

NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

Directives for Implementation of Freshman Seminar Courses

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- Article 1 National Taiwan University (NTU or “the University”) formulates the NTU *Directives for Implementation of Freshman Seminar Courses* (“the Directives”) to plan and offer Freshman Seminar Courses (“the Courses”) as guidance for freshmen to adapt to and enliven their university life, and to create a space for conversations between students and lecturers.
- Article 2 The Courses are intended for the University's freshmen to inspire their ideas, cultivate their basic competencies, and develop their learning attitudes. The objectives of the course are:
1. To help freshmen adapt to the learning style at university;
 2. To cultivate freshmen' abilities of self-learning, communication and expression, independent thinking and critical reflection.
 3. To guide freshmen to explore themselves and contemplate their direction of learning and development at the university stage of life.
- Article 3 Lecturers of the Courses can freely set the theme and design the content, not restricted within the professional fields of study of their departments; however, it is not appropriate to design the Courses that require freshmen to have prior knowledge or have taken prerequisite courses. In principle, each class is taught by one lecturer alone.
- Article 4 The number of students in each class of the Courses shall not exceed 25. Each class, in principle, is set for 6:30 to 8:10 p.m. on a weekday and shall be held once a week.
- Article 5 The Courses are two-credit elective courses, and the credits can be included in the total credits for graduation. The grades are, in principle, evaluated based on class participation and written or oral reports, and the semester grades are expressed as "pass/fail".
- Article 6 The Courses are intended only for undergraduate freshmen of the University. Each freshman can only take one class per semester. The freshmen who have not taken any of the Courses in the fall semester are given priority to the classes offered in the spring semester.
- Article 7 The Courses will be taught by the University's full-time/part-time faculty members invited by the Center for General Education every semester. Newly designed Freshman Seminar Courses can only be offered after the syllabi submitted by their lecturers are reviewed and approved by the Curriculum Committee of the Center for General Education.
- Article 8 The arrangement of the Courses shall be coordinated and handled by the Center for General Education, and the departments (graduate institutes) and

colleges with which the course lecturers are associated will be notified by letter before the start of each semester.

Article 9 The Directives shall be passed by the General Education Committee and Academic Affairs Meeting, and then implemented on the date of promulgation.