

## NCHU Guidelines on Interdisciplinary Credit Program Courses

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- Article 1 These guidelines are adopted to expand students' areas of learning, develop students' capability of integrating knowledge in different fields, and benefit from seeking advanced education and pursuit of careers.
- Article 2 Academic units at NCHU such as colleges, departments, graduate institutes, degree programs, offices, centers, may jointly offer Interdisciplinary Credit Program courses as needed. [Cross disciplinary programs for undergraduate students may offer their Micro Program as needed.](#)
- Article 3 The title, content, and the chairman of a new Interdisciplinary Credit Program should be discussed and determined by the relative academic departments.
- Article 4 The Interdisciplinary Credit Program for graduate students must consist of a minimum of [9 credits](#); the Interdisciplinary Credit Program for undergraduate students must consist of a minimum of [15 credits; the Micro Program under it must consist of a minimum of 9 credits.](#)
- The Interdisciplinary Credit Program shall be academically integrated. A minimum of [6 credits](#) of the required courses must not be a part of the students' major, minor, or other credit programs.
- Article 5 Courses in different programs with the same title or those determined as equivalent courses by the department (degree program) can simultaneously fulfill the requirements of different programs; however, the credits shall only be accounted once in the credits for graduation.
- Article 6 Each program shall specify the targeted students. Programs may be limited to undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral students; programs may be accessible to all students but with the limitation in the number of students, student qualification, and so on.
- Article 7 If necessary, programs may charge credit fees or material costs to students taking the course.
- Article 8 The chair of interdisciplinary programs shall present a program course plan along with an evaluation by relevant experts to the Office of Academic Affairs to be approved in the Course Committee before the commencement of the program.

- Article 9 The name of the course subject (in both Chinese and English), purpose of the course, participating departments, name of the Chair, course plan, target students, teacher background, funding, tuition, and other details shall be included in the overall course blue-map. The detailed course plan shall include all subject names, credits, department that offers the classes, course outline and other details; the contents of the course shall be recognized and accepted by all participating units (department).
- Article 10 Students are not allowed to request for extension of study period due to participation in credit program courses. Students' grades in credit program courses and the regular undergraduate courses are averaged to produce the grade point average of the semester. As for graduate students, grades in credit program courses are averaged with regular graduate courses only when the credit program courses are related to the students' major field of study. If the credit program courses are not related to their field of study, the grades of the credit courses shall be excluded in the calculation of average grades.
- Article 11 Students wishing to take Interdisciplinary Credit Program shall fill out and submit an application within 2 weeks after the registration date for the approval of the Chair of their department, graduate institute, or degree program, and then the Chair of the program, after which the application shall be submitted to the Division of Registration to be listed and for the purposes of grading and issuance of student ID card.
- Article 12 Students who already took certain courses in the credit program before registering may obtain credit exemption from the program convener in order to include those courses in the credit program record; there is no need to re-take the courses.
- Article 13 Students who fulfill the subject and credit requirements of a credit program shall be issued a certificate of course attendance. Students wishing to obtain the aforementioned certificate must submit related proof of grades and the application form to their current department, which is then verified by the credit program convener and the department office.
- Article 14 The name, contents, and the means of implementation of inter-university cooperative course programs may be decided by way of agreements between NCHU and other universities. However, the course plan shall be passed by the Course Committee of NCHU.
- Article 15 Credit programs which have fewer than 5 students applying for study in each school year five years following the establishment of said credit program shall be submitted to the University's Curriculum Committee to discuss whether the program be discontinued.
- Article 16 These guidelines and any amendments hereto shall be implemented after being passed in the Academic Affairs Meeting.