

Academic Regulations of Overseas Chinese University

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Part I General Provisions

Article 1

These Academic Regulations are established by Overseas Chinese University (the “University”) pursuant to the University Act, the Enforcement Rules of the University Act, the Degree Conferral Act, and other applicable laws and regulations, and shall govern student status and related matters.

Part II Undergraduate Programs

Chapter 1 Admission

Article 2

At the beginning of each academic year, the University shall publicly recruit new students for its various educational systems and may admit transfer students into the second and third years of its four-year undergraduate programs. Regulations governing transfer admissions shall be drafted by the University and implemented upon approval by the Ministry of Education. Separate admission brochures shall be prescribed.

Article 3

An applicant who meets either of the following qualifications and is admitted through an open admission process may enroll in the first year of a four-year undergraduate program:

1. A graduate of a public senior secondary school, a duly registered private senior secondary school, or an equivalent school.
2. A person who meets the applicable requirements for admission on the basis of equivalent educational attainment.

An applicant who meets either of the following qualifications and is admitted through an open admission process may enroll in the third year of a two-year undergraduate program:

1. A graduate of a public junior college or a duly registered private junior college.
2. A person who meets the applicable requirements for admission on the basis of equivalent educational attainment.

A person who has graduated from a domestic university or independent college registered with the Ministry of Education, or from a foreign university or independent college recognized by the Ministry of Education, and who holds a bachelor's degree or higher, may enroll in the University's post-baccalaureate multidisciplinary specialty development program leading to a bachelor's degree.

Article 4

In accordance with relevant Ministry of Education regulations, the University may admit overseas Chinese students, international students, and students of other special statuses. Separate regulations governing the admission of international students shall be prescribed and submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Article 5

Students of the University and students of overseas universities or colleges may pursue transnational dual degrees in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Dual Degree Programs.

Article 6

New students and transfer students admitted by the University shall complete enrollment procedures on the prescribed date, submit valid academic credentials or documents evidencing equivalent educational attainment for verification, and provide a digital personal photograph. Failure to complete the procedures by the deadline shall result in cancellation of admission.

Article 7

A new student who is unable to enroll on time due to serious illness, a special circumstance, or conscription for compulsory military service may apply to defer admission for one year in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Deferral of Admission for New Students.

A new student, including a transfer student, who needs to defer admission because of pregnancy, childbirth, or the care of a child under three years of age may, before the registration deadline, submit supporting documents and apply to the University to retain admission eligibility. The period of retention shall be determined according to the student's needs arising from pregnancy, childbirth, or childcare.

A senior secondary school graduate participating in the Youth Education and Employment Savings Account Program or the Youth Career Pilot Program who is admitted to the University may apply to retain admission eligibility before the registration deadline. The maximum period is three years for the Youth Education and Employment Savings Account Program and two years for the Youth Career Pilot Program; these periods shall not be included in the originally prescribed period for retaining admission eligibility.

Chapter 2 Fees, Registration, and Course Selection

Article 8

Students shall pay all required fees before the registration date prescribed for each semester. Except where deferred registration has been approved, failure to pay by the deadline shall be deemed failure to register and shall result in dismissal from the University.

Article 9

Fees payable by students within the prescribed period of study shall be handled in accordance with the University's Tuition and Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. Refunds for students who apply for suspension of studies or withdrawal after registration shall be handled in accordance with Ministry of Education regulations.

Article 10

Students whose period of study has been extended shall complete registration, payment, and course-selection procedures within the prescribed period each semester. All required fees shall be handled in accordance with the University's Tuition and Miscellaneous Fee Schedule.

Article 11

At the beginning of each semester, students shall select courses within the prescribed period according to the curriculum schedule established by their department:

1. Course selection shall be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Student Course Selection.
2. Enrollment in courses offered by another institution shall be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Intercollegiate Course Selection.
3. On-campus or intercollegiate course selection may be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Distance Learning.
4. A course already completed with a passing grade may not be retaken, and credits from a repeated course shall not be counted.

Article 12

The number of credits taken each semester shall be as follows:

1. Day Division: normally 15 to 25 credits for first- through third-year students, and 9 to 25 credits for fourth-year students.
2. Division of Continuing Education: normally 9 to 22 credits.

A student participating in a full-semester off-campus internship course is not subject to the foregoing limits for that semester, but shall take no fewer credits than required for the internship curriculum planned by the relevant department.

Article 13

As a general rule, one credit for a course shall represent 18 hours of instruction.

Article 14

Summer courses shall be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing the Offering of Repeated and Make-up Courses.

