## Guide to Handling Research Guidance Methods and Contents in the Master Course of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University

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- Article 1. This Guide stipulates the necessary matters related to the handling of research guidance methods and contents in the Master Course of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University (hereinafter, the "Graduate School"), based on the provisions of Article 16, Paragraph 2 of the Regulations of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University (Item 1 of the Regulations of the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology of Shimane University, 2018).
- Article 2. Students who have entered the Graduate School shall formulate a "Research Proposal" (Annual Plan) (Appended Form 1), and submit it to the Academic Affairs Division of the Graduate School at the beginning of the first and third semesters. Additionally, students shall promptly formulate a "Progress Report" (Appended Form 2) and submit it to the Academic Affairs Division of the Graduate School after the end of the class period in the first, second and third semesters. Furthermore, students shall make copies of the "Research Proposal" and "Progress Report" prior to submission, which shall be stored by their main academic advisor, co-advisor(s), and the student, respectively.
- 2. To complete the "Research Proposal" stipulated in the preceding paragraph, the main academic advisor shall prepare the section of the "Research Guidance Plan," and the student shall prepare the sections of the "Research Prospect" and the "Monthly Research Schedule" after full consultation regarding the research contents, research method, and the student's career plan.
- 3. The "Research Proposal" stipulated in Paragraph 1 shall be formulated for the promotion of independent and creative research activities by the student, and in order to clearly indicate the main academic advisor's research guidance plan to the student beforehand; and shall not impede changes to the research project or contents, in accordance with the development of research activities.
- Article 3. The co-advisor(s) shall manage and utilize the "Research Proposal" and "Progress Report" respectively as a research record for each student, and in coordination with the main academic advisor, shall conduct systematic and organized research guidance of the student.
- Article 4. Grading of the subject "Thesis Research" shall be discussed and conducted by the main academic advisor and the co-advisor(s), based on the "Progress Report" and the status of the student's research activities in the relevant semester.
- Article 5. A mid-term presentation shall be set by the main academic advisor and co-advisor(s), or the course meeting. The student shall give a presentation on research activities.
- 2. The format of the mid-term presentation shall be an oral presentation or a poster session, and students shall distribute the abstract to participants at the time of the presentation.
- Article 6. For students who had planned to give a presentation at the mid-term presentation stipulated in Paragraph 1 of the preceding Article, but were approved to be absent due to unavoidable circumstances such as sudden illness, the mid-term presentation shall be set for a later date.
- Article 7. Other necessary matters related to research guidance methods and contents that are not stipulated in this Guide shall be stipulated separately.

Supplementary Provisions

This Guide shall be enforced from April 1, 2018.

Supplementary Provisions (partially revised on February 19, 2020)

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