

## **TKU Study Regulations**

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### **Chapter 1 – General Regulations**

#### **Article 1**

These regulations were formulated in accordance with the University Act (ROC), and the Enforcement Rules of the University Act, as well as the Degree Conferral Act and the Enforcement Rules of the Degree Conferral Act. Matters that are not covered in these Study Regulations will be handled in accordance with related laws.

#### **Article 2**

All issues to do with student status, including Student admissions, retainment of student qualifications, course selection, deferment of studies, suspension or discontinuation of studies, resumption of studies, transfer of study, inter-departmental transfers, review of student grades, and graduation will be handled in accordance with these regulations.

#### **Article 3**

To undertake an academic minor, double major, or study program at either TKU or another university, or to hold dual enrollment status, students must first gain the permission of both TKU and the other university. Regulations related to academic minors, double majors, study programs, and dual enrollment status applications are formulated separately, and have been submitted to the Ministry of Education for future reference.

#### **Article 4 (Deleted)**

### **Chapter 2 – Student Admission**

#### **Article 5**

Students who complete the open admissions process and meet one of the following criteria may undertake a TKU Bachelor Program:

1. Those who have graduated from a public or registered private senior high school or from an equivalent school, or possess equivalent educational qualifications.
2. Those who have graduated from a public or registered private vocational college (or higher), or possess equivalent educational qualifications.

### **Article 6**

Students who previously undertook studies at a public or registered private university, or at an overseas university that meets the Ministry of Education's recognition criteria; who possess a proof of studies certificate; who pass the TKU study transfer examination, and who meet one of the following criteria will be allowed to transfer into a corresponding TKU department and undertake a bachelor's degree:

1. Students who have completed one or more years of university studies.
2. Those who have graduated from university, completed compulsory military service, or are exempt from military duties.
3. Those who have graduated from or completed courses at a vocational college.

Regulations related to the transfer of study for foreign or overseas Chinese students have been formulated separately and submitted to the Ministry of Education (MOE) for approval.

### **Article 7**

Those who graduated from a public or registered private university – or from an overseas university that meets the MOE's criteria for recognition – and obtained a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or the equivalent, may be admitted into a TKU master's or PhD course after completing the TKU admissions process. Applicants whose study is sponsored by the company at which they work must submit a related certificate of proof after being admitted to a TKU master's or PhD program.

### **Article 8**

To be allowed to study, new students registering for study must submit graduation certificates and all documentary proof of graduation for review. Only applicants who have a legitimate reason and have gained the school's approval may hand in documents of proof at a later date.

### **Article 9**

Newly admitted students who are unable to start their studies as scheduled due to a serious illness, accident, pregnancy, childbirth, or to look after a child under 3 years of age, must apply to defer studies by submitting related documents of proof to the Office of Academic Affairs before the deadline for new student registration. After gaining approval, they may defer the date of commencement of studies. The maximum duration of deferment is one year, in which time they will not be required to pay tuition or any other related costs. If the delay in starting studies is due to

compulsory military service, the applicant's admission qualifications will be held until they return from the service. For military reservists, eligibility for admission will be retained for a maximum of three months after the completion of military service and subsequent deregistration.

#### **Article 10**

The student's name and date of birth should correspond to that printed on their ID card. Applicants who hand in admissions documents with personal details that do not match those on their ID card must immediately rectify the discrepancy.

#### **Article 11**

TKU bachelor students in their graduating year or master students who have completed their first or second year of graduate studies, and who have outstanding grades and show potential in the area of research, may directly apply to undertake a PhD program. To do so, they must gain recommendations from at least two faculty members (associate professor or higher) from their own department/graduate institute or a related department, graduate institute, college, or degree program and submit these recommendations for review by a committee in the department, graduate institute, college or degree program of the PhD they intend to take. After being passed in a committee meeting, the application is sent to the TKU President for approval. Once approved, the applicant may progress directly into the PhD degree for which they applied.

Other matters related to early admission into doctoral degree programs should be handled in accordance with the *TKU Regulations on Direct Admission to PhD Programs*.

### **Chapter 3 – Registration and Course Selection**

#### **Article 12**

TKU students should select their desired courses and pay the required tuition fee in the designated time frame. After doing so, they may go on to complete the student registration process. For those who gain approval to go overseas for further study, course selection and registration will be carried out by their department of study.

