

Important Information about the University Core Curriculum for Spring 2026

I. Undergraduate students must complete **31 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 (3 credits total), Information Technology (2 credits total), and University Core General Education Courses (17 credits total)
2. International Students in International Programs:
Languages (9 credits total; 6 credits for Mandarin Chinese and 3 credits for Elective English or Foreign Languages), Physical Education (3 credits total), Information Technology (2 credits total), and University Core General Education Courses (17 credits total)

II. University Core General Education Courses (17 credits)

1. University Core General Education Courses, including Required Elective Courses and Diversified Elective Courses, require a total of 17 credits.
2. Required Elective Courses consist of the following three academic categories: (1) Rational Thinking, (2) Cultural Literacy, and (3) Local Commitment.
3. Students should take at least one course in each of the three categories as the “Required Elective Courses.”
4. The remaining University Core General Education Course credits may be selected from the “Diversified Elective Courses,” which include:
 - (1) GC-coded courses offered by the General Education Center, excluding required Information Technology courses,
 - (2) LC-coded elective English courses offered by the Language Center, and
 - (3) College foundational courses or department core and specialized courses offered outside of students’ major departments.*

* For students of non-Education departments who are in the Pre-service Elementary or Secondary Teacher Education Programs, the Teacher Education credits earned from the courses offered by the Center for Teacher Education cannot be counted toward the General Education credits unless they abandon the qualification as pre-service teachers and such abandonment is officially confirmed by the Center for Teacher Education.

5. Students in International Programs may take a maximum of 17 credits of other English-taught courses offered at NDHU to fulfill the University Core General Education Curriculum Requirements after completing all the required specialized course credits in their programs.

III.

Students who are following the University Core Curriculum Requirements for the Academic Year 2024/2025 or earlier and who haven't completed their Service Learning credits may fulfill them with credits from other University Core General Education courses..

IV . 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

1. Based on their respective majors, undergraduate students are divided into Fundamental (students whose majors are not in Science, Engineering, or Information Management) and Advanced (students majoring in Science, Engineering, and Information management) Levels. Students may choose one Information Technology course (2 credits) according to their levels; apply for credit transfer with related courses in Information Technology taken (please see the list of recognized courses by the General Education Center); or request a course waiver and be granted the course credits (2 credits) by attending recognized competitions, certifications, or examinations (including those held by NDHU).

2.Students majoring in Science and Engineering (except for those majoring in Computer Science & Information Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Applied Mathematics, and Information Management) need to take "Intermediate Computer Programming" offered by the General Education Center or its related courses as listed in the Attachment; "Fundamental Computer Programming" cannot count toward the University Core Curriculum credits. Students of non-Science and Engineering majors need to take "Fundamental Computer Programming" offered by the General Education Center or its related courses as listed in the Attachment. Students majoring in Computer Science & Information Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Applied Mathematics, and Information Management need to take Information Technology related courses offered by respective departments to meet the required Information Technology course credits; Computer Programming courses taken that are offered by the General Education Center cannot count toward the University Core credits.

V. 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.

In principle, a University Core course must have a minimum of 20 students registered after the Course Add/Drop Period. Please follow the General Education Center announcements regarding additional course offering or course cancellation before or after a semester begins. Students are strongly advised to attend the first meeting of a course and read the course plan and syllabus (also the additional note) carefully. And please be prudent when arranging your course schedules. **Since Fall 2016, the General Education Center no longer accepts and approves any requests to drop courses during the Additional Course Add period.** Please check the General Education Center website and follow the Office of Academic Affairs for related information and regulations about the University Core courses.

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

VII. 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.

VIII. The following English-taught University Core courses are NOT recognized as Additional Courses for the English Requirement for Graduation since Spring 2026. Please pay attention when choosing Additional Courses for the English Requirement for Graduation. For the list of courses eligible as Additional Courses for the English Requirement for Graduation, please consult the website of the Language Center.

