National Pingtung University of Science and Technology Department of Tropical Agriculture and International Cooperation Regulations for Bachelor's Program Students for Enrollment in Master's Program Courses in Advance 113.11.22 Approved at the 3rd Faculty Meeting of the 1st Semester of the 113th Academic Year

- 1. To select outstanding students from our university's bachelor's program to continue their studies in the master's program, with the aim of achieving continuous learning and shortening the duration of study, these regulations are established in accordance with our university's "Regulations on Bachelor's Students Qualifying for Master's Program Courses" and Article 16, Clause 2 of the university's "Academic Regulations."
- 2. Students who have completed five semesters of study at this university must have earned more than half of the required credits for graduation from the bachelor's program, have a conduct score of 80 or above, and meet the qualifications stipulated in the "Qualification Selection Regulations for Bachelor's Students to Qualify for Master's Program Courses" of this department. They must fill out an application form and prepare the relevant materials within the specified time. After obtaining approval from their academic advisor and the department chair, they may apply to participate in the department's selection process. Students are limited to applying for the master's program of this department. If the regulations are violated, the application and qualification will be canceled by this department.

Students' applications are conducted in two stages: the first stage is for students in their third year or above (including those who have extended their study period) and those who passed the general entrance examination for the master's program at this university and completed registration, which will be processed in the second semester; the second stage is for students in their fourth year or above (including those who have extended their study period) and those who passed the department's master's selection examination and completed registration, which will be processed in the first semester.

- 3. The department establishes the "Selection Committee for Bachelor's Students to Qualify for Master's Program Courses in Tropical Agriculture and International Cooperation," with the department chair as an ex-officio member and convener. Two to five additional committee members will be appointed, approved by the departmental meeting and forwarded to the Academic Affairs Office for record, to be responsible for selection matters.
- 4. The required materials for selection are as follows:
 - (1) A recommendation letter from a teacher of assistant professor rank or above at this university.

- (2) A personal statement (at least 500 words, including personal research interests and aspirations).
- (3) Academic transcript from previous years (including class rank percentage).
- (4) Relevant academic works (including special reports, research reports, award records, and any favorable review materials).
- 5. The selection method is as follows:
 - (1) Written review (accounting for 50% of the total score).
 - (2) Interview (accounting for 50% of the total score).
- 6. A list of bachelor program students who pass the selection for qualifying to take master's program courses will be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office for record before the start of the semester.
- 7. Students who obtain the qualification to take master's program courses while graduating from the bachelor's program and qualifying for the master's program may apply for credit transfer in accordance with the university's "Credit Waiver Regulations" after enrolling in the master's program (courses from the master's program taken during the bachelor's program can be credited up to two-thirds of the required credits for graduation from the master's program [excluding the master's thesis], but if master's program courses have already been counted toward the bachelor's graduation credits, no further credit transfer for master's program credits may be applied for).
- 8. Both domestic and international students who pass the review and obtain the qualification to take master's program courses must bear their own expenses or obtain other related scholarships.
- 9. These regulations are to be implemented after being approved by the departmental meeting and will be uniformly announced by the Academic Affairs Office. Amendments will follow the same procedure.