

National Dong Hwa University Undergraduate Guidelines for the University Core Curriculum Requirements

(For Students admitted into NDHU since Fall 2019)

I. Undergraduate students must complete 37 University Core Curriculum credits before graduation.

1. Students in General Programs and Local Students in International Programs:
Languages (9 credits total; 3 credits for Chinese and 6 credits for English),
Physical Education (4 credits total),
Service Learning (2 credits total),
Information Technology (2 credits total),
Elective Core Courses (20 credits total)

2. International Students in International Programs

Languages (9 credits total; 6 credits for Mandarin Chinese and 3 credits for Elective Foreign Languages),
Physical Education (4 credits total),
Service Learning (2 credits total),
Information Technology (2 credits total),
Elective Core Courses (20 credits total)

II. Elective Core Courses (20 credits)

1. Elective Core Courses consist of the following **three academic categories**:

- (1) Rational Thinking,
- (2) Cultural Literacy
- (3) Local Commitment

2. Students should take at least one Elective Core Course in each of the three categories.

3. The remaining Elective Core Course credits may be selected from the following two kinds of "Recognized Elective Core Courses": (1) courses with codes beginning with "GC," and (2) college foundational courses or department core and specialized courses offered **outside of students' major departments**.

4. Students in International Programs may take a maximum of 20 credits of other English-taught courses offered at NDHU to fulfill the Elective Core Course Requirement after completing all the required specialized course credits

III. Chinese Courses (3 or 6 credits)

1. Students in General Programs and Local Students in International Programs:
Chinese Language Ability and Education (3 credits) in the first study year

2. International Students in International Programs:
Mandarin Chinese (6 credits total)

3. Non-Chinese or non-Sinophone Literature major students who are eligible for a waiver of the required Chinese Language Ability and Education course may submit a waiver request and be granted 3 credits. For the details of the waiver qualifications and regulations, please refer to the [NDHU Required Undergraduate Core Course Waiver Guidelines](#).

IV. English Courses (6 or 3 credits)

1. Students in General Programs and Local Students in International Programs:

- (1) English Majors: English Oral Training I, II, III, and IV (1.5 credits each).
- (2) Non-English Majors: Online English Learning, English Communications, and English Reading and Writing (2 credits each) according to the English levels of individual students.

(3) In addition to the three required English Core Courses, students should also fulfill the Graduation Requirement for English Language Proficiency. Non-English major students who are eligible for a waiver of

the required English Core Courses may submit a waiver request. If the request is approved, the students may be granted the 6 required English Core Course credits and also deemed as fulfilling the Graduation Requirement for English Language Proficiency. For the details of the waiver policy and procedures, please refer to the NDHU Required Undergraduate Core Course Waiver Guidelines.

2. International Students in International Programs:
Elective Foreign Languages (3 credits total)

V. Physical Education (4 credits)

1. Students must complete Physical Education I, II, III, and IV (1 credit for each) before graduation; Physical Education I and II should be taken respectively in the two semesters of the first study year. In addition, students have to pass a physical fitness test before graduation. For information about acceptable test performance standards, please refer to the Physical Education Course Regulations by the Physical Education Center.
2. Students of Physical Education and Kinesiology have to take any four skill subject courses offered by the department to fulfill the required credits for Physical Education.

VI. Service Learning (2 credits)

1. Students must complete Service Learning I and II sequentially before graduation. Service Learning I should be taken from students' major departments. Service Learning II may be taken from either students' major departments or other departments; for the latter case, students should consult with their major departments on the eligibility for credit recognition.
2. Service Learning I and II are 1 credit each since Fall 2013.
3. Students who enrolled before Fall 2013 may choose to switch to the current University Core Curriculum Requirements. The previous 0-credit Service Learning taken can be recognized and counted toward the new 1-credit Service Learning. The remaining credits may be fulfilled with other University Core Courses.

VII. Information Technology (2 credits)

Please refer to the National Dong Hwa University Implementation Regulations of Computer Programming Competence Requirement for Graduation for Undergraduate Students. Students who are eligible for a waiver of the required Information Technology course may submit a waiver request and be granted 2 credits.

VIII. Credit recognition of the taken University Core Courses related to the departments' specialized areas will be determined by the Curriculum Committees of individual departments and colleges.

IX. Cross-campus distance courses are counted toward the Recognized Elective Core Course credits. Please refer to the latest course list provided by the General Education Center in every semester.

X. Students may decide for themselves the most applicable version of the University Core Curriculum Requirements to count course credits toward graduation in the first semester of the final study year. The selected version of requirements does not have to be of the same year as that of the course requirements of students' majors.