

# National Chung Hsing University General Education English Curriculum Overview

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- I. To enrich the English proficiency of students, the National Chung Hsing University (hereinafter referred to as the University) established this Overview in accordance with the "National Chung Hsing General Education English Curriculum Overview" (hereinafter referred to as the Overview).
- II. This Overview is applicable to students in the University's undergraduate and extension undergraduate programs. Not applicable to students in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures.
- III. General Education English courses include "English Communication and Expression," "Academic English Listening and Reading," and "Academic English Speaking and Writing." Students must complete a minimum of 4 credits and may take up to 6 credits in these courses. The specific graduation requirements are determined by the respective departments of each degree program.
- IV. Students who meet any of the following criteria must submit a waiver application for the "English Communication and Expression" and "Academic English Listening and Reading" courses to the Language Center before the add/drop deadline of their first semester. Late applications will not be accepted.
  - (I) TOEFL IBT 72 points and above
  - (II) IELTS level 5.5 and above
  - (III) Cambridge Certificate of English FCE or above
  - (IV) TOIC 785 or above
  - (V) "General English Proficiency test" medium-high or above.
  - (VI) Students who in the past 3 years had studied in an English-speaking country for two years or more. The said students shall submit an application accompanied by relevant documents to the department offering the English courses for review and approval.
- V. Students whose waiver applications have been reviewed and approved must complete 4 credits by taking one of the following courses (excluding graduate-level courses):
  - (I) English for Specific Academic Purposes (ESAP) courses offered by colleges or departments (degree programs).
  - (II) English-Medium Instruction (EMI) courses offered by colleges, departments (degree programs), or the General Education Center.

(III) Second foreign language courses offered by colleges, departments (degree programs), or the Language Center.

The fulfillment of the aforementioned graduation requirement shall be determined by the respective department (degree program).

VI. The placement for undergraduate courses "English Communication and Expression" and "Academic English Listening and Reading" "is proceeded and determined by the Language Center based on students' English scores from the "General Scholastic Ability Test" at the time of admission. Placement rules are as follows:

(I) Class A: Students whose English scores in the entrance test reached high standards.

(II) Class B: Students whose English scores in the entrance test fall below high standard.

If the student doesn't have a score in the aforementioned exam and the English proficiency level does not meet the waiver criteria outlined in these guidelines, the student will be required to take the English Placement Assessment organized by the Language Center in the first week of every semester. The Center will make class placement in accordance with the exam result.

VII. Class Transfer:

(I) Application Method: If a student considers the placement does not match his English proficiency, he may apply for class transfer with the original copy of the relevant English proficiency certificate attached (the exam date must be within two years) at the Language Center before the semester's Course addition/withdrawal deadline. Applications are not accepted after the deadline, and the student shall study in the class placed.

(II) Application standard: Students who reach a B1 or higher in the listening and reading sections of an English proficiency test aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) may request to be placed in Class A.

(III) Application Restriction: Application for transfer is limited to once, and only to higher level class, transfer is not permitted between same level classes.

(IV) The student is responsible for any costs incurred due to the change of course materials and other expenditures.

VIII. Students who complete professional English courses recognized by the Language Center from various colleges, departments, or degree programs

may receive 2 credits for "Academic English Speaking and Writing." The list of recognized courses will be announced by the Language Center.

- IX. Students who fall under the graduation requirements prior to the 2024 academic year may take the courses "English Communication and Expression" and "Academic English Listening and Reading" to fulfill the 4-credit "Freshman English" requirement. Additionally, they may take the "Academic English Speaking and Writing" course to fulfill the 2-credit requirement for either "Academic English Listening and Speaking" or "Academic English Reading and Writing."
- X. Any unspecified areas in this Overview is governed by and shall be construed in all respects in accordance with the laws and regulations of the University.
- XI. This Overview is established and executed after the approval of General Education Executive Committee and University Curriculum committee; any amendments made hereafter shall be the same.