

NSYSU Implementation Guidelines on Micro Credits

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Article 1. To boost the motivation of students for interdisciplinary study, enhance their self-study abilities and diverse skills, the University stipulated these Guidelines (hereinafter referred to as ‘Guidelines’) and promotes micro-credit courses.

Article 2. Applicants

Students of undergraduate and graduate programs can register for micro-credit courses.

Article 3. Courses organization

Each department or institute of the University and the Center for General Education organizes micro-credit courses including workshops, thematic conferences, discussions, e-learning, competitions, exhibitions, interdisciplinary events in accordance with the education targets, professional skills of the students and course plan requirements. Micro-credit courses, which are separated from formal courses, shall be organized in connection with certain topics, technology and tools, speeches of professionals, social practice, reflection on studies and result sharing.

The organization of micro-credit courses is the same as of usual courses; the course teacher plans teaching activities such as course tasks, tests, discussions, experiments, practice and result sharing.

The administrative units of the University can organize micro-credit courses with the approval of the Dean of the Academic Affairs.

Article 4. Credits calculation

In principle, 0.1 credit is calculated for 2 hours of a micro-credit course; this can be regulated by the organizing unit according to the level and scope of the course content.

Article 5. Credits acknowledgement and grades registration

Points are collected as certification for micro-credit courses. Students who studied a micro-credit course shall apply within a specified time for credit review to the organizing unit, once the review is passed, the students collect credits. Credits can be collected through different semesters. Those who studied 18 or more hours of micro-credit courses in one semester (which ends on the day of the last exam) can collect 1 credit for micro-credit (Academic Year-semester) elective course and have their grade entered as ‘pass.’

Students can collect 1 credit per semester at most for micro-credit courses and a maximum of 6 and 2 credits for undergraduate and graduate students separately can be counted for graduation diploma. Application for the review of credits for the same course can be only filed once. Studying micro-credit

courses cannot be the reason for extension of study period. However, if a department or institute (program) has regulations in this respect, those regulations shall prevail.

Article 6. Review system

The unit organizing micro-credit courses shall review the content and the number of credits of micro-credit courses by itself; after the review, the course can be opened for registration to the students.

The events organized by the University's departments and institutes and the Center for General Education cannot be counted as micro-credits courses if they have been listed in the graduation requirement.

Article 7. To start a micro-credit course, application for budget support by the University's higher education cultivation plan shall be filed, the reimbursement for budget items is handled according to the notice of the Office of Academic Affairs.

Article 8. If there are any issues not regulated by these Guidelines, these shall be handled according to the related laws of the University.

Article 9. These Guidelines were approved by the University's academic affairs meeting and are announced and implemented after the confirmation of the University President; any amendments shall be processed likewise.

The regulations in English are translated from the original Chinese. In the event of any discrepancies between the two versions, the Chinese version prevails.