

NATIONAL DONG HWA UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE of INDIGENOUS STUDIES
Course Requirements for the
International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies

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Article 1 These guidelines are in accordance with the *NDHU Regulations for Degree Award* and other applicable regulations of National Dong Hwa University (NDHU). They are intended to regulate matters related to course registration by graduate students in the International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies (“the Program”), College of Indigenous Studies, NDHU.

Article 2 The period of study for students in the Program shall be two to seven years. Students admitted as working professionals may be granted an extension of up to two years.

Article 3 Course registration requirements:

1. This program requires a minimum of 27 credits, including 15 credits of compulsory courses and 12 credits of professional electives.
2. Students in the Program may take no more than 9 credits of courses per semester.
3. For courses not offered by the Program but required as part of their research, students may apply to take courses at the doctoral level offered by other departments (excluding in-service master’s programs) at NDHU or another university. With the approval of the Program Affairs Committee, a maximum of 6 credits acquired from other departments/universities can be counted as professional elective credits.
4. According to the *NDHU Guidelines for Academic Research Ethics Education Course*, students should complete the Research Ethics course before the end of the first academic year. Students who have taken Academic Research Ethics Education or related courses may waive the course after approval by the Program Affairs Committee.
5. Students who fail to complete the preceding requirements within the required period of study will be withdrawn from the Program.

Article 4 Credit waiver requirements

1. Relevant matters shall be following the NDHU’s Credit Waiver Policy.
2. Credit waiver requires course completion with a B (3.0) or above. Official transcripts documenting the final grade(s) must be sent to the Program Office.
3. Courses must have been taken, at a maximum, within the past five (5) years.

4. Courses must have significant, direct content with the Program's structure.
5. Students must submit an "Application for Credit Waiver" when applying.

Article 5 Credit equivalence and validation requirements

1. With the approval of the Program Affairs Committee, students may take up to 6 credits of professional electives at the doctoral level, or postgraduate level at other departments of the University OR courses at the doctoral level at another university. Please note that doctoral or master's courses offered by an in-service graduate program will not be counted toward professional electives.
2. Students must submit an "Application for Acknowledgement of Equivalent or Comparable Courses" when applying.

Article 6 Matters related to students' degree examinations shall be handled in accordance with NDHU *Regulations of the Master and Doctoral Degrees Examination* and General Guidelines for Dissertation Advising and Degree Examinations for the International Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies.

Article 7 These guidelines shall become effective following the approval of the Program Affairs Committee. The same procedure shall be carried out when amendments are made.

Note: This document has been translated from the original Taiwanese Mandarin version. In the event of any discrepancy between the two, the Taiwanese Mandarin version shall prevail.