



Organizational Bylaws of Graduate Studies in Saudi Universities And The Rules of Implementation at Prince Sultan University

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The Rules of Implementation of the graduate studies Bylaws at Prince Sultan University were approved in the 8th University Council session of the academic year 1445 AH (2024) on 08/10/1445 AH, corresponding to 17/04/2024 AD.

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University Affairs Council Resolution No. (1444/9/2) dated 1444/1/3 AH

The Universities Affairs Council, with the powers granted to it, shall assume principles (6) of Article (Fifteen) of the Higher Education and Universities Council System pursuant to Royal Decree No. (M/8) dated 1414/6/4 AH, and what confirms that the Council's jurisdiction includes issuing common regulations for universities. Therefore, Royal Decree No. (M/27) dated 1441/3/2 AH was issued, approving the Universities System and what was stated in paragraph Four that the Universities Affairs Council shall have all the authorities of the desolved Higher Education Council as stated in the Higher Education and Universities Council System, including pursuant to Royal Decree No. (M/8) dated 1414/6/4 AH, that the system shall continue to be in effect. Because according to Paragraph (3) of Article (Seven) of the Classification System issued by Royal Decree No. (M/27) and the Council's on 1441/3/2 AH, it is permissible for it to be within its jurisdiction to approve the financial, administrative and academic bylaws for universities.

The following is decided:

First: approve the regulations governing graduate studies in universities, according to what is attached to this decision.

Second: These regulations replace the unified regulations for graduate studies in universities amended by Higher Education Council Resolution No. (1417/6/3) dated 1417/8/26 AH, and cancel any previous provisions that conflict with them.

Third: These regulations shall be effective as of the start date of the academic year 1444 AH.

Fourth: The Council of each university shall establish the implementation rules for these regulations within fifteen days from the date of this decision.

Fifth: The General Secretariat of the Universities Affairs Council shall review the regulations according to the formula attached to this decision after three years from its effectiveness.

Allah is the Grantor of success

Chairman of Universities Affairs Council

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Definitions

Definitions

Article 1

The terms and phrases used in this bylaw are defined as follows, unless the context requires otherwise:

Graduate Studies: Courses of study beyond the bachelor's degree, such as postgraduate diplomas, master's degrees, or doctorates.

Classification: The Unified Saudi Classification of Educational Levels and Specializations, issued by Cabinet Resolution No. (75) dated 27/1/1442 AH, including any subsequent amendments or updates.

Framework: The National Qualifications Framework in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, issued by the Education and Training Evaluation Commission (ETEC) Board of Directors in its first meeting of the second session on 6/6/1441 AH, including any amendments or updates thereto.

Vice President or Competent Deputy: The University Vice President, or the Deputy Vice President for Graduate Studies Affairs, as per the university's organizational structure.

Executive Management: The deanship, department, or unit within the university responsible for implementing academic procedures related to graduate studies, according to the university's organizational structure.

The Program: The set of courses, thesis, graduation research, comprehensive examination, or a combination thereof, that a student completes within a specified period to obtain a degree or higher certificate in their field of specialization.

Joint Program: A scientific program offered jointly by two or more departments or colleges within the university, or by the university in

collaboration with other educational or research institutions, inside or outside the Kingdom, with defined learning outcomes.

Credit Unit: A weekly theoretical lecture (or scientific symposium, clinical lesson, or tutorial lecture) of at least fifty (50) minutes, a practical lesson of at least one hundred (100) minutes, or a field lesson as specified in the study plan.

Course: A subject included in the approved study plan for each program, identified by a number, code, title, and detailed description of its content. Courses are subject to ongoing follow-up, evaluation, and updates. Some courses may be taught independently or have prerequisite or co-requisite requirements, which can be exempted based on a test of specific learning outcomes.

Postponement of Admission: Delaying the start date of a student's studies after the issuance of a university ID and before registering for any course; this is only allowed once and cannot occur after the start of studies.

Postponement of Study: The student's suspension of the prescribed period, per this Bylaw, to obtain the academic degree after the start of their studies.

Withdrawal: The student's permanent termination of their relationship with the university before completing the academic program.

Enrollment Cancellation: The university's termination of its relationship with the student before the completion of their academic program, for specific reasons stipulated in this Bylaw.

Re-enrollment: The university's reinstatement of its relationship with a student whose enrollment has been canceled.

Comprehensive Exam: An examination of the knowledge and skills required to obtain postgraduate degrees (higher diploma, master's, or doctorate), which may be the final qualification for some of these degrees, except for the Ph.D.

Graduation Thesis: a research that takes one or two semesters, has a specific topic, qualifies for an academic degree, and is part of the study plan.

Scientific Thesis: The dissertation represents the research and its results, which are prepared and submitted by the student to obtain an academic degree.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 1

University: Prince Sultan University

Executive Management Unit: Graduate Studies Unit.

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Objectives and Validity of the By-laws

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Article 2

Subject to the provisions of the rules and regulations outlined in the Undergraduate Study and Examinations Bylaw, this bylaw aims to organize graduate studies programs in universities to enhance the efficiency and quality of the educational process for graduate studies and the academic procedures for graduate studies across the university.

Article 3

The provisions of this bylaw are applicable to universities that implement the Higher Education Council's system, as issued by Royal Decree No. (M/8) dated 4/6/1414 AH, including any subsequent amendments and universities that implement the Universities System, as issued by Royal Decree No. (M/27) dated 2/3/1441H, including any subsequent amendments.

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Objectives of Graduate Studies

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Article 4

The key objectives of graduate studies are to:

1. Pay attention to advanced studies and research that serve national goals and promote their research and publication.
2. Contribute to the enrichment of human knowledge in all its fields through specialized studies and research that would lead to new and innovative scientific and applied contributions and findings.
3. Provide high-quality educational opportunities for students to pursue graduate studies within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
4. Develop and offer specialized programs to enhance students' qualifications and expertise, to provide studies and research that serve the country and contribute to enriching students specializations.
5. Attract distinguished students from around the world in critical research areas to improve research outputs and enrich cultural diversity in graduate programs.
6. Prepare and qualify specialized scientific and professional talent to meet the evolving needs of society.
7. Encourage creativity, innovation, and the ability to address emerging sustainable development challenges at the local, regional, and global levels.
8. Expand opportunities for productive cooperation and partnerships at the local, regional, and international levels.
9. Develop the outputs of the knowledge economy to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development goals for Saudi society.