Chapter 3 Change of Department, Minor, and Double Major

Article 15

A student who has completed at least one semester may apply to change departments before the beginning of the second semester in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Change of Department. A

change may not cross educational systems or divisions and may be approved only once. The number of students admitted by transfer into a department may not exceed 20 percent of the originally approved freshman quota.

Article 16

Credits earned with passing grades by students who change departments or transfer before entering the new department shall be recognized in accordance with the University's Guidelines Governing Course and Credit Exemptions.

Article 17

A student in either of the following circumstances may not take the University's transfer admission examination:

1. The student was ordered to withdraw from the University for violating University regulations.
2. An international student was dismissed by the institution attended in Taiwan because of a failing conduct grade or because of a final criminal conviction.

Article 18

Beginning in the second year, a student may apply to pursue a minor. Separate regulations governing minors shall be prescribed and submitted to the Ministry of Education for recordation.

Article 19

Beginning in the second year, a student may apply to pursue another department as a double major. Separate regulations governing double majors shall be prescribed and submitted to the Ministry of Education for recordation.

Chapter 4 Absences, Examinations, Grades, and Make-up Examinations

Article 20

Student grades are divided into academic achievement and conduct and are calculated on a 100-point scale. Decimal grades shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. Semester academic averages and graduation averages shall be calculated to two decimal places; all other grades shall be recorded as whole numbers.

Article 21

Student grades consist of the following three components, with their respective weightings determined by the instructor:

1. Regular assessments.
2. Midterm assessment.
3. Final assessment.

Article 22

The maximum academic grade is 100, and 60 is the passing grade. The correspondence between numerical grades, letter grades, and GPA is as follows:

1. 80 or above: A; GPA 4.
2. 70–79: B; GPA 3.
3. 60–69: C; GPA 2.
4. 59 or below: F; GPA 0.

Article 23

Semester academic averages and graduation averages shall be calculated as follows:

1. The grade points for a course are the course credits multiplied by the numerical grade earned.
2. The sum of the grade points for all courses is the total grade points.
3. The semester academic average is the total grade points divided by the total credits.
4. Grades for failed courses shall be included when calculating the semester academic average.
5. The graduation average is the total grade points for all semesters, including summer sessions, divided by the total credits for all semesters, including summer sessions.

Credits earned in summer courses shall be included in the cumulative credits for the final semester, and the grades shall be included in calculating the graduation average.

Article 24

A graduating student taking a course with a lower-year class shall take the final examination at the same time as that class.

Article 25

Semester grades shall be permanently retained. Instructors shall retain students' final examination papers for one year. Where an appeal has been filed in accordance with applicable regulations, the papers shall be retained until the appeal or administrative remedy proceedings have concluded.

Article 26

A student who questions a grade may inquire with the Office of Academic Affairs or the instructor before the deadline for grade corrections. A grade may not be changed after submission to the Office of Academic Affairs. If there is a calculation error or omission, the matter shall be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing the Processing and Correction of Student Grades.

Article 27

A student unable to attend class shall request leave in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Student Leave. An approved absence is recorded as an excused absence; an absence without approved leave is recorded as an unexcused absence. No grade deduction shall be imposed for approved personal leave, sick leave, or maternity leave necessitated by pregnancy, childbirth, or caring for a child under three years of age.

Article 28

No make-up examination shall be offered for a course failed in a semester. A failed or previously omitted required course shall be retaken or made up.

Article 29

Where a student is unable to take an examination for a legitimate reason, the instructor shall arrange a make-up examination. Instructors shall enter and transmit all student grades online within the prescribed schedule. A student absent without leave from a midterm or final examination shall receive zero for the missed portion. Approved personal or sick leave necessitated by pregnancy, childbirth, or caring for a child under three years of age may be handled flexibly through a make-up examination or other remedial measure.

Article 30

Make-up examination grades shall be calculated as follows:

1. For an approved absence from a midterm or final examination due to official leave, serious illness, pregnancy, childbirth, care of a child under three years of age, or bereavement of a lineal relative or spouse, the actual make-up examination score shall be recorded. For an approved absence due to any other reason, 50 percent of the portion of the make-up score exceeding 60 shall be added to 60; if the score is below 60, the actual score shall be recorded.
2. A student required to take a make-up examination who fails to appear without cause shall receive zero for that examination.

Article 31

Where a student's excused and unexcused absences in a course reach the threshold for barring the student from the examination, the matter shall be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Examination Debarment. This restriction does not apply to a student absent due to pregnancy, childbirth, or caring for a child under three years of age.

Article 32

Examination misconduct shall be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Student Rewards and Disciplinary Measures.

