

NATIONAL SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

Regulations for General Education Course Selection

(Applicable to Students Enrolled in School Year 114 and After)

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Article I. This set of “National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) Regulations for General Education Course Selection” is issued explicitly for processing matters regarding courses of general education studied by students.

Article II. When selecting general education courses, undergraduate students of NSYSU must follow regulations governing NSYSU’s general education course structure (plan), relevant academic regulations, and the regulations specified in this set.

Article III. General education courses include four categories of Language Literacy, Inter-college Electives, Liberal Arts, Practical Experience, and Sport & Health:

A. Language literacy: 6 required credits.

1. Critical thinking and expression in Chinese: 3 required credits.
2. General English: 3 required credits (for detailed information, please refer to “Regulation of Undergraduate Student English Proficiency Cultivation”)
3. English Proficiency Standard.
4. The “Youthful Literary Engagement: From Text To World” course in the Department of Chinese Literature shall be recognized as the required credits of “Critical thinking and expression in Chinese.” As to the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature, any two elective courses (3 credits each) offered by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature (excluding second foreign language courses) can be recognized as the required credits of “General English” and the Inter-college electives, English for Academic Purposes (EAP) or English for Specific Purposes (ESP) course, for students in the department.

B. Inter-college electives: 8 required credits. All students must study professional/fundamental courses (including one EAP or ESP course) offered by NSYSU college(s) other than the student’s own that are approved by Si Wan College. In general, the inter-college electives are available only for first- and second-year students, with one course selected per semester. A second course may be selected during the Add/drop courses period. Credits for inter-college electives

may be included as overall credits for relevant integrated programs. Students who meet applicable regulations of integrated programs may be issued program certificates. (For detailed information, please refer to “NSYSU Regulations for General Education Inter-College Electives”).

C. Liberal Arts courses and Practical experience courses: Both programs total 14 required credits.

1. Liberal Arts courses are arranged in 6 dimensions, including Aesthetic and Cultural Understanding (Dimension 1); Moral Philosophy and Life Bioethics (Dimension 2); Global Perspectives and Citizenship (Dimension 3); Science, Technology and Society (Dimension 4); Physical Science and Our Living World (Dimension 5); Natural Environment, Ecology, and Sustainable Management (Dimension 6).
2. Students must obtain 13 Liberal Arts credits from at least four dimensions. Students from the College of Science, Engineering, Marine Sciences, and Medicine can select a maximum of 6 credits from Dimensions 5 and 6. Students from the College of Liberal Arts, College of Management, and College of Social Sciences must select at least two credits in Dimensions 5 and 6. Students from Si Wan College can choose freely regardless of the admission year. In principle, one course is taken per semester; during the add/drop period, students can add a second course. The maximum elective credits are 19, and any excess credits will not count towards the minimum graduation credits.
3. Students from English-Lectured Bachelor Class should select Liberal Arts courses at least 6 credits that are taught in English.
4. Practical Experience courses: 1 required credit including (a) Within three years of admission (leaves of absence excluded), every student is expected to take six sessions of non-credit-bearing yet required “Primer on College Life: A Lecture Series” program approved by the Si Wan College. A P/F grading system applies to the program. (refer “Guidelines for the Implementation of the ‘Primer on College Life: A Lecture Series’ program”); (b) Within three years of admission (leaves of absence excluded), every student shall complete the required Service Learning course available only for sophomores and above. Any credit earned for the course over the maximum of one credit will not be counted toward the minimum number of credits required for graduation (refer “NSYSU General Education Regulations for Service Learning Course”); (c) Only the credit of the first applied course (excluding “Military Training”) will be counted for the minimum requirement for graduation, and credits from other courses will not be counted. If students have already taken any courses in the category of “applied course” (excluding “Military Training”), the minimum credits from

Liberal Arts courses will be 12.

D. Sport & Health courses: 4 required credits, studied during first and second years, and not included in the minimum credit requirement for graduation, but will be counted for total credits. (for detailed information, please refer to “NSYSU General Education Regulations for Physical and Health Education Program”).

Article IV. The selection and credits waiver applications for general education courses shall be processed following schedules and regulations specified by NSYSU.

Article V. For matters not mentioned in this set of regulations, please refer to the relevant regulations and rules of NSYSU.

Article VI. This set of regulations shall be implemented following approvals of the Si Wan College Course Committee and Academic Affairs Meeting and the President’s authorization. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are to be made.