

Implementation Directives for the College's Self-Directed Learning General Courses at National Chengchi University

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1. National Chengchi University (hereinafter referred to as NCCU) establishes the Directives to develop the College's distinctive general courses and foster students' comprehensive abilities in self-directed learning, problem-solving, and interdisciplinary practices. The Directives aim to provide students with opportunities to proactively plan their courses of study and cultivate a campus culture of collaborative learning between faculty and students.
2. The Directives categorize the College's distinctive general courses into two types of self-directed learning courses: "class-based" and "certification-based."
3. Class-based self-directed learning courses are courses where the content and learning approach are designed by students alone or jointly developed by faculty and students. Full-time faculty members or eligible research personnel at NCCU may teach or supervise these courses.
 - (1) Course title and credits: The course title should be "Self-Directed Learning Project: [Learning Topic]." The course period is one semester in principle, with credits ranging from one to two credits.
 - (2) Application: one or more undergraduate students at NCCU should submit a self-directed learning plan and relevant application documents as announced by the General Education Center (hereinafter referred to as "the Center").
 - (3) Review: The self-directed learning plan must be submitted to the College Domain Committee for review, followed by approval by the General Education Committee and the Academic Affairs Meeting before the course is offered.
 - (4) Hourly lecture fee and funding sources:
 - I. The maximum course budget is calculated based on the course instruction payment and the hourly lecture fee at the professor's level multiplied by the number of credits and weeks of class. The funding is provided by government subsidies or NCCU's self-generated income.
 - II. Full-time and adjunct faculty members and eligible research personnel with teaching qualifications at NCCU are compensated according to the Ministry of Education's regulations and teaching hours. However, these hours are excluded from the semester's basic teaching hours.

III. The instructor responsible for the course is in charge of course planning, management, and grading, and would receive the course instruction payment equivalent to the master's thesis advisor fee.

4. Certification-based self-directed learning courses are designed to encourage students to develop problem-solving and innovative practical skills, either under the guidance of instructors in relevant fields or by independently carrying out a learning plan.
 - (1) Course title and credits: The course is titled "Independent Practical Learning," with no specific time frame for learning. One credit is the basic unit, with a maximum of two credits applicable.
 - (2) Application: Students may submit applications anytime during the semester.
 - (3) Review: Students must submit their learning files for review during each semester's certification period. The review is conducted on a pass-or-fail basis. Upon passing, students receive credit certification and are eligible for a merit-based award.
5. Application forms, application timelines, review procedures, and other relevant matters will be announced by the Center.
6. All matters not included in the Directives will be handled following the relevant regulations of NCCU and decisions made by the General Education Committee.
7. The Directives are implemented upon approval by the General Education Committee and the Academic Affairs Meeting, and the same applies to the amendments.
8. The Directives come into effect starting from the academic year of 2023.