

National Chung Hsing University General Education Curriculum Guidelines

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- I. For the purpose of fulfilling the goal of general education, National Chung Hsing University General Education Centre (hereafter referred to as the Centre) established this Guideline.
- II. The Guideline is applicable for students and rules as below:
 - (i) Students of undergraduate program enrolled in or after academic year 2007 and extension undergraduate programs enrolled in or after academic year 2011 shall abide by the guideline of the academic year they are enrolled. The credit calculation is as follows:
 1. According to Course Selecting Regulations of NCHU, other than students of the Department of Chinese Literature, the new credit calculation rules are applicable to students who retake or have not taken Chinese Literature for Freshmen (6 credits). As a result, the course Chinese Literature for Freshmen shall be 4 credits for students who retake Chinese Literature for Freshmen course regulated by the new rules.
 2. The credit calculation for Humanities and History disciplines is the same as the compulsory courses of History disciplines regulated by the old rules.
 3. The credit calculation for courses taken in Humanities disciplines is as the courses in Humanities and Arts disciplines regulated by the old rules.
 4. The credit calculation for courses taken in Social Science disciplines is as the courses in Social Sciences or Applied Sciences and Life Sciences disciplines regulated by the old rules.
 5. The credit calculation for courses taken in Natural Science disciplines is as the courses in Natural Science and Applied Sciences and Technology disciplines regulated by the old rules.
 - (ii) Students of undergraduate program admitted by NCHU from the academic year of 2008 to 2011 shall take 30 credits of general education

courses (including language courses and courses in the three disciplines-Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science). Course taking rules are as follows:

1. Courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts are within the scope of Humanities discipline. Students shall take compulsory courses including 4 credits of Chinese Literature for Freshmen (6 credits for students of Chinese Literature Department), 6 credits of English for Freshmen, 6 credits of courses in Social Science discipline and 8 credits in Natural Science discipline. Also, students shall take 6 credits of elective courses (4 credits for students of Chinese Literature Department).
2. Courses offered by the College of Management, College of Law and Politics and the Department of Applied Economics are within the scope of Social Science discipline. Students shall take compulsory courses including 4 credits of Chinese Literature for Freshmen, 6 credits of English for Freshmen, 6 credits of courses in Humanities discipline and 8 credits in Natural Science discipline. Also, students shall take 6 credits of elective courses.
3. Courses offered by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (except for the Department of Applied Economics), College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Life Sciences and College of Veterinary Medicine are within the scope of Natural Science discipline. Students shall take compulsory courses including 4 credits of Chinese Literature for Freshmen, 6 credits of English for Freshmen, 14 credits of courses in Humanities discipline and Social Science discipline (neither shall below 6 credits). Also, students shall take 6 credits of elective courses.
4. The 6 credits of elective courses shall abide by the rules of all departments. Students shall not take courses restricted by their departments.
5. Students shall choose one discipline for general education courses that are cross-disciplinary.
6. If the professional courses that are regarded as general education courses by all departments are the same as the compulsory courses taken by the students or are the courses offered by the students' departments, credits received from these courses shall not be calculated as general education credits.
7. Students of undergraduate program enrolled in or after academic year 2008 shall take general education courses regulated in the new rules.

Students will not receive credits if taking general education courses regulated by the old rules.

8. If the discipline of the general education courses from 2008 to 2011 was altered, students shall decide whether to count the credits into the old or to the new discipline.

(iii) Students enrolled from 2012 to 2018:

1. Undergraduate students shall take 30 credits of general education courses. Except for compulsory courses such as Chinese Literature for Freshmen and English for Freshmen, rules for general education courses are as follows:

- (1) Students shall take at least two courses from the discipline of Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science.
- (2) All departments (degree programs) shall designate courses in 4 disciplines at most. However, they shall not restrict students to take course of their departments (degree programs) or restrict students to take certain courses.
- (3) Only credits from 1 course of the general education courses offered by the students' departments (degree programs) can be counted as general education credits.
- (4) Since 2018, only credits from 1 course of National Defense general education courses can be counted as general education credits.
- (5) Students who receive enough credits and take courses regulated by rule 1-4 may apply for a certificate of completion of their degree programs.

2. Students of extension undergraduate program shall take 28 credits of general education courses. Except for 6 credits for Chinese Literature for Freshmen, 6 credits for English for Freshmen, students shall also take 16 credits of general education courses from the disciplines of Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science. Students shall take at least 4 credits for each discipline.

(iv) Students of undergraduate programs and extension undergraduate programs enrolled from 2019 to 2020 are required to take 28 credits of general education course, the regulations are as follows:

1. 4 credits in Chinese Literature for Freshmen, 6 credits English for Freshmen.
2. Undergraduate program students are required to take courses from a minimum of two different disciplines in Humanities, Social Science, Life Sciences; extension undergraduate program students are required to take two courses from Humanities, Social Science, Life Science respectively.

