Before 2019, the CSIE Department sets the PASSING threshold for the CPE as a requirement for every graduated student. As a result,

- Many students fail to graduate because of delays in passing the certification threshold.

- Some of these students cannot get good jobs due to the lack for collegiate diploma, even though they want to switch their careers to non-ICT industries.

Since 2020, the Department decided to make the policy more flexible for those who plan to develop their vocational career in ==non-programming-related fields==.

- The Department cancelled the CPE passing threshold for graduation.

However, we do not want the programming-related job market of our future graduates hurt by some hired graduates that have no qualified programming skills.

- To offer the employers a credible reference on the programming ability of our graduates, we need to require every graduate to take the CPE for an objective evaluation on his/her programming skills.

The Department creates the new course — "CPE Programming Ability Certification" <mark>to require everyone to take the CPE before graduation</mark>.

- Every student can take the CPE many times and register your best performance as the evaluated grade for this course.
- <mark>The evaluated grade would not affect your graduation.</mark>

From now on,

- If you plan to develop a non-programming-related career, the employers will not take your grade on this course into account.
- If you plan to develop a programming-oriented career, a poor grade on this course will significantly affect your job opportunities.
- The Department has honestly provided employers with references to the graduates' real programming abilities, and it is up to the employers to evaluate and take responsibility for their own employment.
- **Most importantly, in either case, your graduation won't be delayed due to the CPE.**

Thoughtful Reminding

- Students who choose to graduate by following the new studying regulation must take this course, take the CPE exam, and attend the CPE exam prior to graduation.

- The number of solved problems in CPE will be converted into the grade of the course by the following mapping:
  - 0 problem: E
  - 1 problem: D
  - 2 problems: C
  - 3 problems: B
  - 4 problems: A
  - 5 problems: A+

- **Your grade on this course will not affect your graduation.**

- The department office will send emails to students at the end of each semester to ask those who take the course to register your best performance on the CPE.