## **Requirements for Master's Degree of Plant Pathology after 2019**

Items	Notes
<ul> <li>I. Years of Enrollment:</li> <li>1. Minimum years of enrollment: 1 year</li> <li>2. Maximum years of enrollment: 4 years (not including 2 years' intermission)</li> </ul>	Part-time students may extend enrollment for an additional year.
<ul> <li>II. Minimum credits for graduation: <u>30</u> credits (physical education and citizen national defense education are not included), including:</li> <li>1. Courses: minimum of required credits: <u>4</u> ; minimum of elective credits: <u>20</u></li> <li>2. Master's Thesis: <u>6</u> credits</li> </ul>	To pass academic and conduct courses, the grade has to be over 70. Students who fail the conduct grade will be terminated from their study. The average of academic grades comprises 50 % of the overall graduation grades. *Only English-taught courses will be recognized as graduation credits. *Required credits+ Elective credits + Master's Thesis = minimum credits for graduation
III. Transfer credits: maximumcredits	According to NCHU regulation for credits exemption, students should apply for credits exemption prior to the deadline of course add/drop.
IV. Undergraduate credits from discipline-related courses may be counted as graduation credits.	According to NCHU regulation, students who need to take undergraduate courses for research purposes can submit the application during the period of course selection, and obtain approval from the chairperson, advisor, chairperson of the course offered, and dean of the academic affairs. The credits may be counted as graduation credits after students pass the courses. The maximum for such undergraduate credits: <u>6</u> credits
V. Credits from other departments:	Including inter-university credits.
VI. Core courses and credits: credits	<ol> <li>Students who fail the core courses should retake core courses.</li> <li>Students who don't complete core courses cannot graduate.</li> </ol>
Core Course TitleCredits1. Seminar (I)2	
2. Seminar (Ⅱ)       2         3. Thesis       6	
<ul> <li>VII. Prerequisite Courses (not included in graduation credits): credits</li> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> </ul>	According to NCHU graduate regulation, students should take certain perquisite courses at the undergraduate level, which would be decided by advisors and chairperson. Prerequisite credits will not be counted as graduation credits. Students are not allowed to attend the thesis defense if they haven't completed the prerequisite courses.
<ol> <li>VIII. Thesis Defense:         <ol> <li>Students should discuss with their advisors prior to the end of first academic year.</li> <li>Students must get the certification of "Education on Academic and Research Ethics" course before the application of the oral defense.</li> <li>Students who complete minimum of enrollment, fulfill graduation credits, and complete the draft of thesis should apply for oral defense at least 20 days prior to the oral defense. The passing grade for defense is 70.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Oral defense comprises 50% of graduation grade Students must take "Education on Academic and Research Ethics" course and have the exam for getting the certificate from the website of the Research Ethics Education. Master thesis should be written in English and oral defense should be carried out in English. Students who fail oral defense within enrollment should retake it again next semester or year. If students who retake oral defense fail again, their study will be terminated. The grade for retaking oral defense is 70.

## IX. Others:

- 1. No requirement of English proficiency level for graduation.
- 2. Students must elect "Advances in Plant Pathology" and "Plant Disease Clinics", two of departmental core curricula.
- 3. To obtain a master's degree in Plant Pathology, students must fulfil one of the followings:
  - Publish at least one article directly related to thesis in one of Taiwan's journals (A letter of acceptance for the article by the journal is a minimum requirement).
  - (2) Make at least one oral or poster presentation in a domestic annual meeting of an academic society or one poster presentation in an international conference in the field of plant pathology or related disciplines (determined by your advisor). °

The above-stated qualification can be determined by the student advisor. In case of doubt, the admission and graduation committee of department will review and make the final decision.