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Detailed Criteria for Approval of Graduate Programs

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Article 5

The University Council shall develop detailed criteria for endorsing graduate programs, adhering to the following:

1. The university must have obtained institutional accreditation from the Education and Training Evaluation Commission (ETEC).
2. For approval of a higher diploma or master's program, the corresponding bachelor's program in the same specialization must have obtained program accreditation from ETEC or an international body approved by the Commission. For approval of a doctoral program, the corresponding master's program in the same specialization must have obtained accreditation from ETEC or an approved international body.
3. The department offering the program must have a sufficient number of qualified faculty members (professors and associate professors) specialized in the program area, as well as adequate research facilities (laboratories, computers, etc.) to ensure the success of the program in terms of teaching, supervision, and research.
4. The expected student enrollment in the program must be sufficient to ensure its proper continuation, with class sizes not exceeding 25 students.
5. When approving its programs, the university must adhere to:
 - a. The Saudi Standard Classification of Educational Levels and Specializations.
 - b. The National Qualifications Framework in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
6. Suspension of admissions to master's and doctoral programs that do not obtain program accreditation from ETEC or an approved international body within two years of the graduation of the first batch of students.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 5

In addition to the above, the following must be adhered to:

1. Based on the Department Council's recommendation, the College Council shall submit a detailed proposal on the new graduate program, based on the approved forms, to the Standing Committee of Graduate Studies.
2. The detailed proposal must include benchmarking to global quality programs.
3. The Standing Committee shall submit its recommendations for initial approval to the University Council.
4. If initially approved, the college shall present the program to external reviewers before the Standing Committee resubmits it to the University Council for final approval recommendation.
5. The University Council's recommendation for approval is then presented to the Board of Trustees, before sending it to the Universities Affairs Council for final approval.

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Formation of a Standing Committee for Graduate Studies

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Article 6

A permanent Standing Committee for Graduate Studies (the standing committee) shall be formed, supervised by the Vice President or a Competent Deputy who will serve as the chairperson.

The committee shall consist of:

1. Five deans from colleges/institutes offering graduate programs, representing program diversity.
2. The Dean of Quality and Development.
3. The Dean/ Director/ chair of the Executive Management unit , who shall be the committee secretary.
4. Three members who have experience and specialization in graduate studies, from inside or outside the university.
5. The members in points 1 and 4 are appointed by the University Council, based on the President's nomination, for a renewable two-year term.

Article 7

The Standing Committee shall undertake the following tasks in accordance to the provisions of this Bylaw:

1. Propose and oversee the implementation of the university's graduate studies policy.
2. Based on recommendations from colleges, departments and institutes, recommend the approval and updates to admission requirements for graduate programs.
3. Supervise joint graduate programs.
4. Recommend approval and amendments of graduate programs to the University Council, based on the department council's suggestion and the college council's endorsement to this suggestion - and upon studying and arbitration.

5. Recommend approval of study plans and detailed standards for graduate programs to the University council, based on the department council's proposal and the college council's endorsement to this proposal, and in accordance with international benchmarks.
6. Propose standards for graduate programs to be approved by the University Council.
7. Propose regulations for evaluating graduate programs to be approved by the University Council.
8. Supervise the evaluation of the graduate studies programs on a regular bases through committees or specialized bodies from inside or outside the university.
9. Study the comprehensive report prepared by the Executive Management unit about graduate studies programs at the university, and the results of evaluating these programs and submit it to the university council.
10. Recommend approval of college councils' suggestions regarding graduate programs that align with community needs, the Kingdom's vision plans, and global directives to be approved by the university council.
11. Support proposals for academic degrees and certificates determinations, and their titles in Arabic and English, based on the departments and colleges council's proposal.
12. Recommend the numbers of students to be admitted to graduate programs each year to the university council, based on the proposal of the concerned department's council and the consent of the college's council.
13. Recommend regulations for forming supervisory and thesis defense committees.
14. Develop frameworks and standards for comprehensive exams and thesis research.
15. Formulate guidelines for research plans, thesis/dissertation writing, printing, presentations and submission, and the forms for examinations and thesis/dissertations defense reports.
16. Review periodic reports on postgraduate studies submitted by departments.

17. Propose offering graduate programs outside the university's premises and submit it to the university council for its decision.
18. Recommend approval of colleges' proposals regarding initiatives related to graduate studies to develop the university's financial resources.
19. Recommend graduate program application fees, graduate program fees, and fees for supporting services related to graduate studies based on the departments and colleges recommendations.
- 20.20. Recommend the allocation of partial and full scholarships for students based on the approved regulations by the university council.
21. Recommend closure or suspension of graduate programs that do not comply with standards or the university strategy.
22. Consider any matters referred by the Chair of the Standing Committee, University President, or University Council.

The Standing Committee may delegate some or its authorities to the Chair and/or form standing/temporary committees to study assigned tasks.

Article 8

The Standing Committee meets at least once per month upon the invitation of the chairperson. Meetings are valid if attended by two-thirds of the committee members, including the chairperson or his/her representative. Decisions are made by a majority vote of the attending members. In case of a tie, the chairperson's vote shall be in favor. Decisions made by the Standing Committee are valid unless contested by the University President within 15 days. If the University President objects to a decision, it is returned to the Standing Committee with the President's opinion for further review. If the Standing Committee maintains its original decision after the President's objection, the matter is then referred to the University Council for final decision. The University Council can approve, amend, or cancel the Standing Committee's decision, and the Council's decision is final. The Standing Committee chairperson may invite additional individuals to attend committee sessions, but they do not have voting rights.

