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Double Degree Program Application for Enrollment [Form 1]

Letter of Recommendation [Form 2]

Research Plan at the Home and Host University [Form 3]

Program Overview

Nagasaki University (hereafter, NU) and National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (hereafter, NKUST) have concluded a memorandum of understanding to host a Double Degree Program between the two institutions. The Program issues double degrees in the Graduate School of Fisheries and Environmental Sciences (at NU) and the College of Hydrosphere Science/College of Marine Commerce (at NKUST) for students in the Master Program.

This Double Degree (hereafter, DD) Program provides dual master's degrees to full-time students who have enrolled in either institution. The students enrolled in this program need to complete a one-year term of study abroad at the partner university and complete all requirements at both institutions.

1. Double Degree Program Schedule

In principle, the period of enrollment in the DD Program will be 3 years. An NU student shall study and conduct thesis research for 2 years at NU and 1 year at NKUST. An NKUST student shall study and conduct thesis research for 2 years at NKUST and 1 year at NU. However, if the student can meet all the requirements of his/her home university in a shorter period than the previous mentioned period at the home university, the period to finish the DD Program may be shortened. The schedule of the Double Degree Program may be subject to change according to the performance of a student (Please refer to the Double Degree Program Completion Flowchart on the last page).

- Acceptance (from NKUST to NU)

Standard Double Degree Program Schedule	Time Period
1. Enrollment in NKUST	September 2023
2. Study and thesis work at NKUST	
3. Submission of Double Degree Program application to NKUST	Mid-December 2023
4. Interviewed by NKUST selection committee	Late December 2023
5. Qualified students recommended to NU	Early January 2024
6. Selection based on document review by NU selection committee	Early February 2024
7. Announcement of results	Late February 2024
8. Registration procedures	Mid-March 2024
9. Enrollment in NU	April 2024
10. Travel arrangements	July 2024
11. Relocate to Japan	September 2024
12. Study and thesis work at NU	

Standard Double Degree Program Schedule	Time Period
13. Return to Taiwan	End of August 2025
14. Study and thesis work at NKUST	
15. NKUST·NU joint review	January ~ February 2026
16. NU degree conferral	March 2026
17. NKUST degree conferral	August 2026

- Study Abroad (from NU to NKUST)

Standard Double Degree Program Schedule	Time Period
1. Enrollment in NU	April 2023
2. Study and thesis work at NU	
3. Submission of Double Degree Program application to NU	End of July 2023
4. Interviewed by NU selection committee	August 2023
5. Qualified students recommended to NKUST	Late September 2023
6. Selection based on document review by NKUST selection committee	October 2023
7. Announcement of results	Early January 2024
8. Registration procedures, travel arrangements	Early January 2024~
9. Enrollment in NKUST, relocate to Taiwan	Mid-February 2024
10. Study and thesis work at NKUST	
11. Return to Japan	January 2025
12. Study and thesis work at NU	
13. NU·NKUST joint review	November ~ December 2025
14. NKUST degree conferral	January 2026
15. NU degree conferral	March 2026

2. Acceptance Quotas

- Number accepted at NU

Graduate School of Fisheries and Environmental Sciences	Department of Fisheries Science	Up to 3 students
	Department of Environmental Science	

- Number accepted at NKUST

College of Hydrosphere Science	Department of Aquaculture	Up to 3 students
	Department of Fisheries Production and Management	
	Department of Marine Biotechnology	
	Department of Seafood Science	
	Department of Marine Environmental Engineering	
College of Marine Commerce	Department of Shipping and Transportation Management	
	Department of Supply Chain Management	
	Department of Marine Leisure Management	
	Institute of Marine Affairs and Business Management	

3. Supervisor at the Host Institution

The supervisor at the host institution shall be selected through discussion between both universities prior to the application. Applicants are required to thoroughly discuss your proposed research activity with your supervisor at the host university.

4. Application Procedures

Students interested in the Double Degree Program should consult with their supervisors, prepare (in English) the forms below and submit them by the specified date to the office in charge at their home university (the applicants' respective departments or institutes).

5. Requirements

- Application form [Form 1]
- Recommendation letter from supervisor of the home university [Form 2]
- Research plan at the home and host university [Form 3]
- Health certificate [Free format]
- Undergraduate and graduate academic transcripts
- Proof of English proficiency
- Proof of foreign language proficiency other than English (not essential)

6. Selection Process

- The selection committee at each university will select applicants on the basis of submitted documents and interview with the applicants.
- Qualified candidates will be recommended to the host university.
- The selection committee at the host university will review the recommendation report from the home university and make final decision with approval by the President.