#### **Article 13**

New students should complete the student registration process within the designated time frame. Apart from those who gain permission to keep student status for an agreed

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period (“retainment of student status”), freshmen who are late in registering for study will have their admission status cancelled. Continuing students who do not register according to regulations – with the exception of those who apply for and gain approval for leave – will be forced to defer studies. Those who have already reached the maximum duration for deferment of studies will be expelled from study.

In the case of the above punishment – of forced deferment or expulsion – the student’s parents or legal guardians must be notified in writing, informed of related courses of remedy, and provided with possible solutions and corresponding time limits.

#### **Article 14**

Students must select courses in accordance with TKU regulations related to course selection. The *TKU Regulations on Student Course Selection*, the *TKU Regulations Regarding Inter-University Course Selection*, and the *TKU Guidelines Related to the Provision of Summer Courses* have been formulated separately. In addition, the *TKU Regulations Regarding Inter-University Course Selection* and the *TKU Guidelines Related to the Provision of Summer Courses* have been submitted to the Ministry of Education (MOE) for future reference.

#### **Article 15**

New students or transfer students entering TKU may apply to transfer credits (for courses previously passed) during the designated application period for credit transfer. The *TKU Regulations Governing the Transfer of Credits* have been outlined separately and submitted to the MOE for future reference.

Transfer students who transfer to a new TKU department and who wish to transfer credits gained from their original department must do so in the first week of commencement of classes in a new semester.

After transferring to a new academic department, students who wish to apply for an academic minor with their original department must do so in accordance with the *TKU Regulations on Students Undertaking an Academic Minor*, which has been formulated separately and submitted to the MOE for future reference.

### **Chapter 4 – Transfer of Study and Transfer of Department**

#### **Article 16**

Before the start of their second academic year, students who wish to transfer to a new

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department may apply to do so in accordance with the *TKU Regulations Related to Inter-Departmental Transfer*, which was formulated separately and submitted to the MOE for future reference.

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#### **Article 18**

Students who apply to transfer to another school must first gain permission from their parents and then submit the application for approval. After having their application approved, the student is not permitted to request to return to TKU.

#### **Article 19**

Before the start of their second academic year, Master's or PhD students may apply to transfer to a new department. The regulations governing such transfers are formulated separately and have been submitted to the MOE for future reference.

### **Chapter 5 – Deferment, Resumption of Studies, Discontinuation and Expulsion, and the Removal of Student Status**

#### **Article 20**

Students who suffer a serious illness and gain documents of proof from a doctor, or have to deal with important personal matters and gain written proof from a parent or legal guardian may apply to defer their studies (no later than the week before the final exam). The deferment will take effect after the applicant gains approval from the Dean of General Affairs.

#### **Article 21**

Approval for deferment of study may be granted for one semester, one academic year, or two academic years. Generally speaking, the maximum duration of granted deferment is two years. But students with a serious illness or other legitimate reasons may make special-case applications to extend deferment for an extra year. Those who undertake compulsory military service while deferring studies must provide a Proof of Current Military Status document and may apply for another year of deferment. As soon as they finish military service, such students must submit a Military Service Discharge Certificate and apply to resume studies.

Students who apply for deferment of study due to pregnancy, childbirth, or provision of care for a child under three years old must submit related documents of proof.

Time taken to tend to any of the above factors – compulsory military service, pregnancy, childbirth, or child-rearing (for a child under the age of three) – will not count toward time restrictions on the maximum duration of deferment.

### **Article 22**

Students who extend the number of years taken to complete their degree and who hope to undertake compulsory military service before finishing their degree must first apply for deferment of studies. If they fail to do so, their case will be treated as a failure to register for study on time.

### **Article 23**

Deferred students who wish to apply to resume studies must do so during the student registration period at the beginning of each semester by submitting their application to the Office of Academic Affairs. After gaining approval to continue their studies, applicants will return to the same department and continue from where they left off. Upon resuming studies, those who deferred studies in the middle of a semester will start from the beginning of the year (freshman, sophomore, etc.) in which they left. If, while they are away, the deferred student's original department is altered or closed, they may select an appropriate department in which to resume studies.

