Regulations Governing Master's Students of the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering at National Central University

Article 1   The Regulations Governing Master's Students of the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering at National Central University (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) are stipulated per the National Central University Study Regulations and the National Central University Regulations on the Degree Examinations for Postgraduate Students.

Article 2   The minimum duration of study is one year for full-time students and three years for in-service program students. However, a full-time graduate student having a full-time occupation on or off campus, if he or she notifies in advance and his or her case is approved, he or she may take fewer credits each semester depending on the case, and his or her minimum duration of study may follow that of in-service program students accordingly (three years at least).

A full-time student who intends to apply for early graduation within two years must have an academic paper (of which he or she must be the first author) published or accepted by a journal accredited by the Science Citation Index (SCI) or the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), or his or her thesis must be reviewed and approved by the Academic Committee of the Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering (CSIE).

Article 3   Graduate students should choose their thesis advisors within a half year after their enrollment. If a student's thesis advisor is not a full-time

faculty member of the Department of CSIE, the advisory relationship is subject to the review of and approval from the Academic Committee, and one full-time faculty member from the Department of CSIE must conduct co-advising.

A master's student should seek approval from his or her thesis advisor for course selection and school-leaving procedures. For those who do not have a thesis advisor, their cases should be decided by the convenor of the Academic Committee.

Article 4   As the thesis advisory relationship continues, students are not allowed to randomly change their thesis advisors. If students have to change their advisors due to some reasons, they must notify their former thesis advisors in advance and submit written documents to the Academic Committee to apply for a change of thesis advisor. The change of advisor will only become effective after the review and upon approval of the Academic Committee.

Article 5   Master's students must take a minimum of 24 credits for graduation. Students must take the compulsory courses "Seminar" (two credits in total) in their first year and "Thesis Research in Computer Science" (four credits in total) in their first and second year. Students of the Division of Information Security are required to take any two courses related to information security listed by the Department of CSIE. Students being recommended to earn dual degrees in five years, students applying for early graduation within two years of study, or students in special cases who have acquired the approval of the Academic Committee may not be subject to the aforementioned requirements.

Article 6   According to the NCU's relevant regulations, in-service program students and students who receive regular salaries from other institutions are not allowed to receive scholarships and grants. However, research grants from research projects in which students are engaged will not be subject to the restriction.

Article 7   Master's students who receive scholarships and grants from the Department of CSIE should take up assistantships that the Department

of CSIE arranges, and their performance will be evaluated by the Academic Committee. Those who fail in evaluation are not allowed to apply for scholarships and grants of the Department of CSIE for the next academic year.

Article 8   The degree examination should be conducted in the form of an oral defense.

Article 9   Implementation details not specified herein must be subject to relevant regulations of NCU and the Ministry of Education.

Article 10   The Regulations have been approved at the Department Affairs Meeting of the Department of CSIE and reviewed by the NCU Academic Affairs Meeting prior to their implementation. Any future amendments should follow the same administrative procedures.