7. Announcement of Results

Notification of acceptance result will be sent from the host university to the applicant's home university.

8. Registration Procedures

Accepted applicants should submit the forms listed below to the appropriate office of the host university by the specified deadline.

- Written agreement form
- 2 photographs (4 cm high × 3 cm wide)

9. Visa Acquisition and Travel Arrangements

- Students who have completed registration procedures must apply to the host university for a Certificate of Eligibility for Resident Status.
- After receiving this certificate, students must arrange all necessary paperwork and apply for a visa.
- Students must then submit the following items to their home university by the specified date to complete the procedures.
 - Request to study abroad
 - A copy of passport

10. Student Status

- Until completion of the course of study at either of the two universities, students keep a full-time status at the university.
- NU students studying at or receiving research guidance at NKUST will be treated by NU as students “studying abroad.”
- NKUST students studying at or receiving research guidance at NU will be treated by NKUST as students “studying abroad.”

11. Tuition and Other Costs

Students shall pay tuition at their home university, but will not be required to pay tuition, examination fees, or entrance fees at the host university. Please note, however, that travel and living expenses (lodging, food, textbooks, insurance, etc.) during the study-abroad term should be covered by the students themselves.

12. Acquisition of Credits

- Registration and academic subject classification
Refer to each university's registration guide for information about subject classifications and procedures for registration.
- Transferring credits
Students have to submit a specified form for credit transfer to the corresponding university, and official decision on accreditation will be made by each university.

【NKUST students】

To complete requirements at NU

The credits which an NKUST student earned at NKUST can be honored as part of the required 30 credits of NU (Table 1). Up to 10 credits which were earned at NKUST before enrollment at NU can be honored as part of the 30 credits. Likewise, up to 10 credits which will be earned at NKUST after enrollment at NU can be honored as part of the 30 credits. Thus, the maximum number of credits which can be honored as part of the 30 credits is 20 in total.

To complete requirements at NKUST

The credits which an NKUST student earned at NU can be honored as part of the required graduate credits of NKUST (Table 2). The maximum number of credits which can be honored as part of the required graduate credits is one third of the required graduate credits of NKUST (Table 2).

【NU students】

To complete requirements at NKUST

During a one-year term of study abroad at NKUST, an NU student has to earn minimum of one third of the required graduate credits of NKUST (Table 2). The credits which were earned at NU can be honored as the remaining required credits of NKUST.

To complete requirements at NU

The credits which an NU student earned at NKUST can be honored as part of the required 30 credits of NU (Table 1). The maximum number of credits which can be honored as part of the 30 credits is 10, although an NU student enrolled in College of Marine Commerce has to earn more than 10 credits at NKUST.

Table 1. Graduate Credits at NU

Graduate School of Fisheries and Environmental Sciences	Graduate Credits
Department of Fisheries Science	30
Department of Environmental Science	30

Table 2. Graduate Credits at NKUST

College of Hydrosphere Science	Graduate Credits
Department of Aquaculture	30
Department of Fisheries Production and Management	30
Department of Marine Biotechnology	30
Department of Seafood Science	30
Department of Marine Environmental Engineering	34
College of Marine Commerce	Graduate Credits
Department of Shipping and Transportation Management	43
Department of Supply Chain Management	36
Department of Marine Leisure Management	36
Institute of Marine Affairs and Business Management	36

13. Master's Thesis

To receive master's degrees from both NU and NKUST, students must write one master thesis, and submit it to each institution respectively for evaluation.

The degree of Master of Fisheries Science, Master of Environmental Science, Master of Science, or Master of Philosophy shall be granted by NU to those who meet the requirements for completing the master program at NU, and the degree of Master of Hydrosphere Science, or Master of Marine Commerce shall be granted by NKUST to those who meet the requirements for completing the master program at NKUST.

14. Completion Requirements

Requirements for completing the master program at NU are as follows: (i) to be enrolled in the program for 2 years or more, (ii) to accumulate 30 credits or more, (iii) to successfully pass the thesis evaluation, and (iv) to successfully pass the final examination conducted by NU.

Requirements for completing the master program at NKUST are as follows: (i) to be enrolled in the program for 2 years or more, (ii) to accumulate the required graduate credits at NKUST (Table 2) or more, (iii) to successfully pass the thesis evaluation, and (iv) to successfully pass the final examination conducted by NKUST.

15. Discontinuation of Study Abroad

Both universities will annually review the research progress and credits earned by students in the Double Degree Program. If a student's progress is deemed insufficient, he/she will be disqualified from the Double Degree Program after deliberation by both universities.