### **Article 24 (Deleted)**

### **Article 25**

Students who for personal reasons wish to discontinue their studies must transact such within the given semester and do so with the written permission from their parents or legal guardians. Then, after also gaining approval from the Dean of Academic Affairs, they must complete the process of deregistration at the Office of Academic Affairs.

### **Article 26**

Students in any of the following circumstances will be expelled from study:

1. Those whose qualifications do not meet the review requirements when applying for study at or for transfer of study into TKU.
2. Those who exceed the duration of time allocated for deferment of study without applying to resume study.
3. Those who receive a failing grade on their personal conduct record.
4. Those who have not completed all the courses and credit points required by their department of study to graduate within the stipulated time limit for graduation.

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5. Those whose conduct or actions warrant expulsion based on related laws or regulations, or in accordance with criteria for expulsion proposed by TKU.
6. Those who, for none of the above-stated reasons, voluntarily apply to discontinue studies.
7. Those in a situation outlined in Article 28 (below).

In each of the aforementioned circumstances, written notification should be provided to the student's parents or legal guardians, informing them of the process of recourse, and offering possible solutions and respective time constraints.

#### **Article 27**

Students who have already completed at least one semester before being expelled may apply for a Certificate of Completed Credits or Transfer of Study Certificate. Those, however, who have their study expelled because they do not meet the review requirements for entrance or transfer into TKU (see Article 26, 1., above) will not be allowed to apply for such certificates.

#### **Article 28**

Bachelor students from each department who fail half of the total credits taken in one semester and do so consecutively twice (any semester of failing half of total credits before discontinuing one's studies is considered as "consecutively") will be expelled.

The following categories of students, however, will only be expelled upon failing two-thirds of the total credits taken in one semester consecutively twice (the semesters before and after a leave of absence are deemed consecutive):: overseas Chinese students, Mainland Chinese students, foreign students, Mongolian and Tibetan students who returned from overseas to their countries of origin to pursue higher level studies, students of aboriginal descent, students who are the children of expatriates, and students who meet related MOE criteria and are recommended to the TKU Office of Physical Education based on former athletic achievements.

Disabled students or students who are taking less than ten academic credits are not bound under the above two rules.

Academic credits obtained from physical education or "all-out" defense education military training (or nursing) courses are included in the three rules above.

If there are credit hours that are not included in the calculation of the total amount of

attended credit hours, a report should be sent to the Academic Affairs Committee which after passing can then be implemented.

### **Article 29**

Master's students or PhD candidates in any of the following categories will be expelled:

1. Those who do not finish or obtain all required courses or credit points in the allotted time frame: four years for master's students; seven years for PhD candidates.
2. PhD candidates (that entered the PhD program with bachelor qualifications) who do not complete all required courses or obtain all required credits within seven years of commencing the degree program.
3. PhD candidates who fail to pass the qualification assessment twice.
4. Those who fail in their thesis and oral examination (defense) and do not qualify to retake the oral examination or, having retaken the examination, fail a second time.
5. Master's students who take PhD or master's courses and, in one single semester of their first academic year, fail all of their courses. An exception is made for those who only take one course in the semester.
6. Students who have been verified to have plagiarized or cheated in the submission of a dissertation, innovative work, exhibition, performance, or a written or technical report, for which they received a graduate degree.

### **Article 30**

Students in any of the following categories will have their student status removed:

1. Those who use fake, fraudulent, forged or altered documentary evidence of educational qualifications and professional experience.
2. Those who cheat on their entrance examination and – after having been verified to in fact have cheated – have their admissions status revoked.

Those who have their student status removed will not be eligible to receive any documentary proof of having studied at TKU.

### **Article 31**

Students who have their studies deferred, who are expelled, or who have their student status removed, may lodge an appeal with the Student Appeal Review Committee. While the result of the appeal is pending, the initial punishment issued will remain in place.

If, after lodging an appeal with TKU, the appeal is rejected, the student may –



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according to ROC law – file an official appeal or administrative lawsuit. If the originally prescribed punishment is deemed inappropriate by the Ministry of Education or an administrative court, TKU will revise the punishment accordingly.

After having their punishment revised, those who are allowed to continue their studies at TKU may carry out the re-enrollment procedure straight away. If for some reason they are unable to resume studies straight away, they must apply for deferment of study for the time they were away from school during the appeal process.