Chapter 5 Suspension, Resumption, Withdrawal, and Revocation of Student Status**Article 33**

Suspension of studies shall be governed as follows:

1. A student applying to suspend studies for any reason shall submit an application to the Office of Academic Affairs within the prescribed period. The cumulative period of suspension shall, in principle, not exceed two years. A new student or transfer student may apply for suspension during the first semester only after completing registration.
2. A student conscripted for military service during suspension shall submit the conscription order and apply to extend the suspension until completion of service. The period of military service shall not be counted toward the suspension limit.
3. A suspension necessitated by pregnancy, childbirth, or caring for a child under three years of age shall not be counted toward the suspension limit.

4. A senior secondary school graduate participating in the Youth Education and Employment Savings Account Program or Youth Career Pilot Program who is admitted to and enrolls in the University may submit supporting documents and apply for suspension. The maximum period is three years for the former program and two years for the latter, and such period shall not be included in the originally prescribed suspension period.
5. Grades already obtained during the semester in which suspension occurs shall not be counted.
6. During suspension, a student may not return to repeat or make up failed or missing credits, nor enroll in summer courses.
7. A graduating student who has not completed the required courses and credits and must repeat or make up courses in the second semester of an extended period of study may be exempted from registration and apply for suspension in the first semester. A student who registers shall enroll in at least one course.

Separate guidelines governing suspension and resumption of studies shall be prescribed by the University.

Article 34

Resumption of studies shall be governed as follows:

1. Upon expiration of the suspension period, a student shall resume studies pursuant to the notice of resumption and shall be placed in the appropriate year or semester of the original department or graduate institute.
2. A student who suspended studies during a semester shall, upon resumption, be placed in the same year or semester from which the suspension began.

If the original department has ceased admissions, the University may counsel the student to transfer to an appropriate department. Student status and grades shall be handled in accordance with the University's Guidelines Governing Student Status and Grades for Students of Departments That Have Ceased Admissions.

Article 35

A student shall be dismissed from the University in any of the following circumstances:

1. In the current semester, the credits of courses from whose examinations the student is barred equal or exceed two-thirds of all credits taken that semester; or, in three consecutive semesters, the credits of failed courses equal or exceed two-thirds of the credits taken in each such semester. This provision does not apply to students in an extended period of study, students with disabilities, or special-case students approved by the University.
2. The student fails to register by the deadline or fails to resume studies upon expiration of the suspension period.
3. Upon expiration of the prescribed and any permitted extended period of study, the student has not completed the courses and credits required by the department.
4. The Student Rewards and Disciplinary Committee resolves to dismiss the student for violating the University's Regulations Governing Student Rewards and Disciplinary Measures, and the President approves the resolution.
5. The student voluntarily withdraws.

A student who voluntarily withdraws or is ordered to withdraw and who has studied at the University for at least one semester with grades on record may be issued a certificate of study.

Article 36

A student's student status shall be revoked in any of the following circumstances:

1. The University determines that the student did not meet admission or transfer eligibility requirements.
2. Any document submitted upon admission was borrowed, fraudulently used, forged, or altered.
3. The student engaged in fraud during an admission examination, as verified by the University or established by a final criminal judgment.
4. The student was dismissed for violating the Regulations Governing Student Rewards and Disciplinary Measures and, after notice, failed to complete withdrawal procedures within the prescribed period.

A person whose student status is revoked shall not be issued any certificate relating to study and may not subsequently be admitted to study at the University. If the matter is discovered after graduation, the degree certificate shall be recovered in accordance with law and the revocation of graduation eligibility shall be publicly announced.

Article 37

A student subject to dismissal or revocation of student status may file an appeal with the University's Student Appeal Review Committee within the prescribed period. Student status and grades during an appeal, administrative appeal, or administrative litigation shall be handled as follows:

1. Before the appeal result becomes final, filing an appeal does not stay enforcement of the original disposition; however, a currently enrolled student may continue studying at the University. During the appeal, all student-status matters shall be handled in the same manner as for currently enrolled students, except that no degree certificate shall be issued.
2. If the appeal upholds the original disposition, credits and grades earned while the student continued to study shall not be recognized, and fees shall be refunded in accordance with applicable regulations. The ending date stated on the certificate of study shall be the date of the original disposition. If a new disposition permits resumption but the student cannot resume promptly due to a special circumstance, the University shall assist the student in resuming studies, and the period away from the University before resumption may be retroactively processed as a suspension.
3. A student who obtains no relief through the University's appeal process may initiate an administrative appeal and administrative litigation in accordance with law. If the original disposition is determined by the competent superior authority or adjudged by an administrative court to be clearly unlawful or improper, a new disposition shall be made. If the new disposition permits resumption but the student cannot resume promptly due to a special circumstance, the University shall assist the student in resuming studies; the period away from the University before resumption may be retroactively processed as a suspension.

