

Principles for Inter-College and Inter-Departmental Credit Programs

at I-Shou University

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Article 1 The Principles for Inter-College and Inter-Departmental Credit Programs at I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as "the Principles") are made in a bid to integrate teaching resources among departments and colleges and to provide students with an opportunity for interdisciplinary studies to equip themselves with a second specialty.

- Article 2 In principle, an inter-college or inter-departmental credit program shall offer at least 15 credits, and a micro-credit program shall offer at least 9 credits. Students' departments (institutes/programs) of major shall decide whether the credits earned from a credit program or micro-credit program are included in the required credits for graduation.
- Article 3 Each college and department (institute/program) may offer credit programs and micro-credit programs (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the credit program") depending on actual needs under the principle of integration. The title and curriculum planning of a new credit program shall be implemented only after being reviewed by the university-level Curriculum Committee and approved by the University Academic Council. The same procedure applies to any amendments to the credit program.
- Article 4 Each credit program shall establish a program affairs committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"), and committee members shall meet at least once every semester to plan, discuss, and assess program implementation. If no student has enrolled in a credit program for two consecutive academic years, or less than five students have enrolled in a credit program within the most recent three years, or there is any special reason, the credit program shall be reviewed and even dismissed.
- Article 5 The Committee shall consist of at least three members, and candidates for membership shall be recommended by participating academic units. The Committee shall have one convener elected among committee members. Committee members shall be appointed by the Dean of the college to which the Committee belongs, and they serve a two-year term and may be reappointed.
- Article 6 Among the required credits taken by students enrolled in a credit program, at least six credits shall be offered by departments rather than one's department of major and may be included in the required credits for graduation.
- Article 7 The admission requirements and acceptance criteria for each credit program shall be set by individual credit programs.
- Article 8 The list of required courses and the number of credits required by each credit program shall be subject to the guidelines on credit program course selection announced by the Office of Academic Affairs every academic year.
- Article 9 To calculate the average semester grade of students enrolled in a credit program, the credits earned from their majors and credit programs shall be combined and computed together, and the Academic Rules of I-Shou University shall apply.
- Article 10 Students enrolled in a credit program under the Principles shall still be subject to the restriction on the maximum allowable number of credits per semester.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, students enrolled in a credit program who take credit program courses offered by any other departments may take additional three credits every semester. Students who have already fulfilled the graduation requirements of their departments (institutes/programs) of major but have not completed the courses required by the credit program are not permitted to apply for an extension of the duration of study.

- Article 11 A certificate of completion will be issued by the competent Committee after the Committee confirms that a student has completed all the required courses and earned required credits.
- Article 12 Students who intend to withdraw from a credit program shall apply to the competent Committee for cancellation. Those who fail to earn all the credits required by a credit program will not be granted a certificate.
- Article 13 The administrative affairs related to a credit program shall be handled by participating academic units.
- Article 14 The Principles become effective on the third day of promulgation after being adopted by the University Administration Council and ratified by the President.

Note: In the event of any disputes or misunderstanding as to the interpretation of the language or terms of these Regulations, the Chinese language version shall prevail.