

## **Implementation Measures for Dual-Degree Programs with Overseas Universities/Colleges**

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- Article 1 In order to broaden students' horizons, enhance international academic cooperation, and strengthen exchange and learning opportunities between the students of this University and those of overseas universities/colleges (hereinafter referred to as "Overseas Institutions"), the University, pursuant to Article 29 of the University Act, enacts these Measures.
- Article 2 The term "Dual-Degree Program" as used in these Measures refers to a cooperative arrangement in which the University and an Overseas Institution sign an agreement to assist their respective students in pursuing further studies at the partner institution. Upon fulfilling the graduation requirements stipulated by both parties, the University and the Overseas Institution may confer degrees of the same level or of different levels either jointly or separately.
- Article 3 Students enrolled in a Dual-Degree Program shall not complete their entire course of study at this University. For students approved to pursue a same-level dual-degree program at an Overseas Institution, the period of study may include the time spent at the local institution, provided that the following requirements are met:
- (1) For a bachelor's degree, the cumulative period of study must be no less than thirty-two months.
  - (2) For a master's degree, the cumulative period of study must be no less than twelve months.
  - (3) For a doctoral degree, the cumulative period of study must be no less than twenty-four months.
- The credits earned at this University must amount to at least one-third of the total credits required for the awarding of the degree.

In cases where, through academic cooperation, a student pursues a degree concurrently at a Taiwanese university and a Mainland China higher education institution or organization listed in the Taiwan Ministry of Education's approved roster, the periods of study at both institutions may be combined under the following provisions. The credits earned at each institution must

constitute no less than one-third of the total credits required for the degree:

- (1) For a bachelor's degree, the cumulative period of study at each institution must be no less than thirty-two months.
- (2) For a master's degree, the cumulative period of study at each institution must be no less than twelve months.
- (3) For a doctoral degree, the cumulative period of study at each institution must be no less than twenty-four months.

The overall period of study shall be determined comprehensively based on the academic calendar and relevant documents provided by the applicant's Mainland China institution.

For students approved to pursue a dual-degree program involving different levels at an Overseas Institution, the period of study at this University shall meet the minimum duration prescribed by the program, and the period of study at the Overseas Institution must comply with the following limits:

- (1) For a bachelor's degree, the period of study at the Overseas Institution must be no less than thirty-two months.
- (2) For a master's degree, the period of study at the Overseas Institution must be no less than eight months.
- (3) For a doctoral degree, the period of study at the Overseas Institution must be no less than sixteen months.

For students approved to pursue a dual-degree program at an Overseas Institution, the credits earned during the periods of study at both this University and the partner institution must each constitute at least one-third of the total credits required for the degree.

Article 4 Overseas Institutions that cooperate with this University in conducting dual-degree programs must comply with the relevant provisions of the Ministry of Education's Measures for the Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials, the Measures for the Verification and Recognition of Academic Credentials from Hong Kong and Macau, and the Measures for the Recognition of Academic Credentials from Mainland China.

Article 5 Each unit of the University that enters into a dual-degree cooperative agreement with an Overseas Institution shall execute such agreements in accordance with the Guidelines for Signing Academic Collaboration Agreements between Yuan Ze University and other Academic and Education Institutions.

Article 6 Each department (or institute, college, or degree program) may, based on practical needs, establish separate dual-degree program curricula with an Overseas Institution participating in the cooperative dual-degree program. The specific subjects to be taken and the credit standards shall be set forth as an annex to the academic cooperation agreement. Such curricula shall be implemented only after approval by the respective department (or degree program), college, and the University Curriculum Committee, and subsequent submission to the Academic Affairs Committee for record.

Article 7 An Overseas Institution that cooperates with this University in conducting a dual-degree program shall, within the time frame specified in the agreement, compile a list of applicant students and attach the relevant forms pertaining to the University's admission requirements for overseas students. These materials shall be submitted to the University's contracting unit to facilitate the evaluation process.

Article 8 (Deleted)

Article 9 Overseas students approved for enrollment in the University's dual-degree program shall, in accordance with the University's prescribed dates, complete the health examination and registration procedures.

Upon registration, new international students shall submit proof of medical and accident insurance with a minimum validity of six months from the date of entry. Returning students shall submit evidence of coverage under Taiwan's National Health Insurance or other relevant insurance documents. If the insurance certificate is issued abroad, it must be authenticated by the relevant diplomatic mission.

Mainland Chinese students registering each semester in Taiwan shall submit valid proof of medical and accident insurance for the duration of their studies. If such proof is issued in Mainland China, it must be notarized by a local notary public and verified by an agency established or designated by the Executive Yuan or a commissioned private organization; if issued in a third country, it must be authenticated by the appropriate diplomatic mission. The University shall include Mainland Chinese students in the student group insurance scheme and handle insurance matters in accordance with the regulations applicable to domestic students.

Article 10 For overseas students approved for the dual-degree program, matters concerning academic status, grading, accommodation, and student counseling shall be administered in accordance with the University's relevant regulations.

Article 11 Overseas students admitted to the dual-degree program shall have courses and credits that have been passed at their previous institution recognized for credit transfer in accordance with the University's credit transfer regulations.

Article 12 Departments (or institutes, colleges, or degree programs) that process applications from University students seeking to study overseas in a dual-degree program shall, after the evaluation results are announced, compile a list of approved students and submit it to the Global Affairs Office and the Academic Affairs Office for record.

Article 13 For University students approved to study at an Overseas Institution as part of the dual-degree program, the courses, credits, and grades earned at the Overseas Institution shall be processed

for credit recognition in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of Yuan Ze University Regulations for Students Studying Elective Courses Abroad

Article 14 Should a University student approved to study overseas in the dual-degree program, for any reason, be unable to complete the program at the Overseas Institution—and provided that the combined period of study at both institutions does not exceed the duration prescribed by the University—the student may apply to return to his/her original department (or institute, college, or degree program) by submitting a report and the relevant supporting documents to the Global Affairs Office and the Academic Affairs Office at least two weeks prior to the commencement of the semester.

Article 15 Male students of the University, who have not yet fulfilled their military service obligations and are approved to study overseas in the dual-degree program, must comply with the Ministry of the Interior's regulations on the exit procedures for military personnel as well as other relevant immigration laws and regulations when departing the country.

Article 16 These Measures shall be implemented in accordance with the University Act, Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education, Regulations Governing the Examination and Recognition of Educational Records from Hong Kong and Macao, Regulations Governing the Recognition of Academic Credentials from Mainland China, Implementation Regulations Governing Provision of Distance Education by Junior Colleges and Institutions of Higher Education, and other pertinent laws and the University's related regulations.

Article 17 These Measures shall be promulgated and come into effect upon approval by the University's Academic Affairs Committee, and shall be filed with the Ministry of Education for record and approval. Any subsequent amendments shall follow the same procedure.

**The English translation is for reference only. In case of any discrepancy between Chinese version and English version, the Chinese version shall prevail.**