



Student Sharing - Joint Bachelor's Degree Programme in Accountancy with National Taiwan University (NTU)

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I am HONG Kaiwei, a student from the 2023 cohort of the Joint Bachelor's Degree Programme in Accountancy at National Taiwan University (NTU). This is my account of my learning experience during my first semester at NTU.

By participating in this programme, I have benefitted greatly from the resources of both the universities (CityUHK and NTU) and their cities (Hong Kong and Taipei) and have experienced different teaching styles, cultures, and campus lifestyles, all of which have considerably broadened my academic horizons.

First, as a degree-seeking student at NTU, I have experienced the university's remarkable undergraduate education system. Most lecturers at NTU deliver courses in a thorough and structured manner, with course outlines designed around clear, step-by-step learning objectives. This approach has greatly helped me grasp the fundamental theories of professional knowledge. Many of the core courses, such as Intermediate Accounting, Managerial Accounting, and Auditing, are assigned 6 to 9 credits instead of the typical 3 or 6, thus providing a more in-depth understanding of the subject matter.

Second, beyond my major in accounting, I have had the opportunity to explore other fields such as economics, finance, and social sciences, which will be beneficial for my future career and academic development. Such exploration of other fields occurs not only through gateway education courses but also by taking elective courses to earn additional credits or specialize in certain areas. Moreover, the programme requires me to complete compulsory courses at NTU, such as Calculus, Statistics, and Law, which lay a solid foundation for interdisciplinary learning.

Third, studying at NTU has been an invaluable experience that aligns with what many imagine as the ideal university life. On NTU's beautiful, historic, and expansive campus, I can find many interesting activities, lectures, or seminars that enrich my knowledge and personal growth. The university also provides humanistic care and concern through its departments and colleges. Additionally, I have had the chance to join several of NTU's more than 200 student clubs, which has allowed me to develop hobbies and form lasting friendships.



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Despite these enriching experiences, the programme has posed significant challenges. The study load for this programme is heavier than that of a regular programme, as it requires students to meet the academic requirements of two universities. For instance, I need to complete challenging compulsory courses such as Calculus, Principles of Economics, and Intermediate Accounting, just like the NTU students of other regular undergraduate courses, but within the same semester. Moreover, NTU's core courses typically require five hours of weekly class time, as opposed to the standard three hours, which adds to the intensity of my schedule.

In addition, the curriculum structure often includes weekly exams or offline quizzes, which demand consistent preparation and time management. As accounting terms differ between Chinese and English and accounting principles vary across countries, I have had to put in extra effort to adapt, often relying on self-learning to bridge these gaps.