

**Application Guide for
Master's Program,
Department of Horticultural Science,
College of Agriculture,
National Chiayi University, Taiwan
&
Master's Programs,
Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University, Japan**

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into between the parties, the Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University, Japan, (hereinafter "KU") and the Department of Horticultural Science at National Chiayi University (hereinafter "NCYU") agree to implement this Double Degree Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") for the coordinated master's programs of both universities."

1. Rationale

This Double Degree Program Agreement is based on the academic cooperation and exchange agreement between KU and NCYU. The purpose of this agreement is to offer students the opportunities to studying abroad, promote cooperation and development between both parties, including language ability, professional skills, and research experiences.

2. Degree Conferral

Upon completing the Double Degree Program, participants of this program who meet each respective institution's graduation requirements will be conferred the Master of Science degree from NCYU.

3. Admission Capacity

Not fixed

4. Eligibility

Applicants must have already enrolled in or have been admitted to the master's program, or equivalent, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University, or must have received a recommendation from Kagawa University.

5. Method of Application

(1) The Educational Affairs Section of KU is in charge of coordinating the application procedures, and all application documents must be submitted to the College Office. Applicants should confirm the submission deadline with the Educational Affairs Section of KU. All application documents must be sent by the Educational Affairs Section of KU and must arrive at the Department of Horticultural Science, National Chiayi University, no later than May 15 each year. Applicants are strongly advised to prepare and submit all application documents well in advance.

Application Documents and Forms

All forms must be completed in English.

Documents and Forms	Brief guide
① Application form for admission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the attached application form in the Application Guidebook. • Affix an identification photograph (4cm×3cm), showing the applicant's full face view with no hat or head cover, directly facing the camera. • Submit the copy of the results of an English proficiency test such as TOEFL, TOEIC or IELTS.
② Certificate of graduation and certificate of entrance of master's program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit the certificate of graduation issued by the applicant's university. • Submit the certificate of entrance of master's program issued by the applicant's university.
③ Academic record	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit the academic record issued by the applicant's university. It must bear the seal of the institution and the signature of the registrar or appropriate official.
④ Letters of recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific format required. • Letters of recommendation should be written and stamped by the Dean and the applicant's supervisor of the Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University. Each letter must include the name, date of birth, and nationality of the applicant. It must also indicate whether the applicant is already enrolled or plans to enroll in a master's program at Kagawa University. The recommendation must also address the intellectual ability, personality, and leadership

	potential of the applicant. If there is more than one applicant (up to 3), the participating university is requested to have the persons providing the recommendation letters, to also provide and overall comparative rank of all the applicants.
⑤ Overview of undergraduate thesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific format required. ▪ Submit an overview of the undergraduate thesis or the overview of research progress and achievements of the applicant's research project.
⑥ Overview of research achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific format required. ▪ Submit a list of the applicant's scholarly publications, attaching with offprints of research papers and presentations, if applicable. If a patent has been granted, attach a photocopy and abstract (150 words or less), if applicable.
⑦ Study and research plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No specific format required. ▪ Applicants must find and confer with his or her prospective supervisor at the Department of Horticultural Science, National Chiayi University prior to application. Based on the supervisor's guidance, the applicant should clearly indicate his or her research theme, objectives, methodologies, research framework, etc.

6. Method of Admission Selection

Admission selection shall be made upon review of application documents and an interview.

Note: The interview will be arranged in the form of face-to-face either on site or by internet video chat applications in English. The interview shall consist of a presentation made by the applicant and questions on the applicant's undergraduate thesis or other research achievements, the research plan and the statement of purpose.

Interview Date

Interviews will be scheduled only after all required application documents have been received, and applicants will be notified of the interview date by e-mail within one month thereafter.

For applicants interviewing by interactive voice and visual communication through the internet, individual interviews times will be coordinated between the applicant and the

Department of Horticultural Science, National Chiayi University. For applicants interviewing in person, interview times will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

7. Announcement of Admission Decision

The official admission decision shall be announced by mail within two weeks. Individual applicants and the dean or chairperson of their institutions will be informed of admission results by e-mail.

8. School fees and Insurance

Successful applicants shall be exempt from tuition, registration, and entrance examination fees of the master's program, Department of Horticultural Science, College of Agriculture, National Chiayi University.

Participants must meet the health and insurance requirements as set forth for international students. Students shall be responsible for paying the mandatory health insurance for international students, as well as other miscellaneous fees (such as computer and internet usage fee) required by the host university.

9. Enrollment, Registration, Suspension, Resumption and Grading

The process of enrollment, registration for courses, temporary suspension, resumption, and grading shall conform to the academic policies of both universities. Participants must complete registration procedures at NCYU upon arrival at NCYU.

10. Cancellation of Admission

- (1) The Department of Horticultural Science, College of Agriculture, National Chiayi University is entitled to cancel any offer of admission to any candidate who fails to submit proof of admission to the master's program or full-time student status in the master's Programs, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kagawa University, at the time of the matriculation procedure.
- (2) Failure to fulfill the eligibility required to enter the master's program at the Department of Horticultural Science, College of Agriculture, National Chiayi University, prior to matriculation, shall result in cancellation of admission.
- (3) National Chiayi University is entitled to void admission even after matriculation, if fraudulent information or documents were used for the purpose of admission and matriculation.

