

# NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

## Regulations for the Implementation of Overseas Dual Degree Programs

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Article 1 The National Taiwan University (NTU or “the University”) *Regulations for the Implementation of Overseas Dual Degree Programs* (“the Regulations”) are formulated to broaden the horizons of students, foster international research collaborations, and encourage exchanges between overseas institutions and the colleges, departments, graduate institutes, and degree programs of the University.

Article 2 “Overseas dual degree programs” (including double degree programs), as referred to herein, shall be degree programs established via a written agreement between the University and an overseas institution allowing students of one institution to pursue studies at the other and receive a diploma issued jointly by the 2 institutions OR 2 separate diplomas (for equivalent or non-equivalent levels of degrees) issued by each institution, provided that the graduation requirements of both institutions are met.

Article 3 Students approved to pursue an overseas dual degree program shall acquire at least one-third of the credits required for the degree(s) during their periods of study at both the University and the overseas institution.

Students approved to pursue an overseas dual degree program in which two same-level degrees are issued shall meet the following minimum requirements for the period of study:

1. Undergraduate students shall complete at least a combined total of 32 full months of study at the University and the overseas institution.
2. Master’s students shall complete at least a combined total of 12 full months of study at the University and the overseas institution.
3. Doctoral students shall complete at least a combined total of 24 full

months of study at the University and the overseas institution.

Students approved to pursue an overseas dual degree program in which two (or more) non-equivalent levels of degrees are issued shall complete the minimum required period of study at the University AND meet the following minimum requirements for the period of study at the overseas institution:

1. Students undertaking a bachelor's degree program at an overseas institution shall complete at least 32 full months of study there.
2. Students undertaking a master's degree program at an overseas institution shall complete at least eight full months of study there.
3. Students undertaking a doctoral degree program at an overseas institution shall complete at least 16 full months of study there.

"Period of study," as referred to herein, shall be the period in which the students engage in actual studies.

Article 4 An "overseas institution," as referred to herein, shall be a tertiary educational institution that meets the requirements set forth in the *Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education*, *Regulations Governing the Recognition of Academic Records from China*, and *Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Records from Hong Kong and Macao*.

Article 5 Colleges, departments, graduate institutes, and degree programs seeking to set up an overseas dual degree program shall draft a written academic collaboration agreement in both Chinese and English and send it to the department, graduate institute, program, or college affairs meeting (or equivalent) for deliberation before submitting it to the Office of International Affairs and the Office of Academic Affairs for review. Relevant matters shall be handled in accordance with the University's *Directives Governing Academic Collaboration Agreements with Foreign Educational and Research Institutions* before the agreement may become effective.

Pursuant to Ministry of Education regulations, any academic collaboration agreements, as defined in the preceding paragraph, between the University and an institution in the Mainland China must be approved at least one month prior to signing.

Academic collaboration agreements, as defined in Paragraph 1 of this article, shall include the following information in writing (Items 10–12 apply to graduate programs only):

1. Program eligibility and enrollment quota
2. Criteria for eligibility review
3. Design of bridging courses (not applicable to thesis-only graduate programs)

4. Credit recognition criteria (not applicable to thesis-only graduate programs)
5. Regulations regarding the required periods of study at each institution
6. Type(s) of degree conferred
7. Regulations governing enrollment and the suspension/resumption of studies
8. Tuition and fees
9. Insurance requirements
10. Language in which theses/dissertations (including abstracts) shall be written
11. How degree examination committees shall be appointed, and how oral defenses shall be administered
12. Attribution of intellectual property rights for theses/dissertations published by students in the program
13. Guidelines governing contract revision and termination
14. Other necessary information

A department, graduate institute, or degree program may formulate an academic collaboration agreement on an ad hoc basis for individual master's and doctoral students by drafting an agreement in both Chinese and English and submitting it to the competent college affairs meeting, the Office of International Affairs, and the Office of Academic Affairs for review. Stipulations set forth in the *Directives Governing Academic Collaboration Agreements with Foreign Educational and Research Institutions* shall apply in order for the agreement to become effective. An agreement formulated in this manner shall include the following information in addition to Items 5–14 set forth in the preceding paragraph:

1. Name of the student
2. Names of the advisors at both the University and the overseas institution
3. Thesis/dissertation title

Article 6 A department, graduate institute, or degree program may formulate separate curriculum guidelines in conjunction with the overseas institution to stipulate compulsory coursework and credit requirements based on the actual needs of the overseas dual degree program. The formulated guidelines shall be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs for recordation.

Article 7 Overseas institutions bound by an academic collaboration agreement with the University shall send a list of students who have applied for the program and other necessary forms and documents to the University by the stipulated deadline. The documents shall be forwarded to the competent unit at the University for review and processing based on each student's status.

- Article 8 International students approved to undertake an overseas dual degree program at the University must follow all laws and regulations of Taiwan and the University. Matters related to student status, academic performance evaluation, scholarships, accommodations, counseling, and student insurance for overseas Chinese students, students from Hong Kong and Macau, international students, and students from the Mainland China shall be handled in accordance with the relevant regulations.
- Article 9 Students approved to undertake studies at the University in accordance with the stipulations herein may apply to transfer course credits accrued at a partner institution pursuant to the University's *Academic Regulations*.
- Article 10 An NTU 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 reason, 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 request form along with the necessary proofs and documentation to the competent academic affairs unit two weeks prior to the first day of instruction of the semester in question, as indicated on the academic calendar of the University. If approved, the student shall be assigned to the appropriate year of study and may continue their studies as a regular NTU student.
- Article 11 Matters not addressed herein shall be subject to the applicable regulations of the University and the Ministry of Education.
- Article 12 The Regulations shall be passed by the Academic Affairs Meeting, implemented on the date of promulgation, and then submitted to the Ministry of Education for reference.