

**Kyushu Institute of Technology,  
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Students who enrolled prior to this should see the Study Bylaws that apply to the appropriate academic year.

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(Purpose)

Article 1. The purpose of these Bylaws is to prescribe necessary matters relating to class subjects, number of credits, registration methods, etc. in the Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering at Kyushu Institute of Technology (hereinafter “the Graduate School”), pursuant to the provisions of the Kyushu Institute of Technology Regulations (Kyushu Institute of Technology Regulations No. 1 of 2007; hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”).

(Program Tracks)

Article 1-2: The following courses shall be established as academic tracks within the Master’s Program:

- (1) Brain-Inspired Intelligence, Robotics and AI Hardware Course
  - (2) AI Life Design Course
  - (3) Biomedical Engineering Innovation Course
  - (4) Environmental and Energy Engineering Course
2. Students enrolled in the Master’s Program must be registered in one of the courses listed in the preceding paragraph.
3. The method for determining course selection shall be separately prescribed.
4. For students who request a change of course, the Dean of the Graduate School may grant

permission following a review conducted in accordance with separately prescribed procedures.

(Class subjects and number of credits)

Article 2. The class subjects and number of credits for the department in the Graduate School shall be as provided for in Appendix 1.

(Method of calculating credits)

Article 2-2. The method of calculating credits for class subjects shall be based on the following criteria, with the standard being that each credit awarded for a class subject shall consist of content that requires 45 hours of study.

- (1) One credit shall be awarded for lectures and seminars of 15 to 30 hours in length, with class lengths to be determined separately.
- (2) One credit shall be awarded for laboratory work, practical training and skills practice of 30 to 45 hours in length, with class lengths to be determined separately.
2. When calculating the number of credits for a class subject that is taught using a combination of two or more methods from among lectures, seminars, laboratory work, practical training, or skills practice, one credit shall be awarded based on the specific combination in accordance with the criteria set forth in the items of the preceding paragraph, with class lengths to be determined separately.
3. The provisions of the preceding two paragraphs notwithstanding, when establishing class subjects related to preparation of a dissertation, if deemed appropriate to award credits in recognition of the results of these studies, the number of credits awarded shall be determined in consideration of the amount of study required, etc.

(Course registration criteria)

Article 3. Students must acquire the designated credits in accordance with criteria prescribed in Appendix 2.

(Academic supervisors)

Article 4. Students shall receive guidance from an academic supervisor in regard to registering for class subjects, preparing dissertations, etc.

(Course plan and course registration method)

Article 5. Students shall decide which class subjects to take during the academic year concerned based on guidance from an academic supervisor, and after obtaining the

approval of the academic supervisor concerned, students must submit a declaration of registration by the designated deadline. Students may cancel a course registration by submitting a notification to that effect by the designated deadline.

2. If the academic supervisor deems it to be educationally beneficial, the student may take newly offered class subjects after enrollment, and these subjects may be treated as credits necessary for course completion in accordance with the classification of the subjects in the academic year in which they are offered.
3. Students who wish to take class subjects in other graduate schools must obtain the approval of an academic supervisor and submit the designated application form to the Administrative Office of the Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering within the course registration period of the graduate school concerned.
4. If the academic supervisor deems it to be educationally beneficial, the student may take class subjects at another graduate school after deliberation by the Faculty Council of the Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering (hereinafter "the Faculty Council of the Graduate School").
5. Up to a maximum of 15 credits obtained by taking class subjects pursuant to the provisions of the preceding two paragraphs may be approved as credits necessary for course completion. However, in combination with the number of credits approved pursuant to provisions on credits earned prior to enrollment, as set forth in Article 56 of the Regulations, the total number of credits earned in this way shall not exceed 20 credits.
6. Students may not register for more than 32 credits worth of class subjects in a single academic year. However, intensive lectures or class subjects conducted in an equivalent format as well as subjects classified as "supervised research, special laboratory work, or seminar," as shown in the Appendix, shall not be counted toward this maximum number of credits.
7. The provisions of the preceding paragraph notwithstanding, if a student wishes to take more than 32 credits worth of class subjects, and if the academic supervisor deems it to be educationally beneficial and gives permission, the student may take more than 32 credits worth of class subjects by completing the designated procedures.
8. If the academic supervisor deems it to be educationally beneficial, the student may receive research guidance at another graduate school or research institute, etc. after deliberation by the Faculty Council of the Graduate School. However, even if approved, students in a Master's Program shall not receive such research guidance for a period longer than one year.

Article 5-2. Deleted

(Submission of dissertations)

Article 6. After obtaining the approval of an academic supervisor, students must submit a dissertation to the president through the dean of the Graduate School of Life Science and Systems Engineering (hereinafter “the Dean”) by the designated deadline.

