

Yuan Ze University Regulations Governing the Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Program

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1. These Regulations are established to promote student-centered learning, encourage undergraduate students to develop individualized learning plans based on their academic interests and career aspirations, and integrate interdisciplinary coursework into their studies. Through this approach, students may create flexible and diverse self-designed academic programs that reflect their unique learning objectives.
2. The Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Program (hereinafter referred to as "the Program") shall be centered on a student's Professional Self-Directed Learning Project and supplemented by a combination of self-selected courses.

The Program shall demonstrate a clear learning theme and professional development objectives. Its academic coherence and professional relevance shall be reviewed and confirmed by the Interdisciplinary Learning Committee, thereby ensuring that the Program is not merely a collection of unrelated courses.

The courses included in the Program shall not be drawn entirely from a single department or graduate institute to which the student belongs. The Program must encompass courses from at least two different colleges, departments, or professional fields in accordance with the principles of interdisciplinary learning. The determination of interdisciplinary eligibility shall be subject to review and approval by the Interdisciplinary Learning Committee.

3. The Program shall comprise no fewer than 12 credits, excluding military training courses.

All course selections shall align with the objectives and theme of the approved learning plan and shall not be pursued solely for the accumulation of credits.

The Program shall consist of the following components:

A. Professional Self-Directed Learning Project

Under the guidance of a faculty advisor, the project may be categorized into one

of the following three types according to its nature:

- a. Research-Oriented
- b. Competition-Oriented
- c. Certification-Oriented

Credits shall generally be awarded at a rate of one credit for every eighteen hours of approved learning activities.

B. Interdisciplinary Course Selection

Based on the requirements of the Professional Self-Directed Learning Project, students may enroll in courses offered by other departments, general education programs, interdisciplinary programs, partner institutions, overseas institutions, or special project-based courses.

Such courses may be included in the Program upon review and approval by the Interdisciplinary Learning Committee.

Students should avoid concentrating course selections excessively within an existing program or a single field. The Committee may require the inclusion of additional courses from other disciplines to maintain interdisciplinary diversity.

The same learning content shall not be counted toward credits more than once.

4. Applications to the Program shall be reviewed according to the following procedures:

A. Preliminary Review

The responsible administrative unit of the Office of Academic Affairs shall review applicants' eligibility, document completeness, and compliance with required formats. Relevant academic departments shall then evaluate the professional appropriateness of the proposed plan.

B. Final Review

The Interdisciplinary Learning Committee shall conduct a substantive review through a committee meeting or through designated committee members

appointed by the convener.

Review methods may include document review, interviews, or online presentations.

C. Review criteria shall include:

- a. Clarity of learning objectives;
- b. Logical coherence of the course structure;
- c. Depth and rigor of the self-directed learning content; and Compliance with interdisciplinary learning principles.

Applicants may be required to submit supplementary materials or revise their proposals when necessary. Supplementary submissions shall be reviewed in written form.

5. To administer the Program, an Interdisciplinary Learning Committee shall be established and shall be responsible for program planning and review

The Committee shall consist of the Dean of Academic Affairs and representatives recommended by each college.

The Committee shall review:

- A. The professional relevance of proposed plans;
- B. Their interdisciplinary appropriateness; and Credit recognition arrangements.

Implementation of the Program shall take effect only after approval by the Academic Affairs Meeting and public announcement by the University. Amendments or termination of the Program shall follow the same procedures.

Reviews may be conducted through a committee meeting or by written review. The Committee shall assess the completeness of the proposal, the appropriateness of the course structure, and the academic and professional merit of the plan, and shall determine credit recognition for proposed coursework.

Where necessary, students may be required to submit revisions or supplementary documents, which shall be reviewed in writing.

6. Undergraduate students with official enrollment status may apply to join the Program by submitting the Application Form for the Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Program within the deadlines announced by the Office of Academic Affairs.

As a general rule, applications shall be submitted and approved before the relevant courses are taken in order for credits to be recognized.

However, if scheduling circumstances require students to complete courses prior to application, such courses may be recognized retroactively, provided that they are consistent with the objectives of the approved learning plan and have been approved by the Interdisciplinary Learning Committee.

Retroactive credit recognition shall generally be permitted only once in order to maintain the stability and integrity of the application process.

Students who successfully complete all Program requirements, including the Professional Self-Directed Learning Project, shall be awarded a Program Certificate by the Office of Academic Affairs.

The Program may be recognized as an official interdisciplinary program of the University and may be used to satisfy relevant graduation requirements.

Students who do not complete the Program may still graduate by fulfilling the requirements of their department and other applicable interdisciplinary program options.

7. These Regulations shall take effect upon approval by the Academic Affairs Meeting and public announcement by the University, beginning with Academic Year 2026-2027. The same procedure shall apply to any future amendments.

Matters not addressed herein shall be governed by the relevant regulations of Yuan Ze University.