11. Length of study

For students from Kagawa University whom participating in this double degree program in accordance with the Regulations, their total duration of study at NCYU before and after shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Students should complete at least one semester at Kagawa university before coming to NCYU.
- (2) Student must complete at least two semesters in the master's degree program at NCYU.

★ Time Period for KU student

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1st year				KU 1st semester			NCYU 1st semester					
				Application → Interview → Announcement of Admission Decision				Enrollment in NCYU			Arrival in Taiwan	
KU Taking classes				1st quarter		2nd quarter						
2nd year	NCYU 1st sem			NCYU 2nd semester				NCYU		KU 2nd semester		
KU Taking classes										3rd quarter		4th quarter
3rd year	KU 2nd semes		KU		KU 1st semester			KU				
	4th quarter				1st quarter		2nd quarter		Graduation from NCYU			

12. Articulated Curriculum, Credit Transfer and Acceptance

The students must meet the graduation credit requirements of both universities. The students must take at least 18 credits of courses at NCYU and at least 12 credits of courses at KU along with any other KU program requirements in effect at the time of enrollment. The students are required to complete a thesis to be granted a master's degree at NCYU. The Articulated Curriculum is specified in Appendix 1.

13. Compliance with Laws

The parties will comply with all applicable federal/national, state/prefectural, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

14. Right & Responsibilities

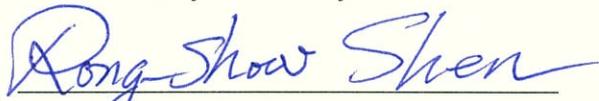
- a. Both Parties are accredited institutions of higher education in their respective countries and hold the applicable accreditations for the degree programs covered by this Agreement. The Parties agree to notify the other in writing of any material change to their accreditation status.
- b. Both parties agree to inform the other of curricular and policy changes on an annual basis to ensure currency with the parties' respective degree requirements.

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Graduate School of Agriculture
Kagawa University



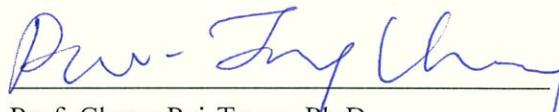
Prof. OGAWA Masahiro, Ph.D.
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Prof. Shen Rong-Show, Ph.D.
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Department of Horticultural Science



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Appendix 1. Articulated Curriculum

KU students must complete a minimum of 30 credits of coursework to be awarded a master's degree concentration in Horticultural Science at NCYU. The 30 credits comprise 10 credits of required courses and 20 credits of elective courses.

For course articulation, up to 12 credits completed at KU may be recognized and transferred to NCYU as part of the 30-credit requirement, as outlined in the table below.

Table 1 Courses transfer corresponding table between NCYU and KU

NCYU Course (Credit)	KU Course (Credit)	
Seminar I* (1)	Applied Bioscience Crosstalk Seminar (1)	
Seminar II* (1)	Major Seminar I (1)	
Seminar III* (1)	Major Seminar II (1)	
Seminar IV* (1)	Major Seminar III (1)	
Modern Agriculture (2)	Crop Production Science I (1)	Choose 2 from 3.
	Crop Production Science II (1)	
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Worldwide Horticultural Industry (2)	Farm Managerial Economics II (1)	
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Writing and Reading of Science Papers (2)	Basic Communications for International Study (1)	
	Literacy for Scientific Study (1)	
Advanced Pomology (2)	Physiology of Horticultural Plants II (1)	
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Flowering Physiology (3)	Physiology of Horticultural Plants I (1)	
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Advanced Processing of Horticultural Products (3)	Advanced Food Hygiene (1)	
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Advanced Handling and Storage of Horticultural Products (2)	Physiology of Horticultural Plants II (1) §	Choose 2 from 3.
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Senescence Physiology of Horticultural Products (3)	Physiology of Horticultural Plants II (1) §	Choose 3 from 4.
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Advanced Floriculture (2)	Horticultural Plant Breeding II (1) **
Plant Genetic Transformation (2)	Molecular Plant Breeding (1) **
Advanced Plant Growth Regulators (2)	Molecular Plant Stress Response II (1) **
Advanced Olericulture (2)	Genetic resources and production technology of horticultural (1) **
Plant Molecular Biology (3)	Molecular and Cellular Biology I (1) ** **
Advanced Horticultural Plant Physiology (2)	Ecology and Environment II (1) **

* Required NCYU Course

** Students may select courses from Table 2 below for credit transfer.

Table 2 Courses that may be selected for credit transfer

KU Course (Credit)
Natural Products Chemistry II (1)
Horticultural Plant Breeding I (1)
Horticultural Plant Breeding II (1)
Molecular Plant Stress Response II (1)
Ecology and Environment II (1)
Biomolecules: Basics and Recent Developments (1)
Physiology of Horticultural Plants II (1)
Physiology of Horticultural Plants I (1)
Applied Microbiology I (1)
Applied Microbiology II (1)
Molecular Plant Nutrition (1)
Biological Macromolecules (1)

Each course from Table 2 above can only be applied for credit transfer with only one corresponding course.