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Study Programs and Study System

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Article 9

Joint graduate programs can be created between departments, colleges, or institutes within the university, or between the university and external educational/research institutions, according to the regulations approved by the University Council , and based on recommendations from the Standing Committee, after coordination with relevant departments/colleges/authorities.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 9

- A. If two or more departments from the same college subscribe to develop a program:
1. A joint committee from the relevant departments is formed of specialists in the proposed program as decided by the Dean of the college.
 2. The committee will propose the program outline according to the guidelines for establishing programs outlined in Article 5 and its implementing regulations.
 3. Upon approval of the program, a council for the program is formed by a decision from the Dean of the college, based on the recommendations of the department councils.
 4. The Program Council assumes the responsibilities and authorities of the department councils regarding academic and student affairs only.
- B. In the event of two or more colleges participating in the development of a program:
1. A joint committee from the relevant colleges is formed of specialists in the proposed program as decided by the Chairman of the Standing Committee.
 2. The committee will develop the proposed program outline based on the criteria for program creation outlined in Article 5 and its implementing regulations.

3. After the program is approved, a council for the program is formed by a decision from the chairman of the Standing Committee, consisting of experts from the relevant colleges.
 4. The Program Council assumes the responsibilities and authorities of the department councils regarding academic and student affairs only, while the Executive Management unit assumes the responsibilities and authorities of the college councils regarding academic and student affairs only.
- C. In the event of the university collaborating with educational or research institutions within or outside the kingdom to develop a program (or more), the relevant college forms a specialized committee and obtains the necessary approvals and completes the required procedures.

Article 10

The number of credit hours taught to a graduate student at the university that will grant him/her a degree shall not be less than 50% of the total number of credit hours required for the degree. The student shall complete his/her graduation research or his/her thesis - if any - entirely under the university supervision. Students of joint programs are excluded from this article.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 10

The number of credit hours taught to a graduate student at the degree-granting university shall not be less than:

1. 50% of the total credit hours required for a degree for students in joint programs.
2. 70% of the total credit hours required for a degree for transfer students. Students must complete their graduation research/thesis entirely under the university's supervision.
3. 70% of the total credit hours required for a degree for students wishing to study some courses at other universities. Students must complete their graduation research/thesis entirely under the university's supervision.

Article 11

The study for the Higher Diploma consists of academic courses, field work, and applied laboratory, provided that the duration of the program and the required number of credit hours are as specified in the classification and framework. The University Council, based on the proposal of the Standing Committee, may increase the study period of any program, not exceeding half the determined period.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 11

The study for the Higher Diploma consists of academic courses and based on the following conditions:

1. The number of credit hours for a higher diploma program is 24 credit hours.
2. The minimum duration of the program is one year.

Article 12

A master's degree can be pursued through coursework only, or coursework and thesis, or coursework and comprehensive examination, or coursework and graduation research. The duration and number of credit hours must adhere to what is specified in the classification and framework. The University Council may increase the duration of any program by up to 50% of the determined period, based on the Standing Committee's proposal.

Article 13

The University Council approves the method of pursuing a PhD degree, based on the recommendation of the Standing Committee. The duration and number of credit hours must adhere to what is specified in the classification and framework. The University Council can increase the duration of any program by up to 50% of the determined period, based on the Standing Committee's proposal.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 13

The Doctoral degree shall be obtained through academic courses, such that the student must complete at least 30 credit hours of academic coursework (after obtaining a master's degree), pass the comprehensive exam, and submit a scientific thesis

Article 14

The period for obtaining a scientific degree is calculated from the beginning of the student's registration to graduate courses in the program to which the student is enrolled until the date of completion of all degree requirements, or the submission of a report by the student's supervisor to the department chair, along with a copy of the student's thesis.

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Admission

Admission

Article 15

The Executive Management unit is responsible for implementing academic procedures related to student admission and registration, in accordance with this Bylaw and regulations approved by the University Council.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 15

The general prerequisites for acceptance into graduate studies are as follows:

1. All previous academic degrees should be acquired from a university or educational institution within the Kingdom, or from outside the Kingdom as long as they are authorized by the competent authority in the country of study.
2. It is required that the study for all previous academic degrees are entirely full-time.
3. Two recommendation letters from professors who have taught the applicant are required.
4. For admission to postgraduate studies, the student must have obtained a minimum of (very good) grade in the undergraduate level to be accepted in master's programs, and a minimum of (very good) grade in the master's degree to be accepted in the doctorate programs. The Executive Management unit may, based on the recommendation of the Department Council and the approval of the College Council, accept students for a higher Diploma or a Master's degree for those who have obtained a good grade in the Bachelor's degree with a GPA of not less than (2.00 out of 4.00 or 3.00 out of 5.00).
5. Passing the interview according to the program's requirements.
6. Obtaining a proficiency certificate in the English language as regulated by the Executive Management unit.

7. Students who meet the admission requirements and procedures shall be selected based on their fulfillment of the admission criteria. The top applicants shall be selected for admission according to the specified number for each program.
8. The Standing Committee has the authority to add to these general conditions what it deems necessary and approved by the University Council.

Article 16

Considering the conditions mentioned in Article 15 of this Bylaw, a student might be admitted in a field other than his/her specialization based on the recommendation of the relevant department council and the approval of the college council.

Article 17

The relevant department may require a student seeking admission to a master's or doctoral program to pass a number of foundation courses from the previous degree level, or to pass a test of learning outcomes related to those foundation courses. This is in order for the student to be eligible to join the program, in accordance with the regulations approved by the Standing Committee based on the proposal of the Department Council and the consent of the College Council.

Article 18

A student may be admitted into two graduate programs simultaneously, provided that the two programs are either from the same level or from a previous level. This is in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council, based on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 18

Considering the provisions in Articles 15, 16, and 17 of this Bylaw, and their implementing regulations, it is permissible to accept a student's

enrollment in two graduate programs simultaneously, provided that both programs are either from the same level or from a previous level, subject to the following guidelines:

1. The student must obtain separate admission for each program.
2. The total number of credit hours taken per semester should not exceed 12 credit hours when a student is enrolled in two graduate programs simultaneously.
3. The student will receive two graduation certificates, but a single academic transcript.

