

# The NCHU Regulations on Students Pursuing Double Major Studies

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Article 1 These regulations are adopted in accordance with the Degree Award Law, the University Law and the Administrative Rules of the University Law. The regulations are established to broaden students' area of study, meet students' needs, and increase their career opportunities.

Article 2 Guidelines for pursuing a double major are as follows:

- I. Undergraduate students may enroll in undergraduate programs or degree programs at NCHU or sister schools as their second major.
- II. Graduate students in master's or doctorate programs may enroll in graduate or undergraduate minor programs (department or degree program) of the same level at NCHU as their second major.

The regulations herein are not applicable to In-Service Master's Program and Industrial Master's Program students.

Article 3 Undergraduates who have completed the first-year academic program may apply for a double major (department or degree program) within 2 weeks after the registration date in the second academic year. Students who transferred into NCHU may apply for pursuit of a double major only after they have studied in NCHU for a year.

Undergraduate students are not allowed to pursue a double-major by taking

extension education courses; extension education program students are not allowed to pursue a double-major by taking non-extension program courses.

Graduate students in master's and doctorate program at NCHU may apply to pursue another NCHU program (department or degree program) of the same level as their second major in the second semester of their first academic year.

Article 4 Undergraduate students who wish to apply for a double major must score more than 75 in total in the previous academic year; or the applicant's score must be within the top 20% of the applicant's class. However, if the department in which the applicant is studying has stricter regulations, the regulations shall be followed.

NCHU shall handle double major applications from students of master's and doctorate programs in accordance with applicable regulations from the major (department or degree program) that the student is applying to enroll in.

Article 5 Students' application to pursue a double major shall be approved and signed by both the [dean \(chair\)](#) of their [original college \(department or degree programs\)](#) and the [dean \(chair\)](#) of college to be double majored in and shall be reported to the Registration Division for the record.

[Master's and doctoral students applying for double majors should comply with the regulations above and obtain consent from advisors. Students unable to request consent from advisors will be handled in compliance with NCHU Guidelines for the Interaction between Thesis Advisor and Graduate Students.](#)

Article 6 The graduation requirements for students in pursuit of a double major ([department or degree program](#)) shall be based on the relevant regulations applicable at the time (year) when the application was approved. Double major students not only have to fulfill all graduation credit requirements of their [original major \(department or degree program\)](#), they must also complete all core courses for the second major ([department or degree program](#)) in order to be granted a double major degree.

[Undergraduate students](#) who did not complete or are short of 40 credits for the second major must make up for those credits by taking courses designated by the second-major [department](#) or degree program.

[Master's and doctoral students in pursuit of a double major \(department or degree program\) must comply with the first item above. In addition, master's and doctoral students must also complete the graduation requirements and](#)

dissertation (or works/ proof of achievement with written reports/ technical reports or professional studies/ professional practice reports) for their original major (department or degree program) and second major (department or degree program).

The second major (department or degree program) may, if deemed necessary, increase or reduce the courses and credits required for graduation for second-major students. The courses and credits defined shall exceed two-thirds of the credit requirements for graduation (excluding credits for dissertations). Second majors (department or degree programs) shall define minimum credit requirements on the detailed list of graduation requirements.

Compulsory courses of similar characteristics (inc. the same name, etc.) across the original major (department or degree program) and the second major (department or degree program) shall be appointed a substitute course by the second major (department or degree program) for students to fulfill requisite credits. The related meeting minutes from major (department or degree program) committee meetings shall be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference.

Students who withdraw from their double major (department or degree program) but have completed credit requirements for a minor degree can be granted a minor degree. For double-major (department or degree program) students who fail to acquire enough credits for either a second-major degree or a minor degree, the additional credit courses taken can be considered as credits toward graduation from their original major (department or degree program) as long as the courses are related to their original field of study.

Article 7 Double major students should take core courses for the second major (department or degree program) during the regular semester. In the event of course schedule conflict between the students' first and second major (department or degree program), they may attend summer courses in compliance to the NCHU Regulations for Summer Courses.

Required courses mentioned in the previous item will be determined and submitted to Curriculum Committees at the department, college, and university level by the major department or degree program for approval, and then submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for public announcement.

Article 8 Double major students' credits taken for the first and second major (department or degree program) in each semester shall both be calculated and reported on the transcript issued by the first major (department or

degree program).

Article 9 Double major students who are unable or unwilling to continue their pursuit of a second major (department or degree program) shall be allowed to withdraw from the second major study with the approval from the deans (chairs) of both departments.

Article 10 At the end of double major undergraduate students' two-year study time extension, those who have acquired necessary credits for graduation from their first-major (department or degree program) but failed do so for their second-major (department or degree program) may declare withdrawal from the double-major study within the permitted time frame (December 1 to 31 for the first semester; May1 to 31 for the second semester). The aforementioned students are eligible for receiving a degree from their original major (department or degree program). If the aforementioned students do not wish to withdraw from the second-major study, they may apply for a single one-year extension, but they must withdraw if they still fail to complete all required core courses in the second major at the end of the one-year extension.

Students in master's and doctorate programs pursuing double majors (departments or degree program) that have acquired necessary credits for graduation from their first major (department or degree program) but failed to do so for their second major (department or degree program), may choose from the following steps:

- I. The student may declare withdrawal from the double-major study and graduate from their first major (department or degree program). The student is not permitted to then finish their double major (department or degree program) after graduation or apply for any proofs of double major.
- II. If the students do not wish to withdraw from the second-major study, they may apply for a single one-year extension. If the student fails to acquire the necessary credits to graduate from the second major (department or degree program) by the end of the extension, he/she will graduate from the first major (department or degree).

The aforementioned students who fail to fulfill double-major requirements and withdrawal from the double-major study may still be granted a minor degree if they have acquired enough credits for receiving a minor degree in the second field of study. Credits from the second major attributed to the minor degree shall not be counted towards credit requirements in the first major (department or degree program).

Students who withdrawal from the double-major study are not permitted to

finish their double major study after graduation or apply for any proofs of double major.

- Article 11 Transferred undergraduate students who pursued a double major in their previous university shall re-apply for double major eligibility in NCHU.
- Article 12 Once students fulfilled the double-major credit requirements, their double-major (department or degree program) status will be noted in their Chinese or English transcript, diploma, transfer certificates and other certificates.
- Article 13 For students who fulfill the graduation requirements of a double-major (department or degree program), the aforementioned information will be noted in their student information data, diploma, graduating students list, and each year's transcript.
- Article 14 These regulations and any amendments hereto shall be reviewed at the Academic Affairs Meetings, publicly announced, implemented, and submitted to the Ministry of Education for record.