Course Code	Course Title
GC__B0060	Piano Playing and Music Appreciation
GC__17900	Introduction to Finance
GC__63160	Introduction to Economic Theory
GC__64680	Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy and Practice
GC__44700	Global Change and Sustainable Development
GC__67710	Fundamentals of Climate Change Science
GC__65350	Psychology and Life
GC__64430	Bible and Film
GC__67850	Modern Technology and Mental Health
GC__39700	Source Material Utilization and Spatial Esthetics

**Recognized Information Technology Related Professional & Specialized Courses
from Individual Departments (Academic Year 2025)**

Department	Course Code	Course Title	Credits/Hours	Note
Applied Mathematics	CSIE10400	Introduction to Computer Programming (I)	3/3	In collaboration with the CSIE Dept.
	AM__11600	Software Implementations and Computation	3/3	
	CSIE20000	Data Structures	3/3	In collaboration with the CSIE Dept.
	CSIE10500	Introduction to Computer Programming (II)	3/3	In collaboration with the CSIE Dept.
	CSIE20500	Algorithm Design and Analysis	3/3	In collaboration with the CSIE Dept.
Physics	APH_50200	Computational Physics (I)	3/3	
	APH_51100	Computational Physics (II)	3/3	
	PHYS31100	Experimental Techniques in Physics (I)	3/3	
	PHYS21240	Pysics (Python for Physics) I	3/3	
	PHYS21250	Pysics (Python for Physics) II	3/3	
Chemistry	CHEM53800	Computational Chemistry	3/3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GE Courses: Intermediate Computer Programming courses 2. Chemistry Dept.: Computational Chemistry 3. Fundamental Program of EE and CS: Introduction to Computer Programming (I) 4. IM Dept.: Web Programming and other Computer Programming related courses by the CSIE Dept.
	CHEM21800	Introduction to Structural Bioinformatics	3/3	
Life Science	LF__33470	Bioinformatics analysis	3/3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GE Courses: Intermediate Computer Programming courses 2. Fundamental Program of EE and CS: Introduction to Computer Programming (I)

				3. IM Dept.: Web Programming and other Computer Programming related courses by the CSIE Dept.
Electrical Engineering	CSIE10400	Introduction to Computer Programming (I)	3/3	In collaboration with the CSIE Dept.
Computer Science and Information Technology	CSIE10400	Introduction to Computer Programming (I)	3/3	General Program
	CSIEB0020	Introduction to Computer Programming (I)	3/3	International Program (English-taught course)
Opto-Electronic Engineering	OE__10390	Digital Design	3/3	
	OE__10350	Numerical analysis and calculation for Opto-electronics	3/3	
	OE__10400	Electro-Optical Engineering Digital Drawing	3/3	
Materials Science and Engineering	Students of Materials Science and Engineering should take “Intermediate Programming for Computational Materials Science” and “Intermediate Computer Programming” offered by the General Education Center.			
Information Management	IM__11200	Program Design	3/3	
	IM__11300	Advanced Program Design	3/3	
Bachelor Degree Program of Data Science	DS__10000	Introduction to Computer Programming (I)	3/3	In collaboration with the CSIE Dept.
Natural Resources and Environmental Studies	NRES__20230	Fundamental Computer Programing–R Language	3/3	
Special Education	SPE__22520	The Development and Application of SMART Communication System	2/2	
History	HIST37950	3D Modeling in Virtual Reality (II)	2/2	

Description:

1. Starting Fall 2017, undergraduate students need to take required Information Technology course (2 credits) to meet the University Core Requirements. Students of Science and Engineering (except for those of CSIE, EE, AM and DS) should take Intermediate Computer Programming courses offered by the General Education Center or other Intermediate Computer Programming-related courses in the table above; students other than Science, Engineering, and IM should take Fundamental Computer Programming courses offered by the General Education Center or other related courses in the table above. However, the Information Technology course credits fulfilled by credit transfer from any of the courses not offered by the General Education Center, as listed in the aforementioned tables, will not count toward the University Core, whose credit requirements need to be satisfied by other eligible General Education courses.

2. Students of CSIE, EE, AM, DS and IM should take required Information Technology-related courses offered by their respective departments to fulfill the Information Technology credits of the University Core Requirements; the credits fulfilled by credit transfer from such courses will not count toward the University Core, whose credit requirements need to be satisfied by other eligible General Education courses. Computer Programming courses taken that are offered by the General Education Center cannot count toward the University Core Curriculum credits.