## **Chapter 6 – Examination and Grades**

### **Article 32**

TKU student class examinations are separated into the following two categories:

1. Regular tests: These are regular or intermittent in-class tests held by any individual instructor.
2. Mid-term and final exams: the schedule for mid-term and final exams is determined by the Office of Academic Affairs.

### **Article 33**

Student grades are divided into two categories: academic grades and grades for personal conduct; academic grades have three methods of recording: percentile grades, letter grades and pass or fail. Bachelor students' passing grade in the dual areas of academic and personal conduct is 60; for master's students or EMBA students, the passing academic grade is 70; a pass grade equals successful passing and a fail grade equals unsuccessful failing; a conduct grade is in a percentile form and a passing grade is 60.

The course credits of students' academic grades regardless of the assessment method mentioned in the previous paragraph will be calculated into the semester academic grades of those who fail half the total credits or those who fail two thirds the total credits. Any credits that should not be included in the calculation must be presented to and approved by an Academic Affairs committee meeting before being implemented.

A table showing equivalent grades with different methods of scoring (alphabetical grade system, percentage point scale, and Grade Point Average) is provided below:

Alphabetical Grade System	Percentage Point Scale	GPA
A	80 – 100	4
B	70 – 79	3
C	65 – 69	2
D	60 – 64	1
F	59 or below	0

The *semester average grade* is calculated by dividing the total number of credits taken in a semester by the “accumulated grades” (grades received multiplied by credits taken) received in that semester. Thus, the *overall average grade* is attained by dividing the overall number of credits earned (including credited summer courses) by the overall accumulated grade.

Students’ graduation grades are represented using the GPA system of grading. The grades obtained by Master’s students and PhD candidates when taking bachelor-level courses count toward their semester grades and graduation grades. The graduation grade is the mean total of graduate students’ GPA and the grades they received for their graduation thesis and oral examination (defense).

The GPA in students’ graduation grades is attained by calculating the product of the student’s academic credits and GPA from each course, and dividing this total by the overall number of academic credits obtained.

#### **Article 34**

After being submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs by the course instructor, students’ grades may no longer be changed. If students have doubts surrounding their semester grade, they must submit a written letter to the Office of Academic Affairs within three weeks after the grades have been posted on the internet for viewing. If a correction to the submitted grades is required, the course instructor must provide a written explanation accounting for the error, and attach the original copy of the official score book as well as any other related documents or information. The submission will be reviewed by the Office of Academic Affairs in accordance with related regulations.

The student must also submit a report in the time stipulated by the course instructor; if this step is omitted, the grades will not be amended.

### **Article 35**

If students cheat in their exams, after the act of cheating has been verified, and based on the seriousness of the situation, the student will receive the appropriate punishment, such as a recorded demerit or suspension of study, etc. An exception to this rule applies if the exam was not a scored exam.

### **Article 36**

Those who do not attend scheduled examinations will receive an exam score of zero.

### **Article 37**

Students who cannot attend class or examinations due to illness or for another legitimate personal reason must apply for leave in accordance with the *TKU Regulations Regarding Leave for Students*.

### **Article 38**

Students who do not attend class after gaining approval for leave are viewed as being “absent” from class. Those who do not attend class and have not applied for leave or have not yet had their leave application approved are viewed as “truanting” class. Regulations related to class absence and class truancy are outlined below:

1. One hour of truancy is equivalent to two hours of absence from class.
2. If a student’s class absence reaches one-third of the total class hours (in a semester) for a particular course, the course instructor will notify the Office of Academic Affairs, and the student will not be allowed to take part in the remaining course examinations and will receive a semester grade (for that course) of zero.
3. Those who, due to pregnancy, childbirth, or the rearing of a child three years of age or younger, are absent for one-third of the total hours of one course or all courses taken in one semester, will not be subject to the two preceding rules. Such students will be required to make up for the missed classes, by taking make-up tests, make-up classes, or any other such measures. Scores obtained in these make-up tests will be deemed legitimate (marks will not be deducted) despite the fact that they were taken after the scheduled test date.

### **Article 39**

Those who gain approval to go on leave during their final examinations or during the pre-graduation final exams (for graduating students) will need to take a make-up test.

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This test will be based on a standard grade of 60 points. Each mark above 60 will be deducted by 20%. The student's semester grade is obtained by combining the make-up test grade along with the rest of the course grade as calculated according to the announced grade formula in the instructor's course plan.