Article 19

It is permissible to equate courses that a student has previously completed at a university or educational institution, either inside or outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, provided that the institution is licensed by the competent authority in the country of study. This is done based on the Department Council's recommendation and the College Council's approval. The courses that have been equated shall be recorded in the student's academic transcript. The University Council determines the regulations governing this process, including the possibility of calculating the equated courses towards the student's GPA in their academic transcript.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 19

It is permissible to equate courses that the student has previously completed at a university or educational institution, either within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or from outside the Kingdom, according to the following regulations:

1. The content of the required course must align with at least 80% of the description of the course approved in the program curriculum, taking into consideration the teaching method.
2. The course credit hours must match or exceed those in the program curriculum.
3. The student must have received at least a grade of «very good» in the course to be equated.
4. The student must have completed the course within the last four years, as a maximum.

5. The equated course will be recorded in the student's academic transcript as a «pass/fail» and will not be included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.
6. The request for course equating must be approved by the Executive Management unit.

Article 20

A student may postpone their admission once, with the approval of the related Department Council and the college's dean, however, this deferral cannot be granted after the student has already commenced their studies, in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council based on the proposal of the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 20

It is possible for a student to postpone their acceptance to a later date, but only once, with the approval of the department council and the college dean. However, this deferral cannot be granted after the student has already commenced his/her studies. The regulations are as follows:

1. The student must submit a request for deferral of admission to the relevant department by the specified deadline set by the Executive Management unit.
2. Admission deferral for one or two academic semesters may be allowed, based on the student's preference and the department's ability to offer the same courses in the following semester.
3. The request for admission deferral must be approved by the Executive Management unit.

Article 21

Considering the decisions issued by the Universities Affairs Council, the university may charge:

1. Tuition fees or financial compensation for offering graduate programs or courses, provided that these programs have obtained program accreditation, and the number of admitted students does not exceed the number of admitted students for the same programs or courses offered without fees or financial compensation. The University Council sets the regulations governing this process based on a recommendation from the Standing Committee.
2. A financial compensation for the services related to graduate studies and their support, in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council based on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

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Academic Procedures

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Article 22

A student may postpone his/her studies upon the recommendation of the related Department Council and the approval of the College Council. This is in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council based on the proposal of the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 22

It is permissible for a student to postpone his/her studies upon the recommendation of the Department Council and the approval of the College Council, in accordance with the following regulations:

1. The student must have passed at least one academic semester.
2. The total duration of deferral should not exceed four academic semesters (two academic years).
3. The deferral request must be submitted before the start of the semester.
4. The deferral period is not counted towards the maximum duration for degree completion.
5. The request for study deferral must be approved by the Executive Management unit.

Article 23

A student may withdraw from one or more courses, or all registered courses of the semester, after the end of the registration period. This can be done upon the recommendation of the related Department Council, and with the approval of the Dean of the College, in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council based on the proposal of the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 23

A student may withdraw from one or more courses, or all registered courses of the semester after the end of the registration period. Such request is evaluated based on a recommendation by the Department Council and approval by the college Dean, following these guidelines:

1. The student must submit the request for withdrawal within the specified deadline.
2. If the student withdraws from one or more courses, or all registered courses, and these courses are not offered in the following semester, the student can register for other courses from the study plan considering all prerequisites. If no courses are offered, the student will postpone studying for that semester, and this deferral will not be counted towards the period mentioned in the implementing regulation for Article 22.
3. Withdrawal from all registered courses is counted towards the specified period to complete graduation requirements.
4. The student is allowed to withdraw from all courses for a maximum of two semesters; exceptions can be granted by the Executive Management unit based on the Dean's recommendation.
5. Compliance with the approved financial regulations and rules is mandatory.
6. The request for course withdrawal must be approved by the Executive Management unit.

Article 24

If a graduate student withdraws from the university and then wishes to re-enroll, the university may apply the admission requirements that are in place at the time of the new application.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 24

1. To withdraw from the university, the student must:
 - A. Submit a withdrawal request to the Executive Management unit within the specified deadlines.

- B. If the withdrawal request is submitted after the second week of the semester but before the start of the final exams, the student will receive a withdrawal grade (W) in the registered courses.
 - C. Comply with the approved financial regulations and rules.
2. If a student withdraws from the university and wishes to return, the department/program may consider the courses the student has passed before the withdrawal, given that the courses were completed in the past four years or less and the student received a grade of «very good» or higher in these course.

Article 25

A student is considered to be discontinued if he/she does not register within the specified period of registration in each available semester.

Article 26

1. A student's enrollment shall be terminated in the following cases:
 - a. The student discontinued, as per the provisions of Article 25.
 - b. The student does not pass the foundation courses, in accordance with the regulations approved by the Standing Committee.
 - c. The student's GPA falls below «very good» for two consecutive semesters.
 - d. The student's admission was based on partially or completely false/fraudulent information or documents.
 - e. The student does not obtain the degree within the specified program duration.
2. The student's enrollment shall be terminated by a decision of the Standing Committee upon the recommendation of the Department Council and the endorsement of the College Council in the following cases:
 - a. The student is proven to be unserious at the thesis stage, as per Article 44.
 - b. The student does not pass the comprehensive exam after one allowed retake.
 - c. The thesis committee deems the thesis invalid for discussion or unacceptable.
 - d. The student violates scientific integrity in courses, thesis preparation, or relevant rules.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 26

1. A student's enrollment will be automatically terminated if the cumulative GPA falls below (3.00 out of 4.00) for two consecutive semesters.
2. A student's enrollment will be terminated if the cumulative GPA falls below (3.00 out of 4.00) at the end of a semester, and it is not possible to raise it to 3.00 or above in the following semester.
3. Except for the cases described in points 1 and 2 above, the decision to terminate a student's enrollment will be based on the recommendations from the department and college councils, and approval of the Executive Management unit, and the case will then be forwarded to the Standing Committee for final decision.