Chapter 6 Period of Study and Graduation

Article 38

The University adopts an academic-year and credit system. The prescribed periods of study and minimum graduation credits are as follows:

1. The prescribed period of study for each four-year undergraduate program is four years, and at least 128 credits are required for graduation. Courses and credits completed with passing grades before a transfer student's admission may be approved for exemption, up to a maximum of 70 credits. Credits earned at the University, including continuing education credits, are not subject to this maximum.
2. The prescribed period of study for each two-year undergraduate program is two years, and at least 72 credits are required for graduation.
3. The prescribed period for a post-baccalaureate multidisciplinary specialty bachelor's degree program is normally one to four years, and at least 48 credits of professional courses are required for graduation. Credits from courses of the same nature in a related field completed at the bachelor's level or above before admission may be exempted; after exemptions, the student shall earn at least 12 credits through actual study in the program.
4. A graduate of a school outside Taiwan, or in Hong Kong or Macao, whose graduating year is equivalent to the second year of a senior secondary school in Taiwan and who enters a bachelor's program on the basis of equivalent educational attainment shall complete 12 additional graduation credits within the prescribed period of study. Each department shall determine the additional subjects and curriculum. This requirement does not apply to a person who has been out of school for at least two years after graduation or who is admitted through placement based on completion results from the Division of Preparatory Programs for Overseas Chinese Students at National Taiwan Normal University.

Article 38-1

A student applying for course and credit exemptions shall complete the application during the course-selection period following admission. The number of exempted credits, review principles, procedures, and related matters shall be handled according to the recognition standards of the relevant department or graduate institute and the University's Guidelines Governing Course and Credit Exemptions.

Credits evidenced by a certificate earned before admission through a continuing education credit program offered by a junior college or higher-level institution may not be exempted if those credits were used to establish the student's admission examination eligibility. After exemptions, the student's actual period of study at the University and credits earned at the University shall each be no less than one-half of the prescribed period and graduation credits for the applicable educational system, and the period of actual study shall in no event be less than one year.

Article 39

The period of study may be extended in any of the following circumstances:

1. A student who has not completed the required credits within the prescribed period may extend the period of study by up to two years.
2. For a student who is pregnant, gives birth, or cares for a child under three years of age, the extension shall be approved according to the circumstances of the individual case.
3. A student with disabilities may extend the period of study by up to four years.

4. A double-major student who, after a two-year extension, has completed the requirements of the primary department but not those of the additional department may receive one further extension of up to one year.

Article 40

A student who, upon completion of the period of study, has completed all required courses and credits with passing grades shall be approved for graduation. The University shall confer a bachelor's degree and issue a bachelor's degree certificate. A degree certificate for a post-baccalaureate multidisciplinary specialty development program shall bear the notation "Post-Baccalaureate Multidisciplinary Specialty."

Degree certificates shall be dated January for the first semester and June for the second semester.

Article 41

A student who meets all of the following requirements may apply to the Office of Academic Affairs and, with approval of the department chair and Dean of Academic Affairs, graduate one semester or one academic year early:

1. The student has completed all courses and credits required for graduation.
2. The student's academic average in every semester is at least 85, and the student's cumulative class rank is within the top 10 percent of the students in the same year of the department.
3. The student's conduct grade in every semester is at least 80.
4. The student has not failed any course taken in any academic year, including physical education and military training.

A student who fails to meet any requirement in the preceding paragraph may not graduate early and shall complete registration and course selection. Separate regulations governing shortened and extended periods of study shall be prescribed.

Article 42

Before all grades for the courses taken by a graduating student in the final semester have been calculated, the student may not request issuance of a degree certificate, even if all course-credit requirements of the department have otherwise been fulfilled.

Part III Graduate Programs

Article 43

Unless otherwise provided in this Part, matters concerning graduate student status and grades shall be handled in accordance with the provisions applicable to undergraduate programs.

Article 44

A person who holds a bachelor's degree from a domestic university or independent college registered with the Ministry of Education, or from a foreign university or independent college recognized by the Ministry of Education, or who possesses equivalent educational attainment, and who is admitted through the University's master's program screening or entrance examination may pursue a master's degree at the University.

Article 45

The prescribed period of study for a master's program is one to four years. An in-service student who has not completed the required courses or degree thesis within that period may extend the period of study by one year.