#### **Article 40**

The make-up test held for those who were on leave during the mid-term exam is organized by the course instructor. The make-up test for the final examinations is held according to the date indicated for make-up exams in the TKU academic calendar and is arranged by TKU as a collective, one-time examination held for all such students; a make-up exam is limited to one time only; if a student exceeds the time limit he/she cannot again apply for a make-up exam.

#### **Article 41**

The examination papers from entrance tests or transfer student examinations must be stored securely for one year to provide convenience of future reference for educational authorities.

Students' final examinations are kept for one year by TKU. All of students' grades should be recorded and kept indefinitely. Academic grades recorded by teachers are kept by TKU for six years.

#### **Article 42**

The submission of an academic thesis and oral examination (defense) by TKU master's students and PhD candidates should be carried out according to *TKU Regulations on the Examination Process for Graduate Degrees*, which is formulated separately and has been submitted to the MOE for future reference.

### **Chapter 7 – Restrictions on Duration of Study and Academic Credits**

#### **Article 43**

Apart from students from the Department of Architecture or from two-year executive bachelor programs, whose degree duration is five years and two to three years respectively, students from all other bachelor-level programs should finish their degree within four years. However, the time limit for degree completion may be extended for an extra two years. Those taking an education credit program who need additional time to complete an education internship program may submit an

application and, if approved, receive a further six-month extension on the time limit for graduation. Disabled students may extend the time limit for graduation by a maximum of four years. Students who need extra time to complete their degree due to pregnancy, childbirth, or to look after a child three years of age or younger, and who provide relevant documents of proof, may gain approval to extend the time limit for graduation by a maximum of four years. The number of academic credits required for graduation for students from each department – except for students from the Department of Architecture, who require 143 credits, and from two-year executive bachelor programs, who require 72 credits – is 128 credits. Students from Hong Kong, Macau, or overseas countries who graduated from high school in a year equivalent to the second year of senior high school in Taiwan, and from a school identical in level and form, or others who enter TKU with equivalent educational qualifications must complete an additional 16 credits within the time limit for graduation.

These 16 credits must not include credits gained from “all-out” defense education military training (or nursing) courses or physical education courses.

New students who enter TKU who have previously already graduated from a bachelor degree program must study at TKU for at least a year before graduating. New students at TKU who previously graduated from a vocational college must study at TKU for at least two years before graduating. The time limit for graduation only accounts for the length of time in which students are actually studying at TKU. Deferment of study is not included in such calculations.

#### **Article 44**

The time limit for graduation for master’s students is one to four years, with at least 24 academic credits; for EMBA students, it is two to four years, with a minimum requirement of 24 credits. The time limit for PhD candidates is two to seven years, with a minimum total requirement of 18 credits. PhD candidates who entered their PhD program directly from a bachelor or master degree must obtain a minimum of 30 credits to graduate (including up to 12 credits that may be transferred from courses taken during their master’s degree). The time limit for graduation and required academic credits for such students are equal to those for regular PhD candidates entering the PhD program in the same academic year.

On graduating, the number of academic credits obtained by master’s and EMBA students may be no more than 48; for PhD candidates, the upper limit is 45 credits.

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Academic credits obtained for degree dissertations by master's, EMBA, and PhD students, or for taking bachelor-level courses, will not be counted toward students' graduation credits.

On-the-job graduate students who register for the oral examination (defense) but who have not completed all required courses or finished their degree thesis within the time limit for graduation may extend the time limit by two years.

Master or PhD students taking an education credit program and who need additional time to complete an education internship program may submit an application and, if approved, receive a six month extension on the time limit for graduation.

Graduate students (master or PhD) who need extra time to complete their degree due to pregnancy, childbirth, or to look after a child three years of age or younger, and who provide relevant documents of proof may, after gaining approval, extend the time limit for graduation by an extra four years.

#### **Article 45**

To graduate, students from each department and graduate institute must complete all compulsory and elective credits and meet the minimum number of credits required to graduate as prescribed by their departments or graduate institutes. They must gain passing grades for all obtained credits and fulfill all other graduation requirements set by TKU or by their academic college, department, or graduate institute of study.

