

# **NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY**

## **Directives for the Implementation of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Specializations**

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- Article 1 The National Taiwan University (NTU or "the University") Directives for the Implementation of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Specializations ("the Directives") are formulated to cultivate a new generation of talent with outstanding creativity and adaptability and to increase diverse learning opportunities for undergraduate students.
- Article 2 Colleges planning to establish an interdisciplinary specialization shall submit an application and a proposal and select an academic unit to be the chief organizing division through negotiation. The application and proposal shall be reviewed and passed by the Collegiate Affairs Meeting and the Office of Academic Affairs, and then submitted to the Academic Affairs Meeting for approval before implementation. The chief organizing division shall handle matters related to application for interdisciplinary specialization establishment. The proposal shall include:
1. Title of the interdisciplinary specialization
  2. Mission
  3. Participating academic units
  4. Course framework of the interdisciplinary specialization
  5. Required courses and total credits of the interdisciplinary specialization
  6. Lecturers
  7. Procedures for reviewing the qualifications of students who completed the interdisciplinary specialization
  8. Other special rules and regulations

The "interdisciplinary specialization" referred to in the preceding Paragraph shall be a combination of courses offered conjointly by colleges, departments, graduate institutes, and/or degree programs.

To safeguard students' rights and interests, if an interdisciplinary specialization must undergo subject changes or be terminated, the chief organizing division shall submit a letter of explanation specifying the

supporting measures at least one academic year in advance to the Collegiate Affairs Meeting and the Academic Affairs Meeting for review and approval before its promulgation and implementation.

The application for interdisciplinary specialization establishment as mentioned in Paragraph 1 shall be suspended from August 1, 2022.

Article 3 The course framework in Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 4 in the preceding Article shall include three curricular levels: cornerstone courses, core specialized courses, and interdisciplinary specialization courses. In addition, curriculum mapping shall be used to explain the relationship in each level of the courses.

Courses recognized as "interdisciplinary specialization courses" in the preceding Paragraph shall, in general, be courses for third-year undergraduate students or above (i.e. with the curriculum number 3000 or above). The minimum number of credits shall be twelve.

The chief organizing division may stipulate that students first complete and pass certain core specialized courses or be approved by course instructors before taking interdisciplinary specialization courses.

Article 4 Students who pass all interdisciplinary specialization courses and meet the qualifications set forth by the chief organizing division within period of study may apply for a qualification review by the end of October in the fall semester or by the end of March in the spring semester in the academic year of graduation.

Once approved by the chief organizing division and the Office of Academic Affairs, the title of the interdisciplinary specialization may be noted on specialization certificates, transcripts of academic records, and relevant identification documents; only students who are admitted in Academic Year 2021-22 or earlier may have the interdisciplinary specialization noted on degree diplomas.

Students may apply for qualification reviews for two or more interdisciplinary specializations based on courses taken and the list of interdisciplinary specialization courses.

Article 5 Interdisciplinary specialization courses taken during period of study that are the same as the required courses in students' home department or degree program may not be recognized twice. Students who are short of credits for this reason shall take substitute courses designated by the chief organizing division to make up the difference and submit a written report to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.

Students taking two or more interdisciplinary specializations with the same courses may, with the written approval of the chairs of the chief organizing

divisions, have the same course recognized for both or all of the specializations.

- Article 6 Acquisition of interdisciplinary specialization course credits shall be limited to courses taken at the University.
- Article 7 Interdisciplinary specialization students who have completed half or more of the minimum credit requirements may apply to extend their period of study by one year. Applications shall be submitted by December 25 in the fall semester or May 25 in the spring semester in the academic year of graduation.
- Article 8 In principle, each interdisciplinary specialization shall be evaluated every five years after its establishment as the basis for improvements or termination. The Directives for the Evaluation of Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Specializations shall be formulated separately.
- Article 9 Matters not addressed herein shall be handled in accordance with the University's Academic Regulations and other applicable regulations.
- Article 10 The Directives shall be passed by the Academic Affairs Meeting and then implemented on the date of promulgation.