

Ming Chi University of Technology

Regulations Governing the Implementation of Dual Degree Programs

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Article 1 Purpose

The Regulations Governing the Implementation of Dual Degree Programs (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) have been established in accordance with the University Act and applicable regulations in order to develop the international vision of students, enhance international competitiveness, facilitate international academic cooperation, and encourage students to join exchange student programs and study at colleges and universities overseas (including mainland China) (hereinafter referred to as overseas schools).

Article 2 Conferment of Degree

The dual degree mentioned in the Regulations refers to two degrees conferred upon a student pursuant to the agreement made between Ming Chi and an overseas school, which shall establish a recognized bilateral curriculum mechanism based on international academic corporation to assist students of one party to the agreement study at the school of the other party in accordance with applicable educational regulations and the Regulations of Ming Chi University once the student has met the graduation requirements provided by both parties to the agreement.

Article 3 Recognition of Degree

The overseas school with which Ming Chi works for dual degree programs shall be limited to a college or university recognized by the competent authority or professional group in the territory where the college or university is located and verified by an overseas ROC representative office. Overseas schools located in

mainland China must be higher education schools or institutions recognized by the Ministry of Education and satisfy the conditions provided by the Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials from the Mainland Area.

Article 4 Qualifications for Pursuing a Dual Degree

An overseas student eligible to apply to pursue the dual degree shall meet the following requirements:

1. Admission qualifications are equivalent to that of Ming Chi (not obtained through courses carried out via distance learning programs).
2. The stipulated term of study is equivalent to that of Ming Chi.
3. Courses and credits required are equivalent to those of Ming Chi.

During his or her study at Ming Chi, the status of the overseas student as a student shall continue to be maintained at his or her host school.

If the overseas student suspends or withdraws from school due to any reason, the student shall no longer be eligible to study at Ming Chi.

Article 5 Stipulated Term of Study

The term of study stipulated by Ming Chi, as well as the term of study stipulated by the overseas school, for students pursuing the dual degree in accordance with the Regulations shall be combined, and the credits earned by the student in both schools shall also be combined. However, the credits earned in each school are required to be at least one-third of the total credits required by the school for the purpose of degree conferment.

For a four-year program student pursuing a bachelor's degree, the period during which the student studies at both schools shall be at least 32 months. For a student pursuing a master's degree, the period during which the student studies at both schools shall be at least 12 months. For a student pursuing a PhD degree, the period during which the student studies at both schools shall be at least 24 months.

Article 6 Admissions Screening Process

When a student pursuing the dual degree at an overseas school applies to study at Ming Chi, the student shall first be recommended by the school where he or she is studying for the degree. The student shall be admitted to study at Ming Chi after he or she has passed the screening (examination) conducted by the department to which the student is applying to study. Each department shall establish and submit its screening (examination) regulations to the academic affairs meeting for its record.

When a student pursuing the dual degree at an overseas school applies to study at Ming Chi, the student shall choose to study at the department with an identical or similar nature to his or her original department in the overseas school. The student shall be assigned to the appropriate level of year of study based on the screening (examination) result.

Article 7 Execution of Agreement

The agreement for cooperation of both schools for dual degree programs shall be resolved at academic affairs meetings held by the relevant department and approved at an administrative meeting. It shall be approved by the president and executed by both parties prior to being implemented.

Once the agreement is executed, a copy of the agreement for the dual degree programs shall be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs to serve as the basis of admission for overseas students.

Article 8 Qualifications for Application

After the application submitted by an overseas student pursuing a dual degree at Ming Chi has been accepted by Ming Chi, Ming Chi will review the student's qualification and his or her application and any attached documents. If the application is approved in the review, it will be forwarded to the relevant department or graduate school, as the case may be, for further screening.

An overseas student approved to study for a dual degree at Ming Chi shall submit original copies of the aforementioned documents and the certificate of health and accident insurance upon enrolment. The insurance shall be valid for the entire period that the student studies at Ming Chi. If the student does not acquire such insurance, he or she may pay the insurance premium upon enrolment, and Ming Chi will acquire the insurance for the student.

Article 9 Determination of Curriculum

Ming Chi and the overseas school with which it works for conferment of the dual degree shall determine the proper curriculum for the dual degree programs. The required courses and credits shall be reviewed by the department, college, and school level curriculum committees and be approved at an academic affairs meeting.

Article 10 Transfer Credits

The overseas student approved to study for a dual degree at Ming Chi may apply for transfer credits based on the courses that the student has successfully completed at his or her original school in accordance with the Transfer Credit Regulations.

Article 11 Application for Return to Ming Chi for Study

If the student approved by Ming Chi to study at an overseas school for a dual degree is unable to finish his or her study at the overseas school due to any reason, and the period during which the student studies at both parties does not exceed the stipulated term of study, then the student may prepare a report and relevant supporting documents and submit an application to Ming Chi's Office of Academic Affairs to return to Ming Chi to study at the department where he or she had previously studied. As for the courses successfully completed and credits earned at the overseas school, the student may apply for transfer credits or course waiver in accordance with the Transfer Credit Regulations of Ming Chi.

Article 12 Assistance with Studies

When the student pursuing a dual degree at an overseas school transfers to Ming Chi, the student status, assessment, scholarship, and life assistance for the student shall be handled in accordance with the regulations applicable to overseas Chinese students or international students if the student meets the requirements provided for overseas Chinese students or international students. The aforementioned matters with respect to other students shall be handled in accordance with the regulations provided by Ming Chi for general students and the agreement for cooperation for conferment of a dual degree. Students pursuing a dual degree shall pay tuition, miscellaneous fees, and other expenses pursuant to the agreement of cooperation.

Article 13 Regulations of Study

During study at Ming Chi, overseas students shall comply not only with the laws of the Republic of China but also all the rules and regulations of Ming Chi.

Article 14 Exit of Draftees

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When a male student who has not yet served in the military is approved by Ming Chi to study for a dual degree at an overseas school, the student shall complete exit-related procedures in accordance with the Regulations for Exit of Draftees provided by the Ministry of the Interior and other applicable laws.

Article 15 Miscellaneous Provisions

Any matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be handled in accordance with the applicable regulations provided by the Ministry of Education and Ming Chi University.

Article 16 Implementation and Amendment

These Regulations shall be implemented after being adopted by an academic affairs meeting and approved by the president. The same shall apply to any amendment to these Regulations.