

# **National Chi Nan University Master Program in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language Program Study Regulations**

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Article 1 These regulations are formulated in accordance with the NCNU Academic Regulations and the NCNU Graduate Degree Examination Regulations.

Article 2 Matters concerning study and examinations for the Master's Program in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (hereinafter "the Program") shall be handled in accordance with the University's Graduate Degree Examination Regulations and these Regulations.

Article 3 The standard study period for students in the Program shall be one to four years.

Article 4 Students must fulfill the following requirements to obtain the master's degree:

1. Required Courses: A minimum of 28 credits is required, including 10 credits of required courses and 18 credits of electives. Details are listed in the Program's Required and Elective Course List.
2. Elective Courses:
  - (1) Divided into Chinese Linguistics, Teaching Chinese as a Second Language, and Chinese Society and Culture. At least 6 credits must be taken in each field. An Enhancement Field is also available. Courses in the Teaching Chinese field require advisor evaluation.
  - (2) Additional recognized graduate-level courses may be taken with instructor and Program Director approval for credit transfer, up to 3 credits per field and 9 credits total, following NCNU's Credit Transfer Regulations.
  - (3) The Enhancement Field, totaling 7 credits, provides additional skills and grants a Certificate of Professional Courses in the Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language. The course "Compilation of Simulated Test Items for TOCFL" may substitute 3 credits in the Teaching Chinese field.
3. Thesis Proposal Review: Complete by the end of the second academic year; a one-semester extension is possible with application.

4. Thesis & Degree Examination: Complete and pass within study period; passing score is 70; one retake allowed.
5. Language Proficiency: Local students must pass at least 3 subjects in the MOE's Teaching Chinese Certification. International/overseas Chinese students must achieve Fluency Level in TOCFL or equivalent.
6. Academic Activities:
  - (1) Attend 3 academic conferences or present 1 paper as first author before the degree exam. Proof required.
  - (2) Attend 15 lectures related to the field (10 hosted by the Program, 5 elective) with documented proof.

Article 5 Students concurrently taking other credit programs must obtain approval from the Program Director or thesis advisor. Each semester, they may take up to 6 credits from courses outside the Program's Required and Elective Course List, except as provided in Article 4, Item 2.

Article 6 All students, whether local, overseas Chinese, or international, must write the master's thesis in Mandarin. In principle, students should select their thesis advisor before the end of the second academic year. Advisors are generally full-time, project-based, or part-time faculty of the Program; faculty from other NCNU departments or external scholars may serve as advisors upon approval by the Program Meeting.

Article 7 Graduation requires foreign language proficiency equivalent to an Intermediate Level certificate (per MOE standards for graduates of TCFL programs). Students failing to meet this requirement must complete two semesters of foreign language courses at NCNU with passing grades. Overseas Chinese students, international students, or students with proven foreign language proficiency related to employment are exempt. Foreign language credits do not count toward graduation requirements.

Article 8 Completion of at least 72 hours of teaching practicum is required for graduation. Practicum institutions must be recognized by the Program. Exemptions for practicum hours shall follow the Program's Graduate Practicum Regulations.

Article 9 Graduate students intending to take the degree examination must apply within the period set by the Registration Office. The examination committee shall consist of three to five members, with at least one-third from outside NCNU.

Examination procedures shall follow the NCNU Graduate Degree Examination Regulations and the Program's Master's Degree Examination Process.

Article 10 The thesis proposal presentation and degree examination must comply with the Program's Thesis Quality Assurance Guidelines and be conducted publicly.

Article 11 These regulations shall take effect after approval by the Program Meeting and the College Affairs Meeting, and acknowledgment by the Academic Affairs Meeting.