

The Benefits of a Credit-Based System at DTU

In 2007, MOET issued 43 new regulations on how credit-based systems should be applied in Vietnam in undergraduate education. However, for various reasons, this new methodology has not been as effective as it should have been at some universities.

However, at DTU, the credit-based system has been applied since 2007 and has greatly benefited students in their studies.

Flexible timetable

In contrast to the old system, the new one allows students to choose their most suitable schedule. At the beginning of each semester, students can register their areas of specialization online. The higher their academic results in previous semesters, the more priority they are offered to choose their courses. Summer courses are also available for those who want to shorten their studies. That means it will take only 3 to 3.5 years minimum for them to graduate, depending on their ability. Another advantage is that students are encouraged to study a second major at the same time. For example, students interested in natural sciences are permitted to study social sciences and vice versa. In the final semester, students have the right to choose any specialized course that might be helpful in their future careers.



Every year, 50 DTU faculty are sent to America for training courses

Ease of changing field of study

Most students in their first year cannot decide on a major. It is a big challenge for them to graduate if they choose the wrong one. At DTU, if they want, students can switch to another major after their first year at university. Completed credits are transferred so that students will not waste a years.

Gaining a double degree at the same time

The combination of a credit-based system and second degree program is big advantage for DTU students. After completing general subjects, students may enroll in a second major without taking an entrance exam. Credits for subjects passed in the first major are all transferred at the same value to the second degree. As a result, it will take only two or three years get two degrees at the same time. Holding two degrees will be advantageous for students competing for jobs.



In 2011, first DTU students graduate under the credit-based system

Economical tuition fees

The DTU Board of Provosts offers tuition aid for students with high academic achievements. Students may register for 19 credits for each semester but only 16 credits need be paid for. Diligent students may save time and money during their studies by taking advantage of this policy.

A modern infrastructure

- + Offering a computer network with a single sign-on portal tool, online registration, an e-library, an academic forum and so on, which cost \$3 million.
- + More than 1,100 internet computers.
- + Three libraries with thousands of books, CDs & DVDs, e-books (Kindle & Nook) and numerous open study environments.
- + A series of research laboratories.

Some of the advantages that the credit-based system offers are the ease of switching majors changing or studying for a double degree thanks to the great efforts of the DTU Board of Provosts and the entire faculty with the motto “Working for Students’ Rights and Careers”.

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