Article 27

A student whose enrollment has been terminated may be re-enrolled if the object to the continuation of the study is circumstances accepted by the department and college councils, and the re-enrollment shall be approved by a decision of the standing Committee, subject to the following:

1. If the enrollment was terminated for more than 3 academic years, the student will be treated as a new applicant in terms of re-studying courses, regardless of what courses he/she has previously completed. The University Council may make exceptions to this rule in accordance with regulations approved by the university council and a proposal from the Standing Committee.
2. If the enrollment was terminated for 3 academic years or less, the student will re-study courses determined by the Department Council and approved by the College Council. The units earned after resuming studies are counted towards the GPA, and the period of study before termination is calculated within the maximum degree completion duration.

Article 28

The college council, in exception to the case described in paragraph (c), in point (1) of Article 26, grant the student one exceptional opportunity, not exceeding one academic year, to continue his/her studies. This exceptional opportunity is granted upon the recommendation of the Department Council.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 28

1. The exceptional opportunity is granted for only one semester, if there is a clear plan approved by the department on how the student can raise the GPA.
2. The exceptional opportunity is not granted if it is not possible for the student to raise the cumulative GPA to 3.00 out of 4.00 within that one semester.
3. The request for the exceptional opportunity needs to be approved by the Executive Management unit.

Article 29

The Standing Committee, in exception to the case described in paragraph (e), in point (1) of Article 26, shall grant the student an exceptional opportunity not exceeding one academic year. This exceptional opportunity is granted based on the supervisor's report, and recommendations from the Department Council and the College Council.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 29

1. The student must submit a request for the exceptional opportunity to the relevant department before the end of the last semester of the program duration. This request must be accompanied by a report from the supervisor outlining the student's progress and the supervisor's recommendation regarding granting the exceptional opportunity.

2. The department council, based on the supervisor's report and recommendation, may recommend extending the student's study period by no more than one academic year.
3. The final decision to grant the exceptional opportunity is made by the Executive Management unit, based on the approval of the College Council.

Article 30

Subject to the conditions outlined in Article 25 of this bylaw, the Executive Management unit may accept the transfer of a student from another university or educational institution, inside or outside Saudi Arabia, as long as that institution is licensed by the relevant authority in the country, given that the transferred student has not been dismissed from the previous institution for any reason, and based on the recommendation of the Department and College Councils. The previously studied courses can be equalized and counted in the student's academic transcript. The University Council shall determine the regulations governing this process, including the possibility of calculating the transferred credits towards the student's GPA.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 30

1. The acceptance of a student's transfer to the university is subject to meeting the regular admission requirements, and any other conditions deemed necessary by the department, with the approval of the Executive Management unit.
2. The equating of previously studied courses is permissible according to Article 19 and its implementation rules.
3. The equating of courses is approved by the College Council, and the Executive Management unit, based on recommendation from the concerned Department Council.

Article 31

A student can be transferred from one program to another within the university, upon the recommendation of the Department Council to which the student is being transferred, and the approval of the College Council, in accordance with the terms and conditions approved by the University Council, and based on a proposal made by the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 31

To accept a student's transfer from one program to another within the university, the following regulations must be considered:

1. The student must meet the admission requirements of the program they want to transfer to, as well as any additional conditions set by the department.
2. Previously completed courses at the university may be counted towards the new program if the department deems them equivalent. These counted courses will be included in the student's cumulative GPA.
3. If the completed courses are not counted, they will remain in the student's academic record, including the grades and their impact on the GPA.
4. The student must not have been withdrawn from enrollment for any of the reasons stated in Article 26.
5. Program transfers are only allowed once during the student's study period at the university.
6. The transfer request needs to be approved by the Executive Management unit.

Article 32

The graduate student, upon the recommendation of the Department Council and the approval of the College Council, can study some courses at another university or educational institution, either within Saudi Arabia or abroad, as long as that institution is licensed by the relevant authority in the country. The previously studied courses can be equalized and counted towards the student's academic record at Prince Sultan University. The University Council determines the regulations governing this process, including whether the equalized courses can be calculated into the student's GPA.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 32

1. The number of credit hours a graduate student can study at other universities or educational institutions cannot exceed 30% of the total credit hours required for the program. This excludes the graduation research or the scientific thesis, if applicable.
2. The equivalence of the previously completed courses will be granted according to the provisions of Article 19 and its implementing regulations.
3. The request to study courses at another institution must be approved by the Executive Management unit.

Article 33:

A graduate student from a non-Saudi university is allowed to study some courses at a Saudi university, in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council and based on a proposal by the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 33

A graduate student from a non-Saudi university may study some courses at Prince Sultan University.

... Chapter 9 ...

Assessment Mechanism

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Article 34

Exams are conducted, and grades are processed, in accordance with the Bylaw for Undergraduate Studies and Examinations, except for the following:

1. A student is not considered to have passed a course unless he/she obtains a grade of at least C+ (high good).
2. For foundation courses, students must pass all foundation courses the first time with a grade of not less than C+, and the GPA in the foundation courses must be at least B.
3. Regarding makeup exams and courses that require more than one semester, the College Council will take appropriate actions, based on the recommendation of the Department Council.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 34

For each foundation course, the student must obtain a grade of no less than C+ (high good) the first time they take the course, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 out of 4.00 in the foundation courses.

Article 35

The University Council is responsible for establishing the rules governing the comprehensive examination, both written and oral parts, for masters and doctoral degrees, upon a proposal of the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 35

First: Examination Committee:

1. The related department council shall form an Examination Committee consisting of at least three members, where one of them shall be appointed as the committee chair. One of the committee members must be a professor or an associate professor with competence in the student's main specialization, or sub-specializations if applicable. The student's supervisor must not be among the committee members.
2. The Examination Committee may seek assistance from specialized faculty members, both from within and outside the department.
3. The Examination Committee is responsible for preparing, evaluating, grading, and determining the result of the comprehensive exam.
4. When the program requirements contain a specialization or sub-specializations from outside the department, a specialist from the relevant department must be included in the Examination Committee.
5. The written examination committee and the oral examination committee shall be the same.

