

Principles for Inter-College and Inter-Departmental Credit Programs at I-Shou University

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University (hereinafter referred to as “the Principles”) are made to integrate teaching resources among departments and colleges and to provide students with the opportunity for interdisciplinary studies to acquire a second specialty.

Article 2 In principle, an inter-college or inter-departmental credit program requires students to complete at least fifteen credits, while a micro-credit program requires at least nine credits. Students’ home departments (institutes/programs/degree programs) shall determine whether credits earned from a credit program or micro-credit program can be counted toward the required credits for graduation.

Article 3 Colleges and departments (institutes/programs/degree programs) may offer credit programs and micro-credit programs (hereinafter collectively referred to as “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”). The Committee shall meet at least once every semester to plan, discuss, and evaluate the credit program’s implementation. If no students enroll in a credit program for two consecutive academic years, or if fewer than five students enroll in a credit program within the three most recent years, or if there are any special circumstances, the credit program shall be subject to review and may be discontinued.

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 from among its members. Committee members shall be appointed by the Dean of the college to which the Committee belongs and shall serve a two-year term and may be reappointed.

Article 6 Credit requirements are as follows:

1. Credit Programs: For students enrolled in a credit program, at least six of the credits earned from the program come from departments other than their home department. These credits may be counted toward the graduation credits of

their home department (institute/program/degree program).

2. Micro-credit Programs: For students enrolled in a micro-credit program, at least four of the credits earned from the program come from departments other than their home department. These credits may be counted toward the graduation credits of their home department (institute/program/degree program).

Article 7 The admission requirements and acceptance criteria for each credit program shall be determined by the respective credit program.

Article 8 The list of required courses and the number of credits required by each credit program shall be subject to the respective guidelines announced by the Office of Academic Affairs each 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 in accordance with the Principles shall still be subject to the restriction on the maximum allowable number of credits per semester. Notwithstanding the foregoing, students who have obtained prior approval from the chair of their home department (program/degree program) may apply to take up to three additional credits per semester. Students who have already fulfilled the graduation requirements of their home departments (institutes/programs/degree programs) but have not completed the courses required by their credit program are not permitted to apply for an extension of the prescribed duration of study.

Article 11 A certificate of completion shall be issued by the competent Committee after it confirms that a student has completed all required courses and earned the necessary credits.

Article 12 Students who intend to withdraw from a credit program shall apply to the competent Committee for cancellation. Students who fail to earn the required credits shall not be granted a certificate of completion or similar recognition.

Article 13 The administrative matters 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 case of any disputes or misunderstandings regarding the interpretation of the language or terms of the Principles, the Chinese language version shall prevail.