

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) 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" and/or the "Regulations for academic credentials for institutions in mainland China" documents.
- 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 A foreign student who is approved for admission and has already taken and passed courses and obtained credit in his/her home institution of study may apply for credit transfer in accordance with measures set forth in the “Credit Exemption Regulations of National Tsing Hua University” document
- Article 8 If an institute/ department 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 9 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 10 Students who have been approved to pursue a degree program in an overseas academic institution and have earned course credit in the overseas academic institution should follow the procedures outlined in the NTHU document entitled “Credit Exemption Regulations of National Tsing Hua University” to apply for credit transfer within the joint degree program. Students who have earned credits under a different credit system from Taiwan must follow the Office of Academic Affairs’ regulations when processing his/her credit transfer. Thereafter, students deemed as having sufficient credits for graduation shall be recognized as possessing such and granted their degrees.
- Article 11 If a student in the joint degree program decides to terminate study while overseas, and the total period of study in both institutions has not exceeded the NTHU maximum study period, said student may apply to NTHU’s Office of Academic Affairs two weeks before the start of the following semester with a report, a transcript from the overseas institution, and related certification documents for returning to the original department at NTHU to continue his/her program.
- Article 12 Students who have been approved by NTHU to pursue a joint degree at an overseas academic institution must fulfill the following requirements during the study period:
1. An undergraduate student must have completed at least four semesters of the NTHU undergraduate program. The total period of study in both institutions must be at least 36 months.
 2. A Master’s student must have completed at least two semesters of the NTHU Master’s program. The total period of study in both institutions must be at least 12 months.
 3. A doctoral student must have completed at least four semesters of the NTHU doctoral program. The total period of study in both institutions must be at least 24 months.

At least 1/3 of the total number of credits applied towards graduation must be taken at one university, whether it be NTHU or the overseas institution.

Article 13 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 14 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. All revisions will follow this same procedure.