

Program Overview

Nagasaki University (hereafter, NU) and National Taiwan Ocean University (hereafter, NTOU) 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 Life Sciences/College of Ocean Science and Resources (at NTOU) for students in the Doctoral Program.

This Double Degree Program awards dual doctoral degrees to full-time students who have enrolled in either institution, completed a two-year term of study abroad at the partner university, and satisfied all completion requirements at both institutions.

1. Double Degree Program Schedule

The length of the Double Degree Program is basically 4 years. The students enrolled in this Program will study for 2 years at both NU and NTOU and complete a doctoral dissertation at either NU or NTOU. The study period can be shortened if a student completes degree requirements at both NU and NTOU in less than 4 years. 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).

① From NTOU to NU

Standard Double Degree Program Schedule	Time Period
1. Enrollment in NTOU	September 2017
2. Study and dissertation work at NTOU	
3. Submission of Double Degree Program application material to NTOU	Mid-November 2017
4. Interview and selection process by NTOU selection committee	Early December 2017
5. Student recommended to NU	Late December 2017
6. Selection based on document review by NU selection committee	Mid-January 2018
7. Announcement of results	Mid-February 2018
8. Registration procedures	Mid-March 2018
9. Enrollment in NU	April 2018
10. Travel arrangements	February 2019
11. Relocate to Japan	April 2019
12. Study and dissertation work at NU	
13. NU dissertation review	February 2021

14. NU conferral	March 2021
15. NTOU dissertation review	July2021
16. NTOU degree conferral	July 2021

② From NU to NTOU

Standard Double Degree Program Schedule	Time Period
1. Enrollment in NU	April 2017
2. Study and dissertation work at NU	
3. Submission of Double Degree Program application material to NU	Early June 2017
4. Interview and selection process by NU selection committee	Mid-June 2017
5. Recommendation to NTOU	Late June 2017
6. Selection based on document review by NTOU selection committee	Early July 2017
7. Announcement of results	Late July 2017
8. Registration procedures	Mid-August 2017
9. Enrollment in NTOU	September 2017
10. Travel arrangements	July 2018
11. Relocate to Taiwan	September 2018
12. Study and dissertation work at NTOU	
13. NTOU dissertation review	June 2020
14. NTOU degree conferral	June 2020
15. NU dissertation review	February2021
16. NU degree conferral	March 2021

2. Acceptance Quotas

① Number accepted at NU

Major	Course	Number Accepted
Department of Environment and Fisheries Resources	Fisheries Science Course	Up to 3 students
	Environmental Science Course	

② Number accepted at NTOU

College of Life Sciences	Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology	Up to 3 students
	Institute of Marine Biology	
	Department of Aquaculture	
	Department of Food Science	
College of Ocean Science and Resources	Department of Environmental Biology and Fisheries Science	

3. Application Requirements

A letter of recommendation from the supervisor

4. 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.

5. 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 department or institute).

- ① Application form [Form 1]
- ② Recommendation letter from supervisor of the home university [Form 2]
- ③ Application essay [Form 3]
- ④ Current research at the home university [Form 4]
- ⑤ Research plan at the host university [Form 5]
- ⑥ Health certificate [Free format]
- ⑦ Undergraduate and graduate academic transcripts
- ⑧ Proof of English proficiency
- ⑨ Proof of foreign language proficiency other than English (not essential)

6. Selection Process

- ① The selection committee at each university will select applicants on the basis of submitted documents and interview.
- ② Selected candidates will be recommended to the host university.

- ③ 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.

- ① Written agreement form
- ② 2 photographs (4 cm high × 3 cm wide)

9. Visa Acquisition and Travel Arrangements

- ① Students who have completed registration procedures must apply to the host university for a Certificate of Eligibility for Resident Status.
- ② After receiving this certificate, students must arrange all necessary paperwork and apply for a visa.
- ③ 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

- ① Until completion of the course of study at either of the two universities, students keep a full-time status at the university.
- ② NU students studying at or receiving research guidance at NTOU will be treated by NU as students "studying abroad."
- ③ NTOU students studying at or receiving research guidance at NU will be treated by NTOU 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

① Registration and academic subject classification

Refer to each university's registration guide for information about subject classifications and procedures for registration.

② Transferring credits

Up to 10 credits, obtained at NTOU prior to enrollment in NU, can be applied for accreditation as credits of NU. Up to 4 credits, obtained at NTOU after enrollment in NU, can be applied as credits of NU. Official decisions on accreditation will be made by the Committee for Educational Affairs of the NU Graduate School. Up to 9 credits, obtained at NU, can be applied for accreditation as credits of NTOU. Official decision on accreditation will be made by NTOU.

13. Doctoral Dissertation

To receive doctoral degrees from both NU and NTOU, students must write a dissertation on their research at both institutions and submit it for review at both institutions. Separate reviews will be conducted at each university.

14. Completion Requirements

Completion requirements at NU include 3 or more years of study in the Graduate School, acquisition of 15 or more credits, completion and successful review of a dissertation by the Review Committee, and successful completion of final examinations, after receiving all requisite faculty guidance.

Completion requirements at NTOU include 3 or more years of study in the Graduate School, acquisition of 18 or more credits, completion and successful review of a dissertation, and successful completion of final examinations, after receiving all requisite faculty guidance.

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, that he/she will be disqualified from the Double Degree Program after deliberation by both universities.