

Regulations for Dual-Degree Programs by National University of Kaohsiung and Institutions of Higher Education in P.R.C.

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Article 1. To promote the academic interaction with institutions of higher education in PRC, expand students' visions, and offer students multi-learning opportunities, National University of Kaohsiung (hereinafter NUK) has established "the Regulations of Dual Degree Programs by NUK and Institutions of Higher Education in P.R.C." (hereinafter these Regulations) in accordance with Clause 4 of Article 6 in the NUK Academic Regulations.

Article 2. Those institutions of higher education referred to in the regulations for the dual degree program should meet the following requirements:

1. The institutions of higher education included in the recognition list.
2. The institutions of higher education have signed the academic interaction agreement with NUK.

Article 3. The dual degree programs are structured under the academic cooperation agreement with the institutions of higher education that the applicants are required having completed at least two semesters at NUK before being admitted to the programs and pursuing degrees at the institutions of higher education. The same requirements as stated previously are applied to applicants at the institutions of higher education to study and pursue degrees at the NUK 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 4 of these Regulations and is stated clearly in the agreement.

Article 4. The dual degree programs with institutions of higher education shall be formalized by the relevant departments/institutes via the “Agreement for Running the Dual Degree Program” in original complex Chinese version. 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. The agreement should be reported to MOE and obtain the approval two months before the agreement is signed. The above-mentioned agreement shall include relevant provisions concerning the following contents:

1. Provisions for granting diplomas:

After graduation, students are granted degrees at both universities separately or jointly.

2. The time of study between two universities.

3. The integration of the curriculum planning:

The curriculum planning of both universities during the time of study, the linking of the curriculum design, the credit rules at both universities, and the rules for credit recognition and exemption.

4. The qualifications of applications, number of the students, and review mechanism. (including the rules for the deadline)

5. The procedure of master and doctoral theses:

The names of the graduate student and the advisor, the topic of the thesis, the negotiation of advising theses, the language adopted in writing the thesis and the abstract (in the original complex form of Chinese), the rules for organizing the degree test committee and

conducting the oral test, the publication and the ownership of the thesis, and other relevant matters.

6. Procedures for enrollment, withdrawal from school, and reinstatement.
7. Payment of the relevant fees.
8. Amendments and the termination on the agreement (including the handling mechanism of students' breaking down the study: matters of recognizing the taken credits and the status of students when the agreement is terminated or students can not complete the requirements of study at either university.)
9. Other relevant concerns.

Article 5. Each department/institute should establish the curriculum for the dual degree program regulating the required courses and credits with the cooperating institutions of higher education in PRC according to its needs. The curriculum should be passed in school-level meetings before being carried out.

Article 6. The qualifications of PRC students admitted to study in the dual degree program at NUK will be preliminarily reviewed by the Office of International Affairs after their applications for the admission are accepted. After passing the preliminary review, the applications will be delivered to the Division of Academic Affairs and then transferred to the relevant department/institute for the screening review. The department/institute shall deliver the result of the relevant reviews or the meeting records, together with the application documents, to Division of Academic Affairs within the regulated deadline. Division of Academic Affairs shall then issue the admission notice by the procedure, and notifies the staff at Office of International Affairs to inform students.

Article 7. In accordance with the recommendation deadline regulated in Article 4. Of the agreement, the cooperating institutions of higher education in PRC 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 applications for studying the dual degree program:

1. Two copies of the application form.
2. One copy of the ID card of PRC citizens.
3. One copy of the student ID issued by the original university (certified with the stamp or seal of the original university).
4. One copy of the student status certificate issued by the original university (certified with the stamp or seal of the original university).
5. One copy of complete school transcript in English or Chinese (certified with the stamp or seal of the original university).
6. Two copies of Chinese or English health checkup certificate issued by any medical institution in PRC which has been notarized by the Notary

Office in PRC or International Travel Hygiene Center, the notarization of which is verified by any institution established or assigned by Ministry of Administration, or any institution commissioned by the civil society organizations.

7. The financial certificate which says the possessor has enough money in his/her saving account to support the study in Taiwan (notarized by the Notary Office in PRC, the notarization of which is verified by any institution established or assigned by Ministry of Administration, or any institution commissioned by the civil society organizations).
8. Other necessary documents required in the agreement.

Article 8. 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 within the time of study. If not, they may pay the insurance fee at enrollment. NUK will handle the matters relating to the insurance.

Article 9. For those PRC students admitted to study in the dual degree program at NUK, Division of Student Affairs is in charge of their boarding, counseling, life management, correspondence, notification, searching and other relevant students matters. 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 10. For those PRC 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 by the agreement or the curriculum of the dual degree program regulated in Article 4 and 5. They can apply for course exemption in accordance with the “NUK Regulations for Course Exemption.”

Article 11. For those PRC 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 original universities can be exempted by the agreement or the curriculum of the dual degree program regulated in Article 4 and 5. They can apply for course exemption 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 12. For those NUK students admitted to study in the dual degree program at institutions of higher education in PRC, if they cannot complete their study there 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 in their original department/institute 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 institutions of higher education in PRC can be exempted in accordance with the “NUK Regulations for Course Exemption.”

Article 13. For those NUK male students admitted to study in the dual degree program at institutions of higher education in PRC but haven’t served in the army, Division of Student Affairs will handle the matters of their emigration in accordance with the relevant rules under “Enforcement Act of Conscription Act” and “Regulations for Exit of Draftees.”

Article 14. During the time of study at NUK, PRC 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 NUK 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.