2. Only students who have earned or are expected to earn the credits required for course completion may submit a dissertation.

(Assessment of grades and conferment of credits)

Article 7. Grades received on class subject examinations shall be expressed using the rating codes A, B, C, D, and F. Grades of D and above are considered passing, and the designated credits shall be conferred.

2. To complete a class subject, students must attend at least two-thirds of the total class hours of the subject.

3. Credits may be conferred in an appropriate manner for the class subjects prescribed in Paragraph 3 of Article 2-2 in recognition of the results of study.

4. The following criteria shall be used when expressing grades in terms of rating codes.

(1) A (Pass)	90-100 points	Satisfactorily achieved the educational goals with outstanding performance.
(2) B (Pass)	80-89 points	Satisfactorily achieved the educational goals.
(3) C (Pass)	70-79 points	Achieved the educational goals.
(4) D (Pass)	60-69 points	Achieved the educational goals to the minimum acceptable degree.
(5) F (Fail)	0-59 points	Failed to achieve the educational goals.

5. Materials used in assessing grades (submitted reports, etc.) shall be retained for a period of 5 years in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 5, Remark 1 of the Appendix to the National University Kyushu Institute of Technology Document Management Regulations (2011 KIT Regulations No. 9) to be used as basic materials to verify the validity of grade assessments when necessary.

6. If a student is dissatisfied with his or her grade assessment, the student may appeal for confirmation or submit a formal objection via procedures specified separately.

7. Once earned, credits may not be withdrawn or re-issued.

(Grading and Awarding of Credits Based on Pass/Fail)

Article 7-2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs 1 and 4 of the preceding Article, a two-tier grading system based on pass/fail may be used for courses deemed necessary by

the committee responsible for academic affairs in the Graduate School and the Institute of Liberal Arts. In such cases, grades shall be indicated as "Pass" or "P" and "Fail" or "NP"; a grade of "Pass" or "P" shall be considered a passing grade, and the prescribed credits shall be awarded.

2. The grading in the preceding paragraph shall be based on the following criteria:
  - (1) Pass or P (Pass): The learning objectives have been met.
  - (2) Fail or NP (Fail): The learning objectives have not been met.
3. For courses for which a student has registered, if it is determined that the learning objectives have already been met based on the results of a qualifying examination, an external examination, or similar assessment, the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 2 may be applied mutatis mutandis.

(Credit Recognition)

Article 7-3. In accordance with the provisions of Articles 54 through 56 of the Regulations, credits shall be awarded for courses recognized as having been completed through coursework in the Graduate School, based on the course category and credit classification of the recognized courses.

2. No grade evaluation shall be conducted for recognized courses.
3. The grading notation used for credit recognition shall be "Recognized" or "R."

(Assessment of overall performance using GPA)

Article 7-4. The overall performance of students shall be expressed using a Grade Point Average (GPA).

2. All class subjects taken by a student are assigned a grade point, and GPA represents the average value of the student's grade points, weighted by the number of credits earned through each class subject. The following criteria shall apply when converting grade assessments into grade points.

90-100 points: 4.0	85-89 points: 3.5	80-84 points: 3.0	75-79 points: 2.5
70-74 points: 2.0	65-69 points: 1.5	60-64 points: 1.0	0-59 points: 0

3. Class subjects for which credits have been approved pursuant to provisions on credits earned prior to enrollment, as set forth in the preceding Article, shall not be included in GPA calculations.
4. If a student takes the same class subject multiple times over different academic years, the grade points earned for the class subject in each year that it is taken shall be included in GPA calculations.
5. Courses for which credits have been awarded pursuant to the provisions of Article 7-2 shall

not be included in the calculation of the GPA.

(Final examinations)

Article 8. Final examinations shall be given to students who have submitted a dissertation, and shall be conducted either orally or in writing and primarily cover the submitted dissertation as well as related matters.

(Assessments of dissertations and final examinations)

Article 9. Dissertation review results and final examination assessments shall be expressed as either pass or fail.

(Re-assessment and re-examination)

Article 10. Students who have failed the dissertation review or final examination may undergo re-assessment and re-examination with the approval of the dean after deliberation by the Faculty Council of the Graduate School.

(Cheating on examinations)

Article 11. Students who have cheated on an examination shall fail all or some of the class subjects for which they are registered in the semester concerned. They may also be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Article 88 of the Kyushu Institute of Technology Regulations.

(Completion of the Program)

Article 12: To complete any program of study within the Graduate School, students must satisfy the requirements for completion specified in Article 69 or Article 70 of the Regulations. The required credits are as set forth in Appendix 2.

Supplementary Provisions (Final revision)

1. These Bylaws shall come into effect from April 1, 2026.
2. Students who enrolled prior to application of these Bylaws shall be handled in accordance with the provisions in effect at that time.