

# National Chengchi University Regulations for General Education Course

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Article 1 National Chengchi University Regulations for General Education Courses (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations") is established to regulate the general education course offerings and to achieve the goal of an all-rounded education.

Article 2 General Education Center (hereinafter referred as the "Center") is responsible for the university's general education courses.

Article 3 National Chengchi University (hereinafter referred as "NCCU") faculty members and researchers shall follow the Regulations and relevant regulations of NCCU when offering general education courses.

Article 4 General education courses at NCCU comprise of General Language Courses, College General Courses, and Residential College General Courses.

Article 5 Course structures and rules regarding number of credits are listed as follows:

- I. General Language Courses contain Chinese Language Courses (3 to 6 credits), and Foreign Language Courses (6 credits). College General Courses contain Humanities Courses (3 to 7 credits), Social Science Courses (3 to 7 credits), Natural Science Courses (3 to 7 credits), and Information and Technology Courses (2 to 3 credits). Residential College General Courses (0 to 3 credits). Students are required to complete 28 credits to satisfy the graduation requirements. Excess credits are not counted as graduation credits.
- II. Core General Courses, structured under the College General Courses,

aim to cultivate vision, self-learning, independent thinking, and civic awareness in students.

- III. Core General Courses are group courses. Students are required to take at least two Core General Courses in different fields.
- IV. The recognition of General Course credits and the credit waiver and transference will be handled in accordance with the University's General Course Credit Recognition and Crediting Regulations.

Students entering before the 2017 school year should take at least 4 to 6 credits of foreign language general courses.

Students entering before the 2019 school year will follow the original General Courses education curriculum, Students are required to complete 28 to 32 credits to satisfy the graduation requirements. Excess credits are not counted as graduation credits. The maximum credit granted for General Courses of Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science is 9 credits. The new General Courses of Information and Technology are regarded as General Courses of Natural Science.

Article 6 Offering of General Education Courses shall be consistent with the course benchmarks established by respective discipline committees.

The general education courses at NCCU are offered in either one of the ways as described below:

- I. By invitation: By following the NCCU philosophy and the objectives of general education and with the approval of the President, the Provost, the Director of the Center, and the discipline committee chairmen, the Director of the Center invites NCCU lecturers or request relevant departments to hire outside scholars and experts to offer courses.
- II. By application: NCCU lecturers can apply to offer courses.  
~~Student representatives may be invited to attend the General Education Committee.~~

Article 7 Offering of General Education Courses shall comply with the

following principles.

- I. Each semester course may count up to two credits. Courses that contain group discussions and similar activities will count as three credits.
- II. The minimum number of students enrolled in a course is fifty.
- III. No prerequisites are allowed.
- IV. Students from some departments may be excluded from enrolling.
- V. A lecturer may offer up to two general education courses in a semester with up to one class for each course. Lecturers offering Core General Courses are exempted from the restriction, but may offer up to six credits.
- VI. Interdisciplinary courses may be designed and offered. Students may choose their own general knowledge categories as needed.
- VII. Courses shall be offered according to the hours and subjects specified by the Center.
- VIII. For courses that contain group discussions, the teaching hours contain two hours lecturing and one hour of group discussion. Such courses are undergo reviews and are approval for teaching assistants (TAs), and have the discussion time included in the curriculum.

Lecturers must be full-time/part-time lecturers and full-time researchers at NCCU.

The rules in Items II, V, VII, and VIII of the preceding paragraph do not apply to General Language Courses and Information and Technology Courses.

Article 8 Offering of General Education Courses shall meet the following rules.

- I. Applicant should submit the National Chengchi University Faculty and Researcher Application Form for New General Education Course and related documents to the Curriculum Committee of the corresponding

department and college or equivalent for approval before delivering to the respective Discipline Committee of the Center, the General Education Committee, and the Academic Affairs Conferences for approval.

- II. Applicant should reapply as new offering when changes concerning lecturer and syllabus of the approved course occur.
- III. Applicant should reapply as new offering when the course has not been offered for three years or more. This is not limited to those who offer Core General Courses.

Full-time researchers are required to meet the following additional rules when applying for offering general education courses.

- I. The applicant research unit of the applicant should prepare the education and work experience information to the Faculty Evaluation Committee for review.
- II. Applicants who have passed the aforesaid reviews and obtained approval for course offering plans according to the rules in the preceding paragraph will be filed by the Personnel Office with the Ministry of Education for issuance of teaching certificates. However, applicants who already are qualified lecturers may be exempted from the filing procedure.

The review of teacher qualifications in the two preceding paragraphs will proceed in pursuance of the applicable personnel regulations.

Article 9 The review procedure and criteria for general education courses will be devised separately by the Center.

Article 10 Matters not specified in the Regulations shall be subject to the applicable laws and resolutions of the General Education Committee.

Article 11 The Regulations is implemented after approval by the the General Education Committee and the Academic Affairs Conferences. The same applies to all subsequent amendments.

