

History

When NOU was founded in 1986, common compulsory courses were planned, launched, and administered by the dean of academic affairs. In 1992, the “Common Course Department” was officially established to be in charge of all required common courses. As faculty of the common courses returned to the academic departments based on their respective specialties, the administrative duties were shifted to the “Committee for Common Course Curriculum” was formed in 2003. Then “Common Course Committee” was established to review the course plans in terms of a 10-credit compulsory courses in total for all departments in NOU.

However, the Common Course Department was abolished by the Development Committee of the University, shifting the administrative duties back to the Office of Academic Affairs in 2009.

In April 2012, NOU set up a preparatory office for the Center for General Education to achieve the purpose of the Ministry of Education’s policy of including general education as a core curriculum in universities, and to provide well-rounded education to meet the requirements of the Higher Education Evaluation and

Accreditation Council of Taiwan. Henceforth, adjustments on NOU's organization structure were made under the approval of the Ministry of Education, stated on document number 1010221410 dated Nov. 22nd of 2012, and of the Examination Yuan, stated on document number 1023689341 dated February 22nd of 2013.

In addition, "Regulations for Establishment of the Center for General Education of NOU" were passed on the Development Committee's 3rd meeting on June 26th, in 2012, and approved by the Ministry of Education, stated on document number 1020142123 dated September 25th, 2013. The Center for General Education was thus officially established.