Second: Written Exam:

1. The student takes the exam during the semester following the completion of the coursework. The student may postpone the exam for one additional semester, upon the approval of the Department Council.
2. The duration of the exam for the main specialization shall be a minimum of 3 hours.
3. In the event the student does not pass the exam, or a part of it, the student may repeat the portion he/she did not pass in the next semester.
4. The student's enrollment will be terminated if he/she does not pass the exam after retaking the failed part.
5. A student will be considered to have passed the written exam if he/she receives the endorsement of the majority of the Examination Committee members. In case of a tie, the side with which the Committee Chair voted will prevail.

Third: Oral Exam:

1. After the student passes the written exam, the student will proceed to take the oral exam, at a date determined by the Examination Committee.
2. The duration of the oral exam, covering the main specialization or any sub-specializations, shall be at least two hours.
3. If the student does not pass the oral exam, he/ she may be given one additional chance to retake it during the following semester. If the student fails the oral exam for a second time, the enrollment will be terminated.
4. A student will be considered to have passed the oral exam if he/ she receives the endorsement of the majority of the Examination Committee members. In the case of a tie, the side with which the Committee Chair voted will prevail.

Fourth: Exam Date:

Both the written and oral parts of the comprehensive exam must be held once during the fourth to the tenth week of each semester. There must be a period of time between the written and oral exams of at least two weeks.

Fifth: General Provisions:

After the student has passed both the written and oral comprehensive exams, the student shall be considered a PhD candidate. The chair of the department must notify the Executive Management unit of the results of the written and oral exams, within a maximum of two weeks of the decision date taken by the Examination Committee.

... Chapter 10 ...

Dissertations, Supervision and Discussion

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Article 36

The University Council shall establish the rules governing the registration of the graduation research project, the scientific thesis, if applicable, for the graduate student, and the mechanism for determining the supervisor and any assistant supervisor for the thesis.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 36

First: The Graduation Research Project

1. Students may register a graduation research project after passing at least 50% of the courses and within the specified registration period as approved by the relevant department.
2. At the end of the semester, if a student passes the course based on the project supervisor's report, he/she will receive a grade "No-grade Pass".
3. If a student is unable to fulfill the requirements of a graduation research project by the end of the semester in which he/she registered, and has completed at least 50% of the requirements according to the supervisor's testimony, the student will receive an "in-complete" grade. The student must complete the requirements during the following semester at the latest, after which the grade will be changed to «No-grade Pass». If the requirements are not completed, the student will receive a grade «No-grade Fail» and will need to repeat the course.

Second: The Thesis

1. Each student will be assigned an academic advisor upon enrollment in the program. The advisor will provide guidance on the student's studies and thesis topic selection.
2. For programs that do not require a comprehensive exam, a student

may submit a thesis project proposal to the department after completing 50% of the program requirements with a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0.

3. A student can submit a thesis project proposal to the department after successfully completing the comprehensive exam.
4. If the Department Council recommends approval of the thesis proposal, the student must propose the dissertation supervisor, any assistant supervisor, and the Supervisory Committee members to the College Council.
5. Upon approval from the College Council, the proposal is forwarded to the Executive Management unit.
6. After approval by the Executive Management unit, the student can enroll in the thesis course.
7. The student must enroll in the thesis course in all subsequent semesters until successfully completing the dissertation. An «In-progress» grade will be recorded for semesters where the dissertation is not complete, and a «No Grade Pass (NP)» will be given upon completion.
8. If the supervisor is unable to continue the supervision, the department will propose a new supervisor to the College Council for approval, and submit it to the Executive Management unit.

Article 37

Master's and PhD theses must be written in the language approved for the program by the University Council. However, if the thesis is not written in Arabic, it must contain a complete abstract in the Arabic language.

Article 38

Doctoral dissertations must be supervised by professors and associate professors who are faculty members at the university. assistant professors may supervise graduation research and master's theses, and may assist in supervising the doctoral theses, if he/she has two papers published, or accepted for publication, in his/her field of specialization in a refereed scientific journal.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 38

Doctoral dissertations must be supervised by professors and associate professors who are faculty members at the university; assistant professors may supervise graduation research and master's theses, and may assist in supervising the doctoral theses, if he/she has two papers published, or accepted for publication, in his/her field of specialization in the university's approved publishing outlets.

Article 39

Supervision and supervision assistance can be done by outstanding and highly competent experts in the field of scientific research who are not necessarily faculty members of the university, whether from inside or outside the university upon the recommendation of the Department Council and the approval of the College Council.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 39

Supervision and supervision assistance can be provided by outstanding and highly competent experts in the field of scientific research, even if they are not faculty members of the university. These experts can be from inside or outside the university upon the following regulations:

1. Research expertise and excellence shall be evaluated by the department to judge the ability of the proposed expert to supervise graduate students.
2. The application shall be approved by the Executive Management unit based on the recommendation of the Department Council and the approval of the College Council.
3. In the case of supervision, in addition to the above, the supervisor must have a doctorate degree.

Article 40

The University Council shall establish the regulations for supervision assistance of the dissertations, upon the proposal of the Standing Committee.

Article 41

A faculty member may supervise dissertations outside his/her own university, whether inside or outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This is permissible without prejudice to the faculty member's job duties at the home university. The regulations for external dissertation supervision must be approved by the University Council, based on a proposal from the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 41

1. The number of dissertations a faculty member can supervise, both inside and outside their university, should not exceed four academic dissertations. Exceptions to this four-dissertation limit can be made, upon the approval of the Executive Management unit, based on the recommendation of the department and College Councils. This is subject to ensuring an even distribution of supervised theses among the department members.
2. The faculty member must obtain a prior recommendation from the department and the college dean before undertaking external dissertation supervision.
3. The university does not bear any financial consequences resulting from the faculty member's external supervision activities.
4. External dissertation supervision is not counted towards the faculty member's teaching load at the home university.

Article 42

At the end of each semester, the supervisor evaluates the student's performance and determines his/her progress on the thesis or dissertation. This evaluation is conducted in accordance with the mechanisms and criteria approved by the Standing Committee.

Article 43

The number of students enrolled in the graduation research project course section shall not be less than five, and the College Council may exempt from the minimum, in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council, based on the proposal of the Standing Committee.

