## NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY Guidelines for the Establishment of Undergraduate Honors Programs

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- Article 1 National Taiwan University (NTU or "the University") formulates the NTU *Guidelines for the Establishment of Undergraduate Honors Programs* ("the Guidelines") to encourage second-year (or above) undergraduate students who are interested in scholarly research to take difficult, in-depth advanced courses with rigorous learning assessment, to thereby allow such students to commit to specific fields of study at an early stage, and to cultivate research talents with innovation abilities and international competitiveness.
- Article 2 Departments and degree programs (collectively, "departments") planning to establish an undergraduate honors program ("an honors program") shall formulate Establishment Directives. The Establishment Directives shall be passed by their respective colleges, reported to the Academic Affairs Meeting for approval, and then implemented.
- Article 3 The Establishment Directives shall include the following:
  - 1. Operation methods
  - 2. Required coursework and minimum total credits
  - 3. Lecturers and advisors
  - 4. Application qualifications (e.g., year of study, prerequisites, and minimum GPA) and approval procedures
  - 5. Criteria for completing the program and the reviewing procedures
  - 6. Other special rules and regulations
- Article 4 The chair of an honors program shall be assumed by the director of the department offering said program.
- Article 5 The curriculum of an honors program shall consist of at least 12 credits. Said curriculum shall include advanced courses and the Thesis course.
- Article 6 Students may apply to enroll in an honors program if they attain a GPA of at least 3.30 for every semester, or if they meet the standards for outstanding

research set by the department offering said program.

To enroll in an honors program, students shall submit an application and obtain approval in accordance with the regulations of their home departments (including their second majors).

Students who have been approved by the departments for an honors program shall be assigned an advisor.

Article 7 Students who have passed all the courses required by an honors program and completed the thesis may apply for a qualification review at the program-offering department.

The application in the preceding paragraph shall be made no later than the academic year of graduation.

If said application is made at the start of the academic year of graduation, it shall be made by October 31 for those graduating in the fall semester and by March 31 for those graduating in the spring semester.

- Article 8 Students who have passed the reviews by the program-offering department and the Office of Academic Affairs may have "Undergraduate Honors Program" noted on their degree diplomas, transcripts of academic records, and other relevant documents.
- Article 9 Matters not addressed herein shall be subject to the University's *Academic Regulations* and other applicable regulations.
- Article 10 The Guidelines shall be passed by the Academic Affairs Meeting and then implemented on the date of promulgation.