Where an extension is needed because of pregnancy, childbirth, or caring for a child under three years of age, the extension may be approved according to the circumstances of the individual case.

Article 46

A master's student shall complete at least 24 credits for graduation, exclusive of thesis credits. Each department shall prescribe the courses and credits required each semester and other applicable study requirements.

Courses and credits completed with passing grades before admission to the master's program may be approved for exemption, up to one-half of the graduation credits required under the preceding paragraph.

Article 47

The maximum course grade for a graduate student is 100, and 70 is the passing grade. No make-up examination shall be offered for a failed course, and a failed required course shall be retaken.

Article 48

Graduate degree examinations shall be handled in accordance with the University's Regulations Governing Master's Degree Examinations.

Article 49

A graduate student's graduation grade is the average of the academic average and degree-examination grade. Each department shall prescribe its regulations governing assessment of graduate academic performance.

Article 50

A graduate student shall be dismissed in any of the following circumstances:

1. Failure to register by the deadline or to resume studies upon expiration of the suspension period.
2. Failure to complete required courses and credits before expiration of the period of study.
3. Failure of the degree examination where no reexamination is permitted, or failure after one reexamination.
4. A serious violation of University regulations for which the Student Rewards and Disciplinary Committee resolves to dismiss the student.
5. Voluntary withdrawal.

Article 51

A graduate student who meets all of the following requirements shall be approved for graduation. The University shall confer a master's degree and issue a master's degree certificate:

1. Completion, within the prescribed period, of all required courses and credits with passing grades.
2. Satisfaction of the graduation requirements prescribed by the relevant department.
3. Passage of the degree examination prescribed by the University.

Part IV Administration of Student Status

Article 52

A new student's name and date of birth shall be based on the information shown on the national identification card. Any discrepancy between the admission credential and the identification card shall be corrected immediately. A current student or graduate applying to change a name or date of birth shall submit a certificate issued by the household registration authority. Upon approval by the Office of Academic Affairs, the change shall be made, and any degree certificate previously issued by the University shall be annotated by the University and affixed with the University seal.

Article 53

The department, class, year of study, academic grades, and records of registration, transfer, change of department, double major, minor, suspension, resumption, withdrawal, and other student-status matters shall be based on the student-status and grade records maintained by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Article 54

Each academic year or semester, the University shall prepare rosters of new students, transfer students, withdrawn students, and graduates, and shall permanently archive those rosters.

Part V Supplementary Provisions

Article 55

The academic studies and student status of a student who goes abroad while enrolled shall be handled in accordance with the University's Guidelines Governing Academic Studies and Student Status During Study Abroad.

Article 56

Student rewards and disciplinary measures, evaluation of conduct grades, and other related matters shall be handled in accordance with the relevant University regulations.

Article 57

While enrolled, students may apply for scholarships in accordance with applicable regulations. Separate regulations governing scholarship applications shall be prescribed.

Article 58

Where a student is suddenly affected by a major disaster recognized by the competent education authority, the University may, following a resolution of an internal meeting, separately prescribe flexible study arrangements concerning the student's entrance examination and eligibility, registration, fees and course selection, leave, grade assessment and credit exemptions, suspension, withdrawal, resumption, refunds, period of study, and graduation eligibility requirements.

Article 59

A degree already conferred shall be revoked, and the previously issued degree certificate shall be publicly declared invalid, in either of the following circumstances:

1. Fraud or misrepresentation concerning admission eligibility or the course of study.
2. Fabrication, alteration, plagiarism, ghostwriting, or other fraud involving a thesis, creative work, proof of achievement, written report, technical report, or professional practice report.

Article 60

For male students in four-year bachelor's programs who were born in 2005 or later and who, beginning January 1, 2024, are again subject to conscription for active-duty standing military service, the University shall separately prescribe flexible study measures concerning course selection, the permissible period of suspension, resumption, and the period of study, and shall submit them to the Ministry of Education for recordation.

Article 61

The University shall separately prescribe study measures concerning registration and course selection, periods of study, credit exemptions, and withdrawal for students participating in the 30+ University Program, including the former Third Life University Program.

Article 62

Matters not provided for in Part III shall be handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of Part II.

Article 63

Any matter not addressed in these Regulations shall be handled in accordance with relevant Ministry of Education laws and regulations and applicable University regulations.

Article 64

These Regulations shall be implemented following resolution by the Academic Affairs Meeting, passage by the University Affairs Meeting, and approval by the President, and shall be submitted to the Ministry of Education for recordation. The same procedure shall apply to amendments.

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