

# **Regulations for Double-Degree Programs between Foreign Universities and Colleges and I-Shou University**

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- Article 1      The Regulations for Double-Degree Programs between Foreign Universities and Colleges and I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) are established to broaden students’ horizons, promote international academic exchange, and open up opportunities for academic exchange with students from foreign universities and colleges (hereinafter referred to as “foreign institutions”).
- The foreign institutions mentioned herein include the institutions in mainland China.
- Article 2      The double-degree programs with foreign institutions mentioned herein refer to the agreement entered into between I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) and foreign institutions in a form of international academic exchange, building a system which recognizes the courses by both sides for students who pursue further studies. Upon fulfillment of their respective graduation requirements, students shall be conferred a degree from both institutions, respectively.
- Article 3      The foreign institutions as referred to in the Regulations shall meet the following requirements:
1.    The foreign institutions shall be foreign schools which have signed a valid academic exchange agreement with the University.
  2.    The foreign institutions, except those in mainland China, shall be accredited by local government agencies or professional institutions, meet the requirements for international diploma recognition set by the Ministry of Education, and confirmed by the R.O.C. embassies, consulates or overseas representative offices.

3. The foreign institutions in mainland China shall be accredited by the Ministry of Education, meet the requirements specified in the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education in Mainland China, and confirmed by the institutions set up or appointed by the Executive Yuan or non-governmental organizations commissioned by the government.

Subparagraph 3 of the preceding paragraph shall come into effect after the enforcement of the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education in Mainland China.

Article 4      The duration of study and the number of credits earned at both institutions shall be combined. Students who take a double-degree program shall fulfill the following requirements regarding the total length of study at the University:

1. Students pursuing a bachelor's degree shall study at the University for at least four semesters.
2. Students pursuing a master's degree shall study at the University for at least two semesters.
3. Students pursuing a doctoral degree shall study at the university for at least four semesters.

The total length of study at both institutions for undergraduate students shall be at least thirty-two months in total; for students pursuing a master's degree, the study period at both institutions shall be at least twelve months in total. Students pursuing a doctoral degree shall study at both institutions for at least twenty-four months in total. The credits earned from either institution shall not be less than one-third of the total number of credits required for graduation by either institution.

Article 5      Departments, graduate institutes, colleges and degree programs may draft a cooperation agreement on double-degree programs in both English and Chinese version, which details admission requirements, courses, credit reorganization, the prescribed years of study, degree conferral, etc. The agreement must be approved by the Department/Institute/College/Program Councils and ratified by the President before officially entered into by both institutions.

Article 6      Students who intend to pursue double degrees shall undergo a selection conducted by departments, graduate institutes, colleges or degree programs of home institutions. International students who intend to study at the University for double degrees shall apply for admission to the Admissions Section. After making sure applicants' qualifications and documents meet the University's requirements, the Admissions

Section forwards qualified applications to departments, graduate institutes, colleges, or degree programs for further selection. The admission application and the registration procedure shall be subject to the Guidelines on International Student Admission, the Academic Rules of I-Shou University, and relevant laws and decrees.

Article 7 Students pursuing double degrees shall abide by the terms and conditions of the cooperation agreement to pay the tuition and other required fees. After a semester begins, the departments, graduate institutes, colleges or degree programs where students study shall be responsible for academic counseling. Matters regarding student registration, performance evaluation, scholarships, accommodation and life guidance shall be subject to the cooperation agreement signed by both institutions as well as relevant regulations and rules.

Article 8 Students admitted to double-degree programs of the University may follow the Regulations for Credit Transfer at I-Shou University to apply for credit transfer for the courses and credits he/she took/earned at the home institution.

Students who have completed credit transfer shall take courses every semester pursuant to the Regulations for Course Registration at I-Shou University. Those who intend to apply for credit overload due to special reasons shall pay credit fees in accordance with relevant regulations and rules upon approval. Any agreements entered into between both institutions shall be abided by if any.

Students pursuing double degrees must not apply for double majors or minor studies.

Article 9 The courses and credits earned at foreign institutions under double-degree programs shall be transferred within the years of study prescribed by the University by following the Regulations for Credit Transfer at I-Shou University. Students who fulfill the graduation requirements of respective departments, graduate institutes, colleges or degree programs after credit transfer shall be conferred a degree by the University.

If any student fail to complete studies at foreign institutions and the total length of study at both institutions does not exceed the ceiling stipulated by the University, he/she may submit a report and supporting documents to the Office of Academic Affairs at least two weeks prior to the beginning of classes to apply for resuming studies in the original department, program, college, or degree program at an appropriate level. The courses and credits earned at foreign institutions may be transferred in accordance with Regulations for Credit Transfer at I-Shou University.

Article 10 Both foreign institutions and the University may cooperate on distance learning or short-term student exchange programs, counseling students about taking courses and credits at the other institution.

- Article 11 Male students who have not yet fulfilled their compulsory military service but are approved by the University to study at foreign institutions for double degrees shall apply for exit in accordance with the Regulations for Exit of Draftees as well as relevant laws and regulations of the Ministry of the Interior regarding entry and exit permits.
- Article 12 Throughout their period of study at the University, international students shall observe all the laws and regulations of the Republic of China and adhere to all regulations and rules of the University.
- Article 13 Any matter not mentioned herein shall be subject to the laws and regulations stipulated by the Ministry of Education and the University.
- Article 14 The Regulations become effective on the third day of promulgation after being adopted by the University Academic Council, the University Administration Council and the University Council, ratified by the President, and submitted to the Ministry of Education for future reference. The same procedure applies to any amendment to the Regulations.

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