

# NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

## Regulations Governing Students Taking Double Majors

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Article 1 The *National Taiwan University* (“the University”) *Regulations Governing Students Taking Double Majors* (“the Regulations”) are formulated in accordance with Article 28 of the *University Act*, Article 25 of the *Enforcement Rules of the University Act*, and Article 14 of the *Degree Conferral Act*.

Article 2 Undergraduate students who maintain a semester grade point average (GPA) of 2.92(except for those who apply for college-level interdisciplinary bachelor’s programs, university-level interdisciplinary bachelor’s programs and trans-disciplinary bachelor degree program) or higher or who are in the top 20% of their class in the previous academic year may apply to take an additional major after completing more than one year of study and prior to the start of the first semester of their final year of study (including extension of study). A maximum of one additional major may be approved.

Matters related to students taking inter-university majors shall be handled in accordance with the Regulations and the *National Taiwan University System Regulations Governing Inter-University Double Major and Minor Studies*.

Master’s and doctoral students (excluding in-service master’s programs) who maintain a semester GPA of 3.3 or higher or who are in the top 20% of their class in the previous academic year may apply to take an additional major in the same year level after completing more than one year of study and prior to the start of the second semester of their third year of study. A maximum of one additional major may be approved.

For academic programs or departments with a stricter standard of GPA or ranking, the stricter standard shall prevail.

Article 3 Students who wish to declare double majors shall submit their application to the Office of Academic Affairs in accordance with regulations by the deadline announced in the academic calendar. Applications shall be reviewed by the responsible personnel, passed by department chairs and college deans, and then submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for approval.

Article 4 To be eligible for graduation, double major students are required to complete the minimum credit requirements for their original major and the required courses and elective credit requirements for their additional major. Master’s and doctoral students are further required to comply with *NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY Rules Governing Thesis/Dissertation Defense* and complete a thesis for their additional major.

Master's and doctoral students whose original and additional major advisors establish a collaborative agreement on co-advising thesis or dissertation work may write a single thesis/dissertation that covers the fields of study of both majors and receive a double major degree after passing a thesis/dissertation defense organized for both programs. The provision on additional major thesis/dissertation stipulated in the preceding paragraph shall not apply.

- Article 5 Students shall follow applicable regulations in taking courses with a prerequisite order stipulated by their additional department.
- Article 6 For double major students, the additional major may determine whether credits earned from passing a required course in the original major may be recognized and counted as a course of the same nature in the additional major. The original major may determine whether credits earned from passing a required course in the additional major may be recognized and counted as a course of the same nature in the original major. If a course may not be recognized and counted twice, or if a student has insufficient credits after recognition of such a course, the student shall take a substitute course stipulated by the departments to make up the difference and submit a written report to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.
- Article 7 For double major students, credits and grades for courses in both the original and additional majors shall be jointly calculated each semester. Course selection and grades shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of *NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY Academic Regulations*.
- Article 8 Double major students who wish to change programs (divisions) in their additional major shall apply to drop the old program (division) and reapply for another additional major program (division) in accordance with Articles 2 and 3 of the Regulations.
- Article 9 Double major students meeting the graduation requirements for their original major but not their additional major may submit a request to the Office of Academic Affairs to drop the additional major and graduate with the original major.

Double major students meeting the graduation requirements for their additional major (for undergraduate students, the requirements include completion of required common courses, liberal education courses, departmental required and elective courses) but not their original major may submit a request to the Office of Academic Affairs to drop the original major and graduate with the additional major.

For master's and doctoral students, applications to drop a major as stipulated in the two preceding paragraphs shall be submitted by the application deadline for thesis/dissertation defense at the latest. For undergraduate students, such applications shall be submitted by December 25 in the fall semester or May 25 in the spring semester. The preceding provision shall not apply to the following situations:

1. Undergraduate students waitlisted for a master's degree program after an entrance examination shall submit an application within five workdays following the day of receipt of admissions notification.

2. Students who fail to meet the graduation requirements of their original and additional majors due to failing grades on selected courses shall submit an application within five workdays following the day of online grade release of failed courses.
3. Students with justifiable cause who can present supporting documents and receive approval from the Office of Academic Affairs.

Students may not ask to reinstate eligibility to pursue dropped majors once such applications are approved.

Article 10 Students may not request a course drop or withdrawal after the deadlines on the grounds that they gave up their double major status.

For a student who gives up their double major status, the supervisor of the original major shall determine whether credits for courses passed in the additional major may be counted as elective credits in the original major. The supervisor of the additional major shall determine whether credits for courses passed in the original major may be counted as elective credits in the additional major.

Article 11 Undergraduate double major students who meet the conditions for dismissal due to the number of credits failed during extension of study shall be deprived of their double major status. Students who complete all required graduation credits for the original major shall graduate with qualifications for the original major. Students who complete all required graduation credits (including completion of required common courses, liberal education courses, departmental required and elective courses) for the additional major shall graduate with qualifications for the additional major.

Article 12 Undergraduate double major students who complete all required courses and credits for the original major but not the additional major may request additional extension of study for one semester or academic year at the end of the two-year extension. Those still unable to complete all required courses and credits for the additional major shall graduate with qualifications for the original major.

Master's and doctoral double major students who meet the graduation requirements for the original major but not the additional major may request a program extension of one academic year. Those still unable to meet the graduation requirements for the additional major shall graduate with qualifications for the original major.

Doctoral students who fail to complete the doctoral candidacy qualifying examination for the additional major by the deadline or who fail the examination twice shall be deprived of their additional major status.

Article 13 Students who give up their double major status may be granted a minor degree if they have taken and passed enough courses and credits for a minor degree in the dropped department.

For students granted a minor degree as stipulated in the preceding paragraph, credits counted towards the minor degree may not be included as the graduation credit requirements of the original or additional major.

- Article 14 Transcripts of academic record and other supporting documents of double major students shall indicate the additional major. However, the transcripts of academic record and other supporting documents of students who give up or cancel their double major status shall only indicate the major they graduate with. Transcripts of academic record and other supporting documents of students who have been dismissed shall not indicate the additional major.
- Article 15 The original and additional majors of students who meet the graduation requirements for both shall be indicated on their diploma.
- Article 16 Matters not addressed herein shall be subject to *NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY Academic Regulations* and other applicable regulations.
- Article 17 The Regulations shall be passed by the Academic Affairs Meeting, implemented on the date of promulgation.

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