Tamkang University, along with each TKU college, department, and graduate institute must set its own criteria for graduation in the areas of language proficiency, information literacy, athletic ability, and overseas study, and formulate related regulations, which will be implemented after being approved in a TKU academic affairs meeting.

#### **Article 46**

Apart from students from the Lanyang Campus and the International Business English Program (Tamsui Campus), all bachelor-level students from each department in their first, second, and third years of study (and the fourth year of study, too, for Department of Architecture students) must take at least 15 and no more than 25 academic credits per semester. In their fourth year of study (fifth year for architecture students), students must take at least nine and no more than 25 credits per semester. The credit range for two-year executive bachelor degree students is a minimum of

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nine and a maximum of 20 credits per semester. Bachelor-level students who in the previous semester received an average academic grade of at least 80 (A), may in the subsequent semester take a maximum of six extra credits. Bachelor students who gain approval to undertake an academic minor, double major, or a credit program, as well as graduating students who need to take extra credits in order to graduate on time may take a maximum of six extra credits per semester.

If the number of credit hours attended in the semester are fewer than the minimum of the number of credit hours mentioned in the preceding section, they are not included in the calculation of the ranking of semester grades.

Unless gaining permission to do so, bachelor degree evening students or two-year executive bachelor degree students are not permitted to transfer to any other degree programs (daytime programs or master's, PhD programs, etc.).

Master's students and PhD candidates may take a maximum 15 credits per semester or a minimum of one course. EMBA students may take as many as 20 credits or as little as one course per semester.

Master's students or PhD candidates who gain approval to take extra credits or bachelor-level courses may take a maximum of six extra credits per semester.

All matters related to course selection must be handled in accordance with the *TKU Regulations on Student Course Selection*.

#### **Article 47**

Students with outstanding grades who meet the criteria of each of the following sections may graduate one semester or one academic year in advance:

1. Those who have obtained the total number of required credits (compulsory and elective).
2. Those whose average grades are above 80 each semester.
3. Those whose average personal conduct grade is above 80.
4. Those whose average grade in compulsory physical education and "all-out" defense education military training (or nursing) courses is over 70.

5. Those who place in the top 5% of students in their year, their department and in their class; transfer students' fulfillment of these criteria will be measured starting from when they arrive at TKU.
6. Those who fulfill all graduation requirements set forth by TKU or its colleges, departments, or graduate institutes.

When applying based on the preceding sections, those wishing to graduate in advance must submit an application to the Registration Section, Office of Academic Affairs, either in February – for those who wish to graduate one semester in advance – or in August, for those wishing to graduate one year early.

#### **Article 48**

Bachelor students from each department who reach the required number of credits for graduation one semester or one academic year before graduating, but who do not meet the above-listed criteria for early graduation, must continue to register for study. After registering, they must take at least the minimum number of credits required for students in their particular year of study.

#### **Article 49**

The credits not yet completed by graduating students must be made up or retaken in the second semester of the following academic year. Thus, in the first semester of the following academic year students are not required to register for study, but they must apply for deferment of study. Those who *do* register must take at least one course.

#### **Article 50**

After reviewing and verifying that students' grades do in fact meet the graduation criteria, and after students complete the process of deregistration, TKU will award students their graduation certificates and confer students from each department with the corresponding bachelor, master, and PhD degrees.

### **Chapter 8 – Supplementary Provisions**

#### **Article 51**

Regulations to do with students' study or status while studying overseas have been formulated separately and submitted to the MOE for future reference.



**Article 52**

The handling of student status for students of Chinese ethnicity will – except in the case where there are separately formulated laws governing the matter – be carried out in accordance with this set of regulations.

**Article 53**

Current TKU students, alumni, and students who are not currently enrolled but have not yet completed studies who wish to apply to change their name or date of birth must submit documents of identity issued by an official household registration office to the Office of Academic Affairs.

**Article 54**

Matters to do with circumstances where student accommodation needs to be integrated to assist in “discipline and guidance education” are outlined separately in the Student Handbook.

**Article 55**

Implementation guidelines for working with overseas universities to hold joint degree programs are outlined separately and have been submitted to the MOE for future reference.

**Article 56**

This set of regulations will take effect on the date of its publication after being passed in a TKU administrative affairs meeting; it will then be submitted to the MOE for future reference. The same applies to any later amendments made.