

Implementation Regulations of Joint Dual-Degree with Overseas Universities

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Article 1 This *Implementation Regulations of Joint Dual-Degree with Overseas Universities* (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) have been specifically formulated in accordance with the *University Act*, the *Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, the *Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education*, the *Regulations Governing People from Mainland China Undertaking Junior College-Level Studies and Above in Taiwan*, the *Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Records from Mainland China*, the *Regulations Governing Hong Kong and Macao Residents Undertaking Studies in Taiwan*, the *Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Academic Records from Hong Kong and Macao*, the *Academic Regulations* of National Dong Hwa University (hereinafter referred to as “NDHU” or “the University”), the *NDHU Operation Guidelines of Written Agreements on Academic Cooperation with Overseas Education and Research Institutions*, and the pertinent laws, rules, and regulations in order to broaden students’ vision, develop students’ international perspective, and increase international academic cooperation and communication.

Article 2 The term, ‘Joint Dual-Degree’, stipulated in the Regulations means that via academic cooperation, the University signs agreements with overseas universities to assist students of both universities (or one university) to undertake studies in the other university within the regulated study period in accordance with the *NDHU Academic Regulations*, and the pertinent laws and regulations of academic affairs and education in both universities. Students shall be awarded the degree when meeting the qualification for graduation of both universities.

The Joint Dual-Degree can be awarded either jointly by both universities with the term, ‘Joint’, stated on the degree certificate, or respectively in the same level or in different levels.

Article 3 The University shall implement Joint Dual-Degree programs with overseas sister universities in principle, and shall observe the following guidelines:

- I. The overseas universities shall have signed joint dual-degree cooperation agreements with the University.
- II. The overseas universities shall be registered by local government or the education competent authorities, and shall be listed in the *Reference List of Foreign Universities* promulgated by the Ministry of Education.
- III. In case of the universities in Mainland China, they shall be listed in the *Reference List of Universities and Higher Education Institutions in Mainland China* promulgated by the Ministry of Education.

Article 4 Regarding the dual-degree jointly implemented by NDHU academic sectors at all levels and overseas universities, the draft of the cooperation agreement shall be drawn up by the pertinent department (institute), degree program and the overseas universities in both Chinese and English, sent to the pertinent College, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of International Affairs, approved by the President, and then signed by the President or the authorized pertinent competent authority.

No English version is needed for the agreements between the University and universities in Mainland China; however, the agreements shall comply with the *Guidelines Governing the Assessment of Alliances or Written Agreements on Cooperative Behaviors between School at All Levels and Schools in Mainland China* formulated by the Ministry of Education, and be approved by MOE before signing.

The content of Joint Dual-Degree Cooperation Agreement shall include the following items:

- I. Application Qualification
- II. Course Design
- III. Credit Waiver
- IV. Study Period
- V. Degree Awarding
- VI. Charging Standards and Quote of People
- VII. Agreement Termination Regulations
- VIII. Dissertation/Thesis Guidance (Bachelor degrees exempted)
- IX. Miscellaneous Matters

The content of the abovementioned Paragraph VIII shall cover the pertinent regulations of qualification exam, the language(s) used for dissertation/thesis and abstract, the publication and ownership of MA dissertation and Ph.D. thesis.

Article 5 NDHU departments (institutes) and degree programs shall work with the other party, i.e. the overseas universities engaging in the joint dual-degree program, on setting up joint dual-degree courses in accordance with the actual needs of both universities. The

abovementioned courses and the pertinent issues, such as required courses and credits, shall be submitted to the university-level curriculum committee and academic affairs meeting before implementation.

Article 6 In addition to NDHU *Academic Regulations*, students pursuing the same-level joint dual-degree abroad in accordance with the Regulations shall meet the total length of studying in both universities, and the requirements are as follows:

- I. Those pursuing Bachelor degrees shall have studied in both universities for at least 32 months.
- II. Those pursuing Master's degrees shall have studied in both universities for at least 12 months.
- III. Those pursuing Ph.D. degrees shall have studied in both universities for at least 24 months.

In addition to NDHU *Academic Regulations*, for students pursuing the cross-level joint dual-degree abroad in accordance with the Regulations, the study period for their overseas academic records or that from Mainland China shall comply with the pertinent regulations of the *Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Records from Mainland China*, and the *Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Academic Records from Hong Kong and Macao*.

Article 7 The study period and the credits of those taking the joint dual-degree in accordance with the Regulations in both universities shall be counted together. The credits taken respectively in both universities shall be more than one-third of the total credits required for awarding the degree by both universities respectively. Whether students register and study in the University for final semester or academic year shall be stipulated in the agreement by the pertinent department (institute) and degree program in accordance with the Article 6 of the Regulations.

Article 8 The overseas universities cooperating with the University on joint dual-degree programs shall compile and send the list of students recommended for the program to the OIA before the date designated by the University for application. The students recommended by the overseas universities shall prepare the required documents and apply for admission in accordance with the NDHU *Overseas Students* (international students, overseas Chinese students including students from Hong Kong and Macao, and students from Mainland China) *Admission Channels and Regulations*.

Article 9 The overseas students approved to pursue the joint dual-degree in the University and meeting the qualification requirements for Mainland Chinese students, overseas Chinese students including Hong Kong and Macao students, and international students, shall handle their registration, student status, academic performance and assessment, scholarships, accommodation, and living consultation, etc. in accordance with the

pertinent laws and regulations and the NDHU *Academic Regulations*.

- Article 10 The overseas students approved to pursue the joint dual-degree in the University shall to the University in accordance with the NDHU *Regulations of Credit Waiver* for waiving the subjects and credits taken and having passed in the original university.
- Article 11 The overseas students approved to pursue the joint Master's dual-degree in the University and having studied for over a year with excellent academic performance shall apply to the University for proceeding to the Ph.D. program in accordance with the NDHU *Operation Directions of Direct Admission to Ph.D. Program*; whether or not qualified for pursue the joint Ph.D. dual-degree shall be handled in accordance with the agreement signed by both universities.
- Article 12 NDHU students, who intend to pursue degrees abroad, shall meet the admission qualification and regulations of the overseas universities, and shall directly apply to the pertinent department (institute) and degree program. Once admitted, the overseas pursuit matters shall be reported by the pertinent department (institute) and degree program to the pertinent college, Office of Academic Affairs, and Office of International Affairs, and verified and approved by the President or the authorized competent authority before proceeding further.
- Article 13 Those pursuing the joint dual-degree in accordance with the Regulations in overseas universities shall pay the NDHU tuition fee and miscellaneous fees, and other fees regulated by the University in full each semester during the study period. The students in question shall also apply to the University within the regulated study period in accordance of the *Regulations of Credit Waiver* for waiving the subjects and credits successfully acquired from the overseas universities. The students in question meeting the graduation qualification of the pertinent department and institute after the waiver shall be awarded the NDHU degree.
- Article 14 NDHU students approved to pursue the joint dual-degree in overseas universities in accordance with the Regulations fail to complete the study abroad for some reason but still within the study period regulated by the University shall apply with reports and the pertinent documents as evidence to the Office of Academic Affairs for returning to the original department/institute to resume the study at the suitable level within two weeks prior to the starting date of the semester stated in the university calendar. The students in question shall apply in accordance with the NDHU *Regulations of Credit Waiver* for waiving the subjects and credits successfully acquired from the overseas universities.
- Article 15 Any other matter not set forth in the Regulations shall be handled in accordance with applicable regulations of the Ministry of Education and the University.
- Article 16 The Regulations have been approved at the Academic Affairs Meeting before

implementation, and have been reported to the Ministry of Education for further references.

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