

National Tsing Hua University Directions for Cross-Disciplinary Learning of Bachelor's Programs

Amendment to Article 3 by the 4th Academic Affairs Meeting for 2024 academic year dated March 14 2024

Approved by the President dated March 27 2024

(The complete revision history is provided at the end of the Directions.)

1. In order to encourage self-directed learning and provide students with more flexibility in course selection and cross-disciplinary learning opportunities, the Directions are established accordingly.
2. Students in the bachelor's program at the University who wish to apply for or change their cross-disciplinary learning program shall, starting from their second semester up until the end of the add/drop period of the second semester of their fourth academic year, submit a completed application form—counseled and signed by the chair of their department (division) or degree program—to the Interdisciplinary Program of Tsing Hua College. Under special circumstances, students may submit a written explanation to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for review and approval. Late applications will not be accepted.
3. Any student who applies for cross-disciplinary learning (exclusive of students in the Interdisciplinary Program of any college) may apply for any of the following curriculum combinations:
 - (1) The first program of his/her department, plus the second program of any department other than his/her department.
 - (2) The first program of his/her department, plus two credit programs of any department other than his/her department.
 - (3) The first program of his/her department, along with 15 credits of advanced professional courses approved by student's department, plus one credit program of any department other than his/her department.

Students in the Interdisciplinary Program of any college who apply for cross-disciplinary learning are only allowed to apply for the curriculum combination referred to in subparagraph (3) of the preceding paragraph¹.

Students applying for or changing advanced professional courses offered by their department shall complete an application form specifying the course no., title, and credits of the courses they intend to take, and apply for registration with the Interdisciplinary Program of Tsing Hua College after the application is signed by the chair of their department.

In order to integrate cross-disciplinary knowledge, students are allowed to choose a faculty member from the University as their advisor and attend any special research projects for one year.

For departments approved by the Ministry of Education to implement academic divisions, where separate first programs and second programs have been established for each academic division, such divisions may be deemed equivalent to separate departments. Accordingly, Article 3, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph (1) shall apply mutatis mutandis. Students may select the first program of their own division and, in addition, the second program of another division.

4. Cross-disciplinary learning students shall, upon graduation, complete all required courses and credits across university-required, college-required, and foundational required courses, as well as one of the curriculum combinations specified in Point 3, Subparagraphs (1) to (3); the total

¹ Students admitted in or before Academic Year 2021 into an Interdisciplinary Program of any college who wish to apply under Subparagraph (2) shall still apply to the Interdisciplinary Program of Tsing Hua College in accordance with the prior regulations.

number of completed credits shall not be less than 128. If a recognized credit program course overlaps with another credit program, program, or advanced professional course, the credits shall only be counted once.

5. Cross-disciplinary learning students shall plan their order of taking courses as early as possible. Their course selection rights are identical to those of students in their department without priority rights. Those who withdraw from the program or fail to complete the required courses and credits shall complete a relinquishment application form and submit it to the Interdisciplinary Program of Tsing Hua College. Whether the credits for courses already completed successfully will be recognized as required graduation credits shall be decided by their departments.
6. Cross-disciplinary learning students who have reached the end of their two-year study period extension are not allowed to apply for further extensions, unless otherwise provided by law.
7. Graduating students in cross-disciplinary learning programs shall be awarded a degree certificate and conferred a bachelor's degree according to their affiliated college. Furthermore, the graduation roster, degree certificate, graduation certificate, and official transcripts shall all bear the name of the program or credit program.
8. The Directions shall be implemented upon passage by the Academic Affairs Meeting and approval by the President.

(The complete revision history)

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