

Regulations for Dual-Degree Programs by National University of Kaohsiung and Overseas Universities

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Article 1. To promote the internationalization, expand students' visions, improve international academic cooperation, and reinforce the interaction with students from overseas universities (hereafter the "overseas universities"), National University of Kaohsiung (hereinafter NUK) has established "the Regulations of Dual Degree Programs by NUK and Overseas Universities."

Article 2. The dual degree programs are structured that the applicants are required either having completed at least two semesters at NUK or currently having graduated from NUK before being admitted to the programs and pursuing degrees at the Overseas Universities. The same requirements as stated previously are applied to applicants at the Overseas Universities to study and pursue degrees at the University as well. Students must complete the requirements of the degrees as designed and specified in both universities independently before graduation. The arrangements enable students to earn degrees at both universities separately.

Dual Degree Students spend the total number of defined academic years in the programs are calculated as follows:

1. For bachelor degree students: the students are required to study or stay in the programs at NUK for at least two semesters.
2. For master degree students: the students are required to study or stay in the programs at NUK for at least two semesters.
3. For doctor degree students: the students are required to study or stay in the programs at NUK for at least four semesters.

For bachelor degree students, they are further required that the total academic periods spent and accumulated in both universities must be a minimum of 32 months or over. For master degree students, they are further required that the total academic periods spent and accumulated in both universities must be a minimum of 12 months or over. For doctor degree students, they are further required that the total academic periods spent and accumulated in both universities must be a minimum of 24 months or over.

For students in the Dual Degree Programs, the academic years of a student can be accumulated and added while studying in both universities, but before graduate, they are mandated to complete minimum 1/3 of the total number of required credits towards their graduation from each university independently. Whether students need to register at NUK in their last semester or academic

year is under Article 5 of these Regulations and is stated clearly in the agreement.

Article 3. Those overseas universities referred to in the regulations for the dual degree program should meet the following requirements:

1. The overseas universities have signed the academic interaction agreement with NUK.
2. The overseas universities must have been registered, authorized and legalized by its local government or its ministry of education, and have been verified by our embassy.

Article 4. The dual degree programs with overseas universities shall be formalized by the relevant departments/institutes via the “Agreement for Running the Dual Degree Program” in both Chinese and English versions. The agreement shall be passed in the meetings of departments, institutes and colleges, delivered to NUK Office of International Affairs and Division of Academic Affairs for review, and then issued and passed in the administration meeting before being carried out. The above-mentioned agreement shall include relevant provisions concerning the following contents:

1. Application qualifications.
2. Screening selection criteria.
3. Course design and content.
4. Credit exemption.
5. The time of study between two universities.
6. Co-advising negotiation for master’s and doctoral thesis.
7. Provisions for granting diplomas.
8. Procedures for enrollment, withdrawal from school, and reinstatement.
9. Standards and procedures for payment of fees and restrictions concerning the number of the students in programs of study
10. Amendments and the termination on the agreement.
11. Other relevant concerns.

Article 5. The graduate students recommended to study in dual degree programs at NUK or at overseas universities shall follow “the Agreement for Co-Advising Negotiation for Masters’ and Doctors Theses” established in accordance with Clause 2 of Article 6. The Agreement should be formalized by the relevant departments/institutes in both Chinese and English versions. The agreement shall be passed in the meetings of departments, institutes and colleges, delivered to NUK Office of International Affairs and Division of Academic Affairs for

review, and then issued and passed in the administration meeting before being carried out. The preceding agreement shall include relevant provisions concerning the following contents:

1. Name of the graduate student.
2. Name of the advisor.
3. The topic of the thesis.
4. The time of study between two universities.
5. The language adopted in the writing the thesis and the abstract.
6. The rules for organizing the degree test committee and conducting the oral test.
7. The publication and the ownership of the thesis.
8. Amendments and the termination on the agreement.
9. Other relevant concerns.

Article 6. Each department/institute should establish the curriculum for the dual degree program regulating the required courses and credits with the cooperating overseas university according to its needs. The curriculum should be passed in school-level meetings such as the Academic Meeting before being carried out.

Article 7. The cooperating overseas universities should make a list of the applicant students before April 30th, together with the following documents, and then send to Division of Academic Affairs so that it can handle the relevant admission matters on screening tests and the inspection:

1. Two copies of the application form.
2. One copy of the student ID issued by the overseas university (attached with a Chinese or English translation).
3. Two copies of complete school transcript in English or Chinese (certified with the stamp or seal of the overseas university).
4. One copy of Chinese or English health checkup certificate (including the relevant medical report on HIV test).
5. The financial certificate which says the possessor has enough money in his/her saving account to support the study in Taiwan.
6. Other necessary documents required in the agreement.

Article 8. The qualifications of overseas university students admitted to study in the dual degree program at NUK will be preliminarily reviewed after their applications for the admission are accepted. After passing the preliminary review, the applications will be delivered to the Office of International Affairs for the second review by the signed agreement, and then transferred to the relevant department/institute for the screening review.

- Article 9.** When students admitted to study in the dual degree program at NUK enroll, they need to submit the medical and injury insurance that is valid for at least four months starting from the date of immigration. If not, they may pay the insurance fee at enrollment. NUK will handle the matters relating to the insurance.
- Article 10.** For those students admitted to study in the dual degree program at NUK, they should follow the relevant regulations or rules on the status of students, grades evaluation, scholarships, boarding, and life counseling if they meet the qualifications of the overseas Chinese or foreign students.
- Article 11.** For those students admitted to study in the dual degree program at NUK, the courses they had passed and the credits they had obtained at their original universities can be exempted in accordance with the “NUK Regulations for Course Exemption.”
- Article 12.** For those students admitted to study in the dual degree program at overseas universities, the courses they had passed and the credits they had obtained at the overseas universities can be exempted in accordance with the “NUK Regulations for Course Exemption.” After the courses and the credits are exempted, they shall be granted the degree by NUK if they meet the requirements for graduation by each department/institute.
- Article 13.** For those students admitted to study in the dual degree program at overseas universities, if they cannot complete their study at overseas universities and the time of study between the two universities is still within the regulated limit on the time of study, they may apply to return to study at NUK, with the report and relevant proving documents, two weeks before the beginning of the class instruction each semester scheduled in the school calendar. the courses they had passed and the credits they had obtained at the overseas universities can be exempted in accordance with the “NUK Regulations for Course Exemption.”
- Article 14.** During the time of study at NUK, overseas students should follow all regulations and rules at NUK as well as the laws in R.O.C.
- Article 15.** Any matter that is not being fully defined or addressed in these Regulations shall be subject to cooperated with existing rules or policies of the University accordingly and correspondingly.

Article 16. These Regulations shall be published and implemented after approval by the Academic Affairs Meeting and filed with the Ministry of Education for record. The same shall be applicable in the event of any amendment.