Article 44

If the student reaches the thesis stage and it is proven that he/she is not serious, based on the report of the supervisor of the thesis, the student is warned by a letter from the related department. If the student is warned twice and does not consider the reasons for the warning, his/her registration will be terminated, based on the recommendation of the Department and College councils.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 44

1. The student shall be given a warning in the following cases:
 - a. If the student does not communicate with the academic advisor during a semester without excuse.
 - b. If the student does not submit work commensurate with the time period, as per the supervisor or academic advisor's report.
 - c. If the student does not follow the written directives provided by the supervisor or academic advisor.
2. The chair of the related department shall issue the student a confidential warning letter based on a report from the supervisor. This letter is kept in the student's file and a copy is provided to the Executive Management unit.
3. If the student is warned twice in two different semesters for the same reason and does not respond, the case is presented to the Department Council to determine the necessary action.
4. The Department Council's recommendation and the College Dean's approval are then submitted to the Executive Management unit, which will make an appropriate decision within the provisions of the Bylaw.

Article 45

A supervisor, whether alone or co-supervising with others, has a maximum limit of 7 theses they can oversee at once. The Standing Committee can grant exemptions to this 7-thesis limit, upon the recommendation of the Department Council and College Council. The regulations for granting such exemptions must be approved by the University Council, based on a proposal from the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 45

A faculty member can supervise a maximum of 4 theses at one time, and the Executive Management unit has the authority to grant exceptions to this 4-thesis limit, based on the recommendation of the Department Council and College Council, and with the Consideration of an even distribution of supervised theses among the department's faculty members.

Article 46

The quorum of supervision for each dissertation for the faculty member, whether a supervisor or a supervisor assistant, shall be calculated within the teaching load in accordance with regulations approved by the University Council based on the proposal of the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 46

The teaching load for the primary dissertation supervisor is counted as 1 hour. The teaching load for a dissertation assistant supervisor is counted as 0.5 hours (half an hour).

Article 47

The thesis supervisor shall submit a report on the thesis completion to the chair of the department, upon its completion, accompanied by a copy of the thesis as part of the thesis's discussion procedures, as determined by the College Council.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 47

1. The period, starting from accepting the thesis project by the Executive Management unit to submitting it in full to the department, shall not be less than one semester for the Master's thesis, and four semesters for the doctoral thesis.
2. A minimum of one research paper extracted from the master's thesis must be published (or accepted for publication) in a refereed journal or in a refereed scientific conference before discussing the master's thesis.
3. A minimum of two research papers from the doctoral thesis must be published (or accepted for publication) in one of the refereed journals (SCOPUS or ISI; Q3 or Q2 or Q1).

Article 48

Based on the recommendation of the Department Council, committee shall be formed by a decision of the College Council to discuss and evaluate the thesis or dissertation.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 48

Based on the recommendation of the Department Council, and in accordance with the guidelines approved by the Executive Management unit, a committee shall be formed by a decision of the College Council to discuss and evaluate the thesis or dissertation.

Article 49

The University Council shall establish the terms and criteria for selecting the members of the Defense Committee for both Master's and Doctoral theses/dissertations and will define the mechanisms and procedures for conducting the thesis/dissertation defense, based on a proposal put forth by the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 49

The terms and criteria for selecting the Defense Committee members for Master's and Doctoral theses/dissertations and the mechanisms for conducting the thesis/dissertation defense are as follows:

1. The minimum number of committee members shall be three faculty members. The supervisor and co-supervisor (if any) shall not constitute the majority of the committee.
2. Committee members must satisfy the conditions for thesis/dissertation supervision.
3. At least one professor or associate professor shall be among the committee members.
4. The committee's decisions shall be determined by the approval of at least two-thirds of its members.
5. The Defense Committee shall be formed after the master's or PhD student has passed all the required courses and the comprehensive exam (if applicable).
6. The thesis/dissertation supervisor shall submit the request to form the Defense Committee to the Department chairperson no later than the end of the 13th week of the semester.
7. The College Council shall propose the Defense Committee, upon the recommendation of the Department Council, in accordance with Articles 38 and 39.
8. The majority of the committee members shall be from the relevant department of the study.
9. For a PhD student's defense, at least one external member who has no previous or current association with the university and did not obtain a doctoral degree from it, shall be included in the committee.

10. After the Executive Management unit approves the formation of the Defense Committee, the department chairperson shall send the thesis to the committee members. A minimum of one week shall be provided between the Executive Management unit approval and the scheduled defense date.
11. The period between the Executive Management unit approval of the Defense Committee and the thesis/dissertation defense shall not exceed four months, and shall be counted within the regular degree completion timeframe.
12. The thesis/dissertation defense shall be public. However, the College Council may decide, based on the recommendation of the related department, to make it confidential in exceptional cases if necessary.
13. The Committee's decision shall be issued immediately after the defense.
14. If at least two-thirds of the Defense Committee members consider the thesis/dissertation to be invalid for defense, they shall prepare a detailed report of the justifications and reasoning. This report shall be submitted to the Executive Management unit to terminate the student's enrollment, in accordance with paragraph 2-c of Article 26 of the Graduate Studies Bylaw.
15. The defense discussion shall not take place in the absence of one of the committee members. If this situation occurs, the committee's rapporteur shall inform the Department Chairperson to set a new date for the defense. The request to set a new date must be completed, approved by the Department chair and the College Dean, and sent to the Executive Management unit with the justifications for the absent committee member.
16. If one of the Defense Committee members withdraw from the committee, he/ she shall be replaced by another member. This replacement shall be based on the proposal of the Department Council, the recommendation of the College Council, and the approval of the Executive Management unit. The request for replacement shall be accompanied by justifications for the original committee member's withdrawal.

