

China Medical University Dual Degree Implementation Guidelines

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(Articles 1 to 2 and 4 to 14)

Article 1 CMU has formulated the Guidelines in order to expand student perspective, enhance international academic cooperation and facilitate exchange between students enrolled in the schools and institutes of CMU and those of universities and colleges in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau (hereinafter referred to as overseas institutes) pursuant to Article 29 of the University Act and the relevant regulations of the Ministry of Education.

Article 2 The term "dual degree" in the Guidelines signifies that CMU and the overseas institutes will assist their own students to advance their studies in the other school based on the agreement signed between the two parties and will both confer degrees to the students after they qualify under the graduation regulations of both parties.

Article 3 Students who are approved for international dual degree study at overseas institutes shall comply with the following regulations regarding their total period of study at CMU:

1. Undergraduate students shall complete a total of four semesters in the CMU undergraduate program and a minimum of 32 months in both schools.
2. Master's program students shall complete a total of two semesters in the CMU Master's program and a minimum of 12 months in both schools.
3. Doctoral program students shall complete a total of four semesters in the CMU doctoral program and a minimum of 24 months in both schools.

Students who are approved for international dual degree study at overseas institutes may have their credits earned in both schools combined for calculation. However, the credits earned on-site at both schools shall accumulate to no less than one-third of the required total credits for graduation at each school respectively. Whether the students shall be enrolled in CMU for the last semester or academic year of their study will be clearly stated in the agreement formulated by the respective school or institute based on Article 5 of the Guidelines.

Article 4 Overseas institutes cooperating with CMU in the dual degree system shall qualify under the following regulations:

1. The overseas institute has signed an academic exchange agreement with CMU.
2. The school is a university recognized by the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education, the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education in China, or the Regulations Governing Hong Kong and Macau Residents Studying in Taiwan.

Article 5 To establish a cooperative dual degree system between CMU and overseas institutes, the draft of the Agreement of Cooperation (including the Chinese and English versions) shall be formulated by the respective schools and approved by the department, institute and college affairs meetings or other equivalent meetings and submitted to the Office of International Affairs and the Office of Academic Affairs for review. Only after obtaining approval by the President of CMU may the cooperation undergo implementation. However, for cooperative dual degree systems between CMU and overseas institutes in Mainland China, the relevant documents shall be submitted to the Ministry of Affairs for approval two months prior to the signing of the agreement in accordance with the Review Guidelines for Cooperation between Higher Education Institutes of Taiwan and Mainland China through Alliance or Written Agreement by the Ministry of Education.

The contents of the aforementioned Agreement of Cooperation shall include the following:

1. Qualifications and maximum candidates allowed.
2. Selection and review regulations.

3. Design for connection of courses. (Not applicable to graduate students working on theses only)
4. Credit Waiver and Transfer. (Not applicable to graduate students working on theses only)
5. Regulations regarding the required period of study and the distribution of period of study between the two schools.
6. Degree conferral.
7. Student status administrative matters such as registration, leave of absence, and reinstatement.
8. Payment of fees.
9. Co-supervising matters for master's theses and doctoral dissertations. (Not applicable for Agreements of Cooperation at the undergraduate level)
10. Regulations regarding the amendment and termination of the Agreement.
11. Other matters.

The content of "Co-supervising matters for master's theses and doctoral dissertations" under Item 9 above shall include the following:

1. Name of graduate student.
2. Name of thesis or dissertation supervisor.
3. Thesis or dissertation title.
4. Regulations regarding the required period of study and the distribution of period of study between the two schools.
5. The language in which the thesis and abstract shall be written.
6. The formation of the degree exam committee and method of conducting the oral defense.
7. Publication and ownership of the master's thesis or doctoral dissertation.

Article 6 Each school may, based on actual needs, establish an independent dual degree program with the overseas institutes in cooperation with CMU and regulate the required courses and credits. The program shall be submitted to the department, graduate institute, college, and university curriculum committee for review and shall be implemented after obtaining approval from the CMU Office of Academic Affairs.

Article 7 Overseas institutes in cooperation with CMU on dual degree programs shall compile the list of applicants and submit the list along with the required documents under the CMU International Student Admission Guidelines within the designated period, copies of student identification of students enrolled in foreign universities and the documents required by the mutual agreement to the Office of Academic Affairs of CMU for the filing of applications. The selection and review process shall be conducted pursuant to the International Student Admission Guidelines of CMU.

Article 8 Students approved for dual degree study at CMU shall submit documents of proof for health and personal injury insurance at the time of enrollment. The validity of the insurance shall cover the entire duration of study at CMU. Those who do not have insurance may pay the insurance fees at the time of enrollment and CMU will apply for insurance on their behalf.

Article 9 Students approved for dual degree study at CMU who qualify as overseas Chinese, international or mainland Chinese students will have their student status, performance evaluation, scholarship, accommodation and life counseling conducted in accordance with the regulations for the respective student category.

Article 10 Students approved for dual degree study at CMU may apply for the waiver and transfer of courses and credits earned at their original schools pursuant to the CMU Guidelines for Credit Waiver and Transfer.

Article 11 Students who are approved by CMU to pursue a dual degree abroad shall apply for an internal transfer of credit for passed courses and credits obtained at overseas institutes within the duration of study in accordance with the CMU Guidelines for Credit Waiver and Transfer. After the transfer is approved, if the students qualify under the graduation regulations of the respective department or graduate institute, they will be conferred the appropriate CMU degree.

Article 12 If students who are approved by CMU to pursue a dual degree abroad are unable to complete their studies at overseas institutes and the combined period of study in both schools have not exceeded the maximum years allowed by CMU, the students may submit a report and relevant documents of proof to the unit in charge in the Office of Academic Affairs to apply for a return to their original department or graduate institute at CMU in the corresponding year two weeks prior to the start of classes as prescribed in the CMU semester calendar. Passed courses and credits obtained at overseas institutes may be waived or transferred based on the CMU Guidelines for Credit Waiver and Transfer.

Article 13 Students of overseas institutes shall not only comply with the laws of Taiwan but also the various regulations and guidelines of CMU during their period of study at CMU.

Article 14 Male students approved by CMU for dual degree programs abroad who have not served mandatory military

service shall comply with the Regulations for Exit of Draftees as stipulated by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and other relevant regulations regarding their departure from and entry into Taiwan. Other matters not addressed herein shall be governed by the relevant laws and regulations of the Ministry of Education and of CMU.

Article 15 The Guidelines shall be promulgated after approval is obtained in an Academic Affairs Committee meeting and from the President of CMU and submitted to the Ministry of Education for future reference. The same applies to all subsequent amendments.