

# **Regulations on the Establishment of Interdisciplinary Microprograms at National Central University**

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## Article 1

To encourage students to take interdisciplinary courses, provide opportunities for diverse learning and practical experiences, and thereby enhance their future employment and competitiveness, the Regulations on the Establishment of Interdisciplinary Microprograms at National Central University (referred to as "these Regulations" hereafter) were established.

## Article 2

Each department of National Central University (referred to as NCU or "the University") may, based on its development needs, course features, or attributes, offer non-single-department interdisciplinary courses, integrating various specialized fields and aiming for practical application. Each interdisciplinary microprogram (referred to as "microprogram" hereafter) should comprise 8 to 12 course credits and include at least one course from each of the following categories: foundational, core, and advanced (or practical).

## Article 3

The units establishing a microprogram must stipulate the course selection regulations that clearly state the microprogram's name, objectives, course structure, required courses and the number of their course credits, duration of study, and course/program regulations. Once the regulations are reviewed and approved by department-level, college-level, or relevant meetings, they shall be submitted to the Curriculum Committee of NCU for endorsement and finally to the Academic Affairs Committee for verification and reference. The same procedure shall apply to any amendment to the regulations.

## Article 4

All students at NCU can apply to enroll in a microprogram within the first month from the first school day of each semester. To complete the application procedure, they must submit their application to their respective department (or graduate institute) and the unit offering the microprogram. The unit offering the microprogram shall provide the list of students enrolled in the microprogram to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.

#### Article 5

Students who previously took any courses similar to those in a microprogram (even if the similar courses were taken before the establishment of the microprogram) and passed may apply for course credit waivers within the first month from the first school day of each semester. The applications shall be reviewed by the instructors of the microprogram courses that the applicants wish to waive and by the unit offering the microprogram.

The maximum number of waivable course credits is determined by the unit offering the microprogram but cannot exceed half of the total number of the microprogram's course credits.

#### Article 6

Students who complete the microprogram's required courses, acquire the courses' credits, and obtain passing grades in the courses can apply to the microprogram-offering unit for a certificate of completion within the first month from the first school day of each semester. If a review finds no error in the applications, the microprogram-offering unit must submit the list of applicants to the Division of Curriculum, which will then issue the certificates of microprogram completion.

New graduates who complete the microprogram can apply for the certificates of microprogram completion in advance once their final semester's grades are recorded on their academic transcripts.

#### Article 7

Matters regarding course selection, grades, and course credits for students taking microprogram courses should be handled per NCU's relevant regulations.

#### Article 8

In cases where a microprogram-offering unit must terminate a microprogram for any reason, the unit must present the explanations of termination (excluding cases where NCU announces the termination of a microprogram due to insufficient enrollment). However, in both of the two sorts of cases, the unit must plan remedial measures for students currently taking the microprogram courses.

- (1) Termination initiated by the microprogram-offering unit: Termination can occur only after department-level, college-level, or relevant meetings review and approve the decision, and the decision is submitted to NCU's Curriculum Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee for verification and reference.
- (2) Termination notified by the University due to insufficient enrollment: If the cumulative number of students who have completed the microprogram is less than or equal to 3 within the last 3 years, the microprogram-offering unit and the curriculum committee of the college that the unit belongs to shall be notified of the termination. The notification of termination shall also be submitted to the Curriculum Committee of NCU and the Academic Affairs Committee for verification and reference, and then the termination shall take place.

#### Article 9

Any matters not covered by these Regulations shall be handled per the University's relevant rules and regulations.

#### Article 10

These Regulations shall be announced and implemented upon approval by the Academic Affairs Committee. The same procedure shall apply to any amendment to these Regulations.