiment or Research on Biological Subjects, based on consultation with their research instructors.
- C. In accordance with Article 37 of the NAIST Regulations, up to two credits in total earned by taking (i) subjects that are offered by other graduate schools or (ii) common courses marked by an asterisk (\*) may be counted as credits earned by taking specialized courses that constitute the completion requirements.

(3) How to read the subject numbers

Subject numbers consist of 6-digit numbers based on levels, difficulties, and other elements of courses. Please review the following information carefully before you register for courses.

First digit: The first digit in the 6-digit numbers indicates categories of common subjects or subjects offered by each Graduate School:

- 0XXXXX = Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
- 1XXXXX = Subjects offered by the Graduate School of Information Science
- 2XXXXX = Subjects offered by the Graduate School of Biological Sciences
- 3XXXXX = Subjects offered by the Graduate School of Materials Science

Second digit: The second digit in the 6-digit numbers indicates levels of subjects:

- X0XXXX = Common subjects [For master's course]
- X1XXXX = General subjects [For master's course]
- X2XXXX = Basic subjects [For master's course]
- X3XXXX = Specialized subjects [For master's course]
- X4XXXX = Advanced topics (Laboratory Activities) / Seminar [For master's course]
- X5XXXX = Thesis / Specialized research / Research [For master's course]
- X6XXXX = Doctoral subjects (Except below doctoral subject) [For doctoral course]
- X7XXXX = Dissertation / Research [For doctoral course]

Third digit: The third digit in the 6-digit numbers indicates difficulties of subjects:

- XX0XXX = No category
- XX1XXX = Basic
- XX2XXX = Intermediate
- XX3XXX = Advanced

Fourth digit : The fourth digit in the 6-digit numbers indicates subjects for international course:

- XXX0XX = No category
- XXX3XX = Subjects for international program for master's course

Fifth and Sixth digits : The fifth and sixth digits in the 6-digit numbers indicate serial numbers based on levels of subjects categorized by second digit:

- XXXXXX = Serial numbers (ranging from 01 to 99) based on levels of subjects categorized by second digit

Regarding the fourth to sixth digits in the 6-digit numbers of common subjects or subjects offered by other Graduate Schools refer to the following.

i) For common subjects with the first digit of "0", please refer to the following guideline.

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ii) For subjects offered by other Graduate Schools with the first digit of "1 or 3", please refer to other Graduate Schools guideline

Schedule 2 (supplement to Article 4, Paragraph 1)

**Educational Curriculum for Graduate School of Biological Sciences**

(1)List of subjects and requirements

(International program for master's course)

Section	Subject	Subject Number	Credit	Classification (*)	Credits required for completion	Comment
Common	Japanese Class for Beginners I	000303	2	△	1	Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
	Japanese Class for Beginners II (1)	000204	1	△		Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
	Japanese Class for Beginners II (2)	000205	1	△		Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
	Japanese Class for Beginners III (1)	000206	1	△		Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
	Japanese Class for Beginners III (2)	000207	1	△		Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
	Japanese Culture	000105	2	△		Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
	Technology and Professional Ethics	000104	1	◎		Common Subjects for All Graduate Schools
General	Professional English I	210301	1	△	2	
	Professional English II	210302	1	△		
	Professional English III	210303	1	△		
	Communication Strategies	210304	1	△		
	Communication Quality through Phonology	210305	1	◎		
	Logic in Scientific Discovery	210306	1	◎		
Basic	Molecular Cell Biology	220301	1	◎	7	
	Advanced Topics in Bioscience	220302	1	◎		
	Laboratory Rotation I	220303	1	◎		
	Laboratory Rotation II	220304	1	◎		
	Literature in Bioscience Research I	220305	1	◎		
	Literature in Bioscience Research II	220306	1	◎		
	Research Presentation Forum	220307	1	◎		
Special	International Forefront in Bioscience I	230301	1	□	3	Subject in Information Science
	International Forefront in Bioscience II	230302	1	□		
	Bioscience Colloquium	230303	1	□		
	UCD Online Seminar	230304	1	□		
	Systems Biology I	130038	1	□		
	Bioresource Research Proposal	230305	1	△		
Seminar I	240301	2	□	6		
Seminar II	240302	2	□			
Seminar III	240303	2	□			
Seminar IV	240304	2	□			
Research Experiment I	240305	3	□	9		
Research Experiment II	240306	3	□			
Research Experiment III	240307	3	□			
Research Experiment IV	240308	3	□			
Thesis	250301	2	◎	2		
Total credits required for completion					30	
* Symbols indicate: ◎, compulsory; □, elective-compulsory; △, credits of this subject are not counted as those required for completion						

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**Curriculum table of the Graduate School of Biological Sciences**

Subject name, etc.

(Doctoral Course)

Subject name	Subject Number	Number of credits	Required/elective	Number of credits required for completion	Registration method, etc.
Research Project Design	260001	1	◎	1	
Overseas Internship I	260002	3	△		
Overseas Internship II	260003	3	△		
International Bio-Seminar I	260004	1	○	3	Students are required to take at least one subject of International Bio Seminar I to VI in the first academic year.
International Bio-Seminar II	260005	1	○		
International Bio-Seminar III	260006	1	○		
International Bio-Seminar IV	260007	1	○		
International Bio-Seminar V	260008	1	○		
International Bio-Seminar VI	260009	1	○		
Research Project Presentation	260010	1	○		
International Student Workshop	260011	1	○		
UCD Research Retreat	260012	1	○		
Communication Strategies	260013	1	△		These courses cannot be taken in cases where they have already been taken at Frontier Bio Master Course level.
Communication Quality through Phonology	260014	1	△		
Professional English I	260015	1	△		
Professional English II	260016	1	△		
Professional English III	260017	1	△		
Responsible Conduct of Research	260018	1	△		
UCD Online Seminar	260019	1	△		
Research Experiment I	270001	6	□	6	
Research Experiment II	270002	6	□		
Research Experiment III	270003	6	□		
Number of credits required for completion				10	
1. In the "Required/elective" column, ◎, □ and ○ represent required, required elective and elective subjects, respectively.					
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※ This curriculum is also used for double degree program students.

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