

Guidelines for the Selection of Common Required Courses at National Central University

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Article 1 These guidelines have been formulated in order to cultivate undergraduate appreciation and understanding of the liberal arts and to accomplish the goals of a general education.

Article 2 The titles and credits hours of the common required courses for undergraduate students at the University are as follows:

Course Titles/Areas		Credit Hours
Chinese		6
Foreign Language		6
History		2
Physical Education Courses		0
Service Education Courses		0
Core and General Education Courses	Required	16
	Selective	
Total		30

Article 3 Unless otherwise specified by respective departments (degree programs), first-year students must choose from the following three courses on foreign languages:

- I. "Freshmen English" (detailed rules and regulations are specified in the remarks field of the required course list of respective departments or degree programs);

II. Other English courses offered by the Department of English;

III. Elementary second language courses offered or accredited by the University

Language Center, provided that students complete a consecutive 6 credit hours of course work on the same foreign language. Rules and regulations on course waiver are to be established by respective departments

(degree programs).

Article 4 Students are required to take a physical education course each semester of their first three academic years, two of which must be Freshman PE I and Freshman PE II and the remaining four physical education electives, but no credit hours earned from these six courses can be counted toward the 128 earned credit hours required for graduation. Only students who have completed these physical education requirements are eligible to the one credit hour physical education elective courses, but once again, no credit hours earned from such courses may be counted toward the minimum number of earned credit hours required for graduation.

Article 5 Service Education is a required non-credit course that must be taken both semesters of one academic year.

Article 6 Students are required to complete 16 credit-hours of general education core courses from three of the following fields: Humanities & Thought, Physical Science, Applied Science, and Social Thoughts & Phenomenon. Any specific requirements shall be left to the individual departments or programs to decide.

Credits of non-major selective general education courses would be included in the credit hours of selective general education in the first place; those which exceed the credit hours requirement could be counted as the credits of selective courses from foreign departments. Note that credits of selective courses of general education offered by students' major department will not be counted in the credit hours of selective general education courses.

Article 7 The aforementioned guidelines shall be implemented and entered into force upon approval by a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee. The same procedure applies to any amendment of these guidelines.