

# Regulations for Joint/Dual-Degree Programs between National Tsing Hua University and Overseas Universities

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- Article 1 National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) has established these regulations to promote academic exchanges with overseas academic institutions, cultivate and expand students' perspectives, and enhance international competitiveness.
- Article 2 An agreement will be signed between NTHU and an overseas academic institution in order to assist both institutions' (or one institution's) degree students to study in the partner institute. When a joint/dual degree-seeking student has met both institutions' graduation requirements, joint or separate degrees will be awarded.
- Article 3 The overseas academic institution should meet the following requirements:
- (1) Have signed academic exchange agreements with NTHU.
  - (2) Be recognized by Taiwan's Ministry of Education (MOE) under the "Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education", the "Regulations for academic credentials for institutions in mainland China" documents and/or "Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Records from Hong Kong and Macao.
- Article 4 Regarding the awarding of the joint/dual degree, both academic institutions can jointly award one degree (i.e., the diploma indicates that it has been jointly awarded by both academic institutions.), or they can award separate academic degrees of equal or differing distinction.

- Article 5 The joint/dual degree program between NTHU and the overseas academic institution is effective after both parties have signed an agreement and have obtained the approval of the former's president. The aforementioned agreement must be in accordance with the requirements set forth by NTHU's Office of Academic Affairs and the Office of Global Affairs.
- Article 6 The students of overseas institutions who are cooperating with NTHU in the joint/dual degree program should submit an application following the regulations and admission procedures of NTHU.
- Article 7 Students approved to pursue a joint/dual degree program shall abide by academic regulations and relevant regulations of both institutions, unless otherwise stipulated in an agreement between both parties.
- Article 8 Students participate in the dual/joint degree program shall acquire at least one third of the total required credits for obtaining the diploma at NTHU and the overseas institution. Students who have successfully completed subjects and earned credits at the partner institution may apply for credit transfer according to NTHU "Regulations Governing Student Credit Transfer"; for the same-level degrees, the credits transfer may not exceed two thirds of the total graduation credits; when apply for the credits transfer based on the credits obtained from credit class of continuing education, may not exceed one half of the total graduation credits; the credits transfer of distance learning course credits may not exceed one half of the total graduation credits. Credits transfer with different academic systems from Taiwan shall be handled in accordance with the regulations of the office of Academic Affairs.
- Article 9 If a department, an institute, a class or a degree program partaking in the joint/dual degree program so desires, the course work and credit requirements for the joint/dual degree can be independently established between the institute/department and the cooperating overseas academic institution. However, such programs require advance approval from NTHU's course committee in accordance with appropriate university bylaws.
- Article 10 If a NTHU student applies for an overseas join/dual degree or course during their leave of absence from NTHU, said student must follow the procedures outlined in the NTHU document entitled "Handling Principles for Course Work and Student Status During Overseas Periods."
- Article 11 A NTHU student who has been approved to undertake studies at a overseas institution in accordance with the stipulations herein but who is unable to complete their studies abroad for any unforeseen reasons and who has not yet reached the maximum period of study at both institutions combined may apply to return and complete their studies at the University by submitting a special report along with the relevant supporting documents to obtain approval from the original department and then to the Center for Continuing Education or the Office of Global Affairs for records and then to the Division of Registration to register to continue their studies at the original department two weeks

prior to the first day of the semester. If approved, the required courses, credits and graduation conditions should be completed in accordance with the regulations of the original department.

Article 12 Students who are studying for the two same-level degrees at NTHU and the overseas institution shall complete at least a semester of study at each institution and shall complete the required registration procedures at each institution. The minimum period of study (for both institutions combined) is as follows:

1. Undergraduate students shall complete at least 32 full months of study at both institutions cumulatively.
2. Master's students shall complete at least 12 full months of study at both institutions cumulatively.
3. Doctoral students shall complete at least 24 full months of study at both institutions cumulatively.

The total number of hours of study completed at the overseas institution shall be tabulated by the Center for Continuing Education or the Office of Global Affairs and then forwarded to the Division of Registration for the graduation review.

Article 13 Students study for different level degrees at NTHU and the overseas institution, if the program is jointly designed and taught by both institutions, the duration of study shall be handled in accordance with Article 12. If the program is not jointly designed and taught by both institutions, the duration of study shall follow the regulations at NTHU.

Article 14 Any matter that has not been covered in this document will be handled in accordance with the MOE's and NTHU's relevant regulations.

Article 15 These regulations will be effective upon ratification at the following academic affairs meeting and subsequent approval by the university president. Ratified documents will then be submitted to the MOE for filing.