

**Tamkang University College of Science, Department of Chemistry
Regulations Regarding the Pursuit of Bachelor's and Master's Degrees
by Pre-Master's Students in the Undergraduate Division**

Article 1. Tamkang University (TKU) has established these regulations for the purpose of encouraging outstanding students in TKU's undergraduate division to continue into this department's master's program, in the expectation that students will benefit from the enhanced efficiency and time-savings that a program of continuous study can offer.

Article 2. Undergraduate students at TKU who, at the end of the first semester of their third year, rank in the top half of their class based on total grade point average for the previous five semesters, may apply to this department, using the application form shown in Attachment 1, in the second semester of their third year within the first month following the beginning of classes.

Article 3. Applicants must submit the application form, their grades for the previous five semesters, proof of class ranking, a personal biography, a study and research plan, letters of recommendation from two professors (formatted as in Attachment 2), and any other materials that may be beneficial in the evaluation process.

Article 4. Students who wish to apply should consult professors in this department for guidance regarding the aforementioned items before applying.

Article 5. The selection process shall be carried out by this department's Student Recruitment Committee. One month after the beginning of classes in the second semester of the school year, the Student Recruitment Committee shall evaluate applicants' written materials, conduct interviews, and decide upon a list of accepted applicants. Selection criteria and the number of applicants to be accepted shall be left to the discretion of this department's Student Recruitment Committee, but the number must not exceed the maximum number of students that may be admitted to the master's program via the application-based admission process in the applicable year.

Article 6. Accepted applicants shall simultaneously hold the titles of bachelor's degree candidate and pre-master's student.

Article 7. Students accepted as pre-master's students must complete their bachelor's degree by the end of their fourth year, and must apply to participate in TKU's application-based admission process for master's programs; only after acceptance through this process is a student formally considered a graduate student in this department's master's program. The number of pre-master's students to be formally accepted into this department's master's program should be included in the total number of students to be accepted into this department's master's program in the applicable year.

Article 8. Scholarship funding in the amount of NTD 100,000 shall be distributed among pre-master's students in the second semester of their first year of graduate school who had a cumulative grade point average ranking in the top ten in their class after five semesters; in general, this funding shall be awarded to a maximum of three students.

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Article 9. Pre-master's students may begin to take graduate-level courses during the first semester of their fourth undergraduate year. Credit for such courses may be transferred so as to fulfill requirements toward the master's degree after the student has been formally promoted to the master's program provided that the student applies for transfer of course credit in accordance with this university's regulations. However, if the course credits were used to fulfill requirements toward the bachelor's degree, they may not be used again to fulfill requirements toward the master's degree.

Article 10. A student shall be awarded a master's degree only after fulfilling all requirements of this department's master's degree program.

Article 11. These regulations shall take effect following approval by the Departmental Affairs Council, the College Affairs Council, the University Affairs Council, and the President of the University; amendments shall take effect on the same basis.