

Regulations for the Pursuit of Secondary Majors at I-Shou University

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Article 1 The Regulations for the Pursuit of Secondary Majors at I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) are established by I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) pursuant to the University Act, the Enforcement Rules of the University Act, the Degree Conferral Act, and the Academic Rules of I-Shou University.

Article 2 Except for the School of Chinese Medicine for Post Baccalaureate and programs specially approved by the government on a case-by-case basis, departments within the University may accept applications from students of other departments to pursue a secondary major. The credit requirements and applicable rules for secondary majors shall be determined by the respective departments and shall take effect after being approved by the University Academic Council.

Article 3 To graduate with a secondary major, undergraduate students shall not only complete all required courses and meet the minimum credit requirements of their primary department, but also complete all required professional courses for the secondary major and earn at least 40 credits in the secondary department.

To graduate with a secondary major, master’s and doctoral students (hereinafter collectively referred to as “graduate students”) shall not only meet the minimum credit requirements of their primary department, but also complete all required professional courses for the secondary major and earn at least twelve credits in the secondary department. In addition, graduate students pursuing a secondary major shall, respectively, complete a thesis (or dissertation) for each of the two departments or

programs and pass the degree examinations of both departments or programs in accordance with applicable regulations and rules.

Furthermore, doctoral students pursuing a secondary major shall pass the doctoral qualifying examination of their secondary department or program before applying for the degree examination in that department or program.

Article 4 Undergraduate students may apply for a secondary major in a different field from the sophomore year through the first semester of the final year within the prescribed duration of study (excluding any extended period of study), while graduate students may submit an application from the semester of admission through the final year within the prescribed duration of study.

Article 5 Students currently pursuing a minor may apply to convert the minor into a secondary major upon enrollment in the following semester.

Article 6 Only with the approval of the chairs of both the primary and secondary departments may students submit their applications for a secondary major to the Office of Academic Affairs for record-keeping.

Article 7 The scores and credits from courses offered by the secondary department shall be combined with those from the primary department to calculate the average semester grade. If a student pursuing a secondary major fails any of the courses offered by the secondary department, the credits of the failed course(s) shall be combined with those of other failed courses in the same semester and handled in accordance with the Academic Rules of I-Shou University.

Article 8 Of the credits earned from a secondary major by an undergraduate student, up to twenty credits may be recognized by the primary department as elective credits from other departments. A course offered by the primary department may be recognized as a required course by the secondary department, with corresponding credits, only if its title and credit value are identical to those of a course offered by the secondary department. If, after such recognition, the total number of credits does not meet the minimum credit requirements of the secondary department, students pursuing a secondary major shall complete designated courses to make up the deficiency.

Article 9 If a student pursuing a secondary major does not complete all required courses of the secondary department, any courses they have completed and passed that are relevant to their primary major may be recognized as elective credits by the primary department.

- Article 10 If a student pursuing a secondary major completes and passes all required courses and meets the minimum credit requirements of the primary department, but does not complete all required courses or meet the minimum credit requirements of the secondary department, they may graduate with a minor, provided that they meet the regulations and rules governing the pursuit of minors.
- Article 11 Undergraduate students pursuing a secondary major may apply for an extension for another semester or academic year if, within the prescribed (or already extended) duration of study, they have completed all required courses and met the minimum credit requirements of the primary department, but have not yet completed all required courses or met the minimum credit requirements of the secondary department.
- Graduate students pursuing a secondary major shall not extend their prescribed duration of study to complete the secondary major if it is not finished within the original duration.
- Article 12 If, within the prescribed duration of study, a graduating student pursuing a secondary major has completed all required courses and met the minimum credit requirements of the primary department, but has not yet completed all required courses or met the minimum credit requirements of the secondary department, they may apply to withdraw from the secondary major by the end of August of their intended year of graduation. In such cases, the student shall be eligible to graduate from the primary department. After graduation, however, the student shall not be permitted to make up any unfulfilled credits or to receive any certificates related to the secondary major.
- Article 13 For students graduating with a secondary major, the secondary major shall be recorded on the diploma, Chinese- and English-language academic transcripts, and the English degree certificate.
- Article 14 In principle, students pursuing a secondary major shall complete the required courses offered by the secondary department while the University is in session. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if these courses overlap with those offered by the primary department, students may instead take equivalent summer courses.
- Article 15 If a transfer student who pursued a secondary major at their previous institution intends to continue the secondary major at the University, they shall submit an application after being admitted to the University. They may also apply for credit transfer in accordance with the Regulations for Credit Transfer by Students at I-Shou University.
- Article 16 Students pursuing a secondary major shall pay applicable credit fees for any additional courses required within the prescribed duration of study. Undergraduate students who

extend the prescribed duration of study due to a secondary major, or graduate students who have studied at the University for five or more semesters, shall pay credit fees if they take nine credits or fewer, or pay the full tuition and other required fees if they take ten credits or more. Students of evening programs shall pay both tuition and applicable credit fees.

Article 17 Matters not mentioned herein, if any, shall be governed by the Academic Rules of I-Shou University as well as other applicable regulations and rules.

Article 18 The Regulations become effective on the third day of promulgation after being approved by the University Academic Council. The same procedure shall apply to any amendments to the Regulations.

Note: In case of any disputes or misunderstanding regarding the interpretation of the language or terms of the Regulations, the Chinese language version shall prevail.