NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY Directives Governing the Implementation of the Undeclared Major Program for Undergraduates at Each College

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- Article 1 The National Taiwan University (NTU or "the University") Directives Governing the Implementation of the Undeclared Major Program for Undergraduates at Each College ("the Directives") are formulated to enable students to explore and pursue academic interests aligned with their aptitudes and to promote the Undeclared Major Policy.
- Article 2 An undeclared major for undergraduates, as described in the Directives, refers to an academic status of an undergraduate student who has not yet declared a specific discipline as their major or track during the first and second year of studies at the University. The student may explore introductory courses and academic areas before deciding on their major or track of study, and continue with the specialized studies of their selected major until they complete their degree requirements.

The introductory courses described in the preceding paragraph include liberal education courses, general core courses, and introductory core courses in various academic areas that students admitted in accordance with the Directives may pursue. The specialized studies encompass the specific courses that students admitted in accordance with the Directives may pursue starting from their third year onward, after they have decided on their major or track.

- Article 3 Each college may determine whether to allocate a portion of their admission quota for undeclared students within the college or across different colleges/departments/divisions/tracks of study during their recruitment process for each department or track, according to their own educational approaches and considerations for academic development.
- Article 4 Any college seeking to admit undeclared students shall submit a proposal or an inter-college/department/division/track of study proposal, which may be implemented upon approval by the respective college affairs meeting and the Academic Affairs Meeting.

The proposal or inter-college/department/division/track of study proposal described in the preceding paragraph shall provide the following information:

- 1. The college, department, or track of study involved
- 2. The recruitment quota
- 3. Planning and integration of introductory courses and specialized studies, as well as the recognition and inclusion of required credits for graduation.
- 4. Allocation of academic advisors and student counseling resources
- 5. The procedures by which students select or are assigned their major or

track of study

- 6. Allocation of necessary resources
- 7. Administrative procedures
- 8. Other specific provisions

The planning of introductory courses as described in Subparagraph 3 of the preceding paragraph shall focus on liberal education, general core courses, and introductory core courses specific to the academic areas within each college

The administrative procedures described in Subparagraph 7 of Paragraph 2 shall list the candidates for the head of the undeclared major program and individuals responsible for administrative affairs, in order to streamline the administrative operations and management of curricula, student status, and students' course selection.

- Article 5 Students admitted in accordance with the Directives shall apply to declare their major by submitting a prioritized wish-list and transcript of academic record to their respective colleges. The college shall then place students into majors based on their prioritized wish-lists and academic records. The college may also stipulate additional requirements for the assignment according to their actual needs.
- Article 6 Each college that offers the undeclared major program shall establish a placement coordinating committee to assess the students for their placement. Following the announcement, the committee shall submit a finalized list of students' placements of majors to the Office of Academic Affairs, in order to facilitate administrative management of student status.
- Article 7 Students admitted in accordance with the Directives may apply for a change of major, a double major or minor in accordance with the relevant regulations of the University.
- Article 8 If a college seeks to terminate the undeclared major program for any reason, they shall submit a termination proposal one academic year prior to the planned termination. The termination shall only be implemented after the proposal has been reviewed and approved by the College Affairs Meeting and the Academic Affairs Meeting. The proposal shall also be included in the admission prospectus one academic year preceding the planned termination.
- Article 9 Matters not addressed herein shall be handled in accordance with applicable regulations of the Ministry of Education and the NTU Academic Regulations.
- Article 10 The Directives shall be passed by the Administrative Meeting and the Academic Affairs Meeting of the University and then implemented starting from the Academic Year 2016-17. The same shall apply when amendments are made.