

NTUE and Overseas University/College International Dual Degree Implementation Directive

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- A. This Directive was set forth in order to expand the students' world view, encourage international academic collaboration and increase the interaction and exchange between the students of the University and overseas universities/colleges (hereafter referred to as overseas universities).
- B. The Overseas Dual Degree System referred to in this Directive shall refer to overseas Universities/Colleges that have a written academic exchange agreement with the University, for which students of either institution shall have the option to study in the other after at least 2 full semesters in their original enrolled establishment, and fulfill the qualification of graduation in both institutions, for which they will be awarded degrees issued by both universities.
- C. Dual degree students under this Directive shall fulfill the minimum requirement of studying at the University for the following durations:
- (1) Undergraduate bachelor students must study for duration of at least 4 semesters.
 - (2) Postgraduate master students must study for duration of at least 2 semesters.
 - (3) Postgraduate doctoral students must study for duration of at least 2 semesters.

For a bachelor degree, the total duration at both institutions shall amount to a minimum of 32 months; for a master's degree, the total duration shall amount to a minimum of 12 months; for a doctoral degree the total duration shall amount to a minimum of 24 months.

Students approved to seek dual degrees with overseas institutions, shall combine their credits at both universities, however the credits they earn at each individual institution shall amount to at least one third of their total credits required for graduation. Whether or not the student's last semester or academic year shall be enrolled at the University shall be determined by their respective departments/institutes in accordance with Article 5 of the Directive, and stated clearly in the relevant agreement.

- D. Overseas institutions that the University collaborates on Overseas Dual Degree system with shall fulfill the following requirements:
- (1) Must be an overseas university the University has a written Academic Exchange Agreement with.
 - (2) A University/College recognized and rated by a foreign government authority or foreign professional assessment group, listed in the Foreign University Reference List or the China Region, Macao and Hong Kong Higher Education Institution Recognition List by the Ministry of Education.

E. The Dual Degree System between the University and the overseas establishment shall be drafted by each relevant department/institutes in both Chinese and English, and be passed by department, institutes and college meetings under the name of 'Overseas Dual Degree Collaborative Agreement', after which it shall be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office and the R&D Office for review, and later submitted to the President for approval before being implemented.

The aforementioned Overseas Dual Degree Collaborative Agreement' shall contain the following:

- (1) Qualification
- (2) Selection/Review Stipulation
- (3) Continuing Course Design
- (4) Credits Admission
- (5) Study Duration at Both Universities
- (6) Criteria for Awarding Degree
- (7) Enrolment Management (including Registration, Leave of Absence, Re-enrolment)
- (8) Fee Payment Terms and Availability
- (9) Amendment and Termination of Agreement
- (10) Miscellaneous

F. Postgraduate (incl. master and doctoral) students recommended or accepted for overseas dual degree programs by the respective department/institute shall, aside from the stipulation of the Directive, also comply with the 'Master/Doctorate Thesis Co-tutelage Agreement' in both Chinese and English, said Agreement shall be passed by the department, institute and college meetings, after which it shall be submitted to the Academic Affairs Office and the R&D Office for review, and later submitted to the President for approval before being implemented.

The aforementioned Master/Doctorate Thesis Co-tutelage Agreement shall consist of the following:

- (1) Name of Graduate Student
- (2) Name of Tutoring Professor
- (3) Title of Thesis
- (4) Degree Required Enrolment Duration and Its Allocation at Both Institutions.
- (5) Language Used for Thesis and Abstract of Thesis
- (6) Composition of Degree Reviewing Committee and Oral Defense Procedure
- (7) Presenting Rights and Ownership of Thesis
- (8) Amendment and Termination of Agreement
- (9) Miscellaneous

G. The Departments/Institutes may, set forth additional overseas dual degree courses with the collaborative overseas dual degree establishment, stipulating the courses and credits, and submit the course design to the Academic Affairs Office and R&D Office for review.

H. The overseas establishment collaborating with the University on the Overseas Dual Degree shall consolidate their applying students' list and submit said list to the R&D Office along with the following documentation, to be reviewed and processed by the Academic Affairs Office and

R&D Office:

- (1) 2 Copies of the Enrolment Application
- (2) 1 Copy of Student ID from Overseas Institution (w/ English or Chinese Translation)
- (3) 2 Copies of Full Transcript in Chinese or English (w/ Official Seal of the Overseas Establishment)
- (4) 1 Health Check Report in Chinese or English (incl. HIV test)
- (5) Proof of Financial Means
- (6) Other Documents Stipulated in the Agreement

I. The overseas institution students enrolling in a dual degree program at the University shall have their enrolment application processed by the R&D Office, and reviewed by the Academic Affairs Office and R&D Office for qualification and conformity. After passing the review the applications shall be submitted to the relevant department or institute for enrolment review.

J. Student applications approved to enroll at the University shall submit their health check reports as well as proof of accident insurance policy purchase, the policy term should cover the entirety of their enrolment at the University; those without insurance shall pay the relevant insurance fee charges, and have their insurance purchased by the University.

The aforementioned students, who also fulfill the status requirement of overseas Chinese or foreign student status, shall follow relevant stipulations for their enrolment status, grades assessment, scholarship, accommodation and guidance counselling. During their studies at the University, the students agree to submit to the laws and regulations of Taiwan and the stipulations of the University.

K. Students going to overseas institutions upon approval of the University shall complete their credit admission application within the stipulated time frame of the University for the credits obtained at the overseas establishment, in accordance with the Student Credit Admission Directive. After approval of credit admission, should the student fulfill all other graduation criteria for their respective department/institutes, they shall be awarded with their respective degree by the University.

L. Should the students studying dual degrees at overseas institutions upon approval of the University fail to complete their course at the overseas establishment, and their total study time at both universities does not fulfill the stipulated duration of the degree, they may apply to return to their original department/institute at their respective grade/year through the Academic Affairs Office; their courses and credits obtained from the overseas establishment may be admissible in accordance with the Student Credit Admission Directive.

The result of the aforementioned application shall be submitted to the Division of International Affairs of the R&D Office.

M. Male students not having yet served in the military approved to pursue their Overseas Dual Degree course by the University shall comply with Regulations for Exit of Draftees of the Ministry of the Interior, and the Border Entrance/Exit Directive.

N. Issues not covered by the Directive shall be carried forth in accordance with the relevant

stipulations of the Ministry of Education as well as that of the University.

The Directive has been passed upon the Meeting of Academic Affairs, and submitted to the Ministry of Education for review, its amendments shall follow suit.