Article 50

The Defense Committee shall prepare a report, signed by all its members, to be submitted to the department chair within one week of the defense date. The report shall include one of the following recommendations:

1. Acceptance of the thesis/dissertation and a recommendation to grant the degree.
2. Acceptance of the thesis/dissertation with some amendments, without the need for another defense. A committee member is authorized to recommend granting the degree after verifying that the amendments are made within a period not exceeding three months from the defense date. The College Council may grant an exception to extend this period, but not beyond six months from the defense date.
3. Requiring the student to address deficiencies in the thesis/dissertation, and the committee shall re-discuss it within the period determined by the College Council, upon the recommendation of the Department Council. This period shall not exceed one year from the defense date.
4. Non-acceptance of the thesis/dissertation.

Each Defense Committee member has the right to submit a detailed report of their differing views or reservations to the department chair within one week of the defense date. This report shall be submitted to the College Dean along with the Committee's final report.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 50

If the Defense Committee requires the student to make amendments to the thesis/dissertation, the College Council may grant an extension to the required revision period, given that the student submit a request of extension during the initial three-month revision period, and the student must register for an additional semester to complete the revisions.

Article 51

1. The external supervisor for a master's thesis receives a lump sum bonus of 5,000 SR, and the external supervisor for a doctoral thesis receives a lump sum bonus of 7,000 SR.
2. If necessary, a meeting between the external supervisor and their students can be arranged with the approval of the Standing Committee, at the request of the university the student belongs to. The assignment of the external supervisor is subject to the following limitations:
 - a. Not to exceed two times per academic year for each external university where students' theses are supervised.
 - b. The number of universities assigned should not exceed two per academic year.
 - c. The duration of each assignment should not exceed three days.
 - d. The total assignment days should not exceed 10 days per academic year for all universities.
 - e. The university where the faculty member is assigned shall bear his/her expenses to supervise their students' theses, according to the regulations based on the faculty member's rank.
3. The University may amend the lump sum remuneration mentioned in point (1) after a decision is issued with the approval of the Council of University Affairs.

Article 52

A Master's or a Doctoral thesis Defense Committee member from the same university where the thesis is being defended receives a lump sum reward of 1,000 SR for participating in the defense.

If the Defense Committee member is not a faculty at the university where the thesis is being defended (either a staff member or an external faculty), then he/she will receive a lump sum reward of 1,500 SR for a master's thesis, and a lump sum reward of 1,000 SR for doctoral thesis. The lump sum will be increased to 2,500 SR if the non-faculty member is from outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

If the defense committee member is from another city, either inside or outside the Kingdom, he/she shall be provided a round-trip passenger ticket from his/her place of residence, appropriate housing and subsistence compensation for up to a maximum of 2 nights. The

member's companion (for blind or female members) will receive a round-trip passenger ticket and appropriate housing fare for up to 2 nights.

The Standing Committee may add one or two extra nights if necessary, upon the recommendation of the Department Council and College Council.

The University may amend the lump sum remuneration mentioned in this article after a decision is issued with the approval of the Council of University Affairs.

... Chapter 11 ...

Graduation and Degree Awarding

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Article 53

The chairperson of the related department shall submit the report of the defense committee to the Dean of the College within a period not exceeding two weeks of the date of the thesis/dissertation defense. The Dean will then submit the report to the Executive Management unit.

Article 54

The student shall graduate after successfully completing the graduation requirements according to the program plan, provided that the cumulative GPA is not less than the minimum grade determined by the University Council for each program. In all cases, this minimum cumulative GPA should not be less than a grade of «B».

The Rule of Implementation for Article 54

The student graduates after successfully completing the graduation requirements according to the program plan, provided that his/her cumulative GPA shall not be less than 3.00 out of 4.00 upon graduation for Master's and Doctoral degrees.

Article 55

In the event of the student's death before being able to defend the scientific thesis, he/she shall be granted the degree, in accordance with the rules approved by the University Council upon the proposal of the Standing Committee.

The Rule of Implementation for Article 55

If the Masters student passed away after the approval of his/her graduation project, he/she shall be granted the Master's degree. Similarly, if the doctoral student passed away after finishing the comprehensive exam and the approval of his/her thesis proposal, he/she shall be granted the degree.

Article 56

The Vice President or Competent Deputy shall submit the recommendation for granting the degree to the University Council to decide.

... Chapter 12 ...
General Provisions

General Provisions

Article 57

1. Without prejudice to what is stated in the classification and framework, in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council, and based on the proposal of the Standing Committee, the University Council, based on the endorsement of the Vice President or Competent Deputy and the recommendation of the Department and the College Councils, shall grant the student:
 - a. A higher diploma degree when passing a number of master's program courses, without being eligible for a master's degree in total.
 - b. Master's degree when passing a number of doctoral program courses, without being eligible for a doctorate degree in total.
2. Without prejudice to what is stated in paragraph (1) of this Article, the Executive Management unit may, upon the recommendation of the Department and the College Councils, grant the student proof of passing a number of postgraduate courses without being eligible for a scientific degree in total, in accordance with the regulations approved by the University Council, based on the proposal of the Standing Committee.

Article 58

In the case where a student obtains the same degree from two educational institutions within the framework of a joint program, a joint graduation document may be issued between the two educational institutions, or a separate graduation document may be issued from one or both educational institutions. The University Council shall determine the regulations and procedures governing this process, based on the proposal of the Standing Committee.

Article 59

Health diplomas and health fellowships shall be excluded from the provisions of this Bylaw, to which the rules and regulations issued by the University Council shall apply.

Article 60

The Council of each University shall approve the rules of implementation of this Bylaw.

Article 61

Unless a special provision is contained in this Bylaw, the Law of the Council of Higher Education and Universities issued by Royal Decree No. (M/8) dated 4/6/1414 H shall apply to the universities covered by the application of this Law, and the Universities Law issued by Royal Decree No. (M/27) dated 2/3/1441 H to the universities covered by this Law, their regulations, and the laws, and decisions in force in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Article 62

This regulation replaces the previous unified regulation for Graduate Studies in Universities, which was issued by the decision of the Council of Higher Education No. (3/6/1417) dated 26/8/1417 AH. Additionally, this regulation repeals any provisions that contradict it from the previous regulation or other sources.

Article 63

The University Council Affairs shall interpret this regulation.

Article 64

This regulation shall enter into force at the beginning of the academic year 1444 AH.



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