3. Undergraduate students shall take 1 credit course in Information Literacy. Departments (degree program) or conditions that qualify a student to be exempt from taking the course will be announced separately by the Centre. Students of department (degree program) exempt from taking Information Literacy courses, the scores will not be calculated into general education credits for graduation when taking the courses.
 4. Only one National Defense course will be calculated towards general education credit for graduation requirement.
 5. When taking general education courses in the same department as the department (degree program) of study at graduation, only one course maybe counted toward general education graduation credit at most.
- (v) Undergraduate students and extension undergraduate program students enrolled from 2021 [to 2024](#) shall take 28 credits of general education courses, including at least 3 credits of Crucial Literacy courses, at least 8 credits of Language Literacy and at least 10 credits of Disciplinary Literacy. The rules are as follows:
1. Crucial Literacy courses:
 - (1) Students shall take at least 3 credits, including the mandatory “Information Literacy: Computer Programming and Its Applications” course [\(renamed "Information Literacy: Computer Programming and AI Applications" starting from the 2024 academic year\)](#).
 - (2) The Center will announce the qualification of students who do not need to take the “Information Literacy: Computer Programming and Its Applications” course [\(renamed "Information Literacy: Computer Programming and AI Applications" starting from the 2024 academic year\)](#). For students who do not need to take the course but still take it, their departments (degree programs) will decide whether to admit the credits from this course as general education credits.
 2. Language Literacy courses:
 - (1) Chinese: One year course. Students shall take 4 credits of Chinese for Freshmen. Foreign students are eligible to waive the credits for College Chinese if they have taken the "Practical Chinese" courses offered by the Language Center, or the Chinese credit courses offered by other universities that are recognized through credit transfer.
 - (2) Foreign Language: Departments shall regulate that students take at least 4 credits and at most 6 credits of foreign language.
 - (3) Foreign students who take language course of their mother tongue shall not be counted as their general education credits. If a course

of their mother tongue is regarded by their departments as a compulsory course, they shall take courses of other foreign languages.

(4) Waiver standards for foreign language courses shall be regulated by the Language Center.

3. Discipline Literacy course:

(1) Students shall take at least 1 course (a total of 6 credits) from Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science respectively. For National Defense education courses, only credits of 1 course can be counted as general education credits.

(2) Students shall take at least 4 credits of Integration discipline courses.

(3) Credits of the compulsory courses or of the general education deepening courses taken offered by colleges other than the students' undergraduate program with names that are not the same or not similar to the compulsory courses of the students' departments (degree programs) shall be counted as discipline literacy credits. The standards will be regulated by the students' departments (degree programs).

(VI) Undergraduate students and extension undergraduate program students enrolled from 2025 shall take 28 credits of general education courses, including at least 3 credits of Crucial Literacy courses, at least 8 credits of Language Literacy and at least 10 credits of Disciplinary Literacy. The rules are as follows:

1. Crucial Literacy courses:

(1) Students shall take at least 3 credits, including the mandatory "Information Literacy: Computer Programming and AI Applications" course.

(2) The Center will announce the qualification of students who do not need to take the "Information Literacy: Computer Programming and AI Applications" course. For students who do not need to take the course but still take it, their departments (degree programs) will decide whether to admit the credits from this course as general education credits.

2. Language Literacy courses:

(1) Chinese: Students must complete "Narrative Expression: Language Literacy" and "Narrative Expression: Language Application," each worth 2 credits.

(2) Foreign Language:

- i . Departments shall regulate that students take at least 4 credits and at most 6 credits of foreign language.
 - ii . Foreign students who take language courses in their mother tongue shall not be counted as their general education credits. If a course in their mother tongue is regarded by their departments as a compulsory course, they must instead take courses in another foreign language.
 - iii . Waiver or credit transfer standards for foreign language courses shall be regulated by the Language Center.
- III. The List of Compulsory General Education Courses of All Departments & Degree Programs shall be formulated by the Center.
- IV. Students shall take no more than four general education courses per semester, but courses do not include “Information Literacy: Computer Programming and AI Applications”, Language Literacy courses, and seminar course of Integration Discipline.
- V. If students take general education courses of other universities during summer vacation, only 4 credits will be counted.
- VI. Foundation classes certified by the Centre maybe converted into general education graduation credits upon application; method of application is announced by the Centre separately.
- VII. Any unspecified areas in this Guideline is governed by and shall be construed in all respects in accordance with the laws and regulations of the University.
- VIII. This Guideline is established and executed after the approval of General Education Executive Committee and University Curriculum committee; any amendments made hereafter shall be the same.