

Diverse Learning Passport System

Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University

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I. Purpose: This system has been established for the purpose of encouraging graduate students to acquire the habit of participating in academic discussions and the institute's academic activities; enhancing the depth of their questions and the breadth of their research; and inspiring them to engage in far-ranging interdisciplinary dialogue.

II. Passport recipients:

All new students (including Ph.D. students, master's students, and in-service master's students) entering the Institute of Political Science, National Sun Yat-sen University (abbreviated hereafter as "Institute"), shall be issued this passport by the Institute at the beginning of the first semester of their first academic year.

III. Passport guidelines:

1. As used by holders at the time of entrance, this passport shall be used to record participation in keynote talks, seminars, and other academic activities approved by the Institute during the holder's period of study and shall serve as a basis for review of graduation qualifications.
2. An honor-based system will be used for authentication of this passport, with holders completing entries themselves when signing into or out of activities. However, if untruthful records (or instances of late arrival/early departure without legitimate cause) are discovered through investigation or random checks, no credit shall be given for the events in question. The Institute may choose to not authenticate passports for persons who do not complete the "Key Points of the Speech" section for an activity or who do so in a superficial manner.
3. Except when an administrative assistant at the Institute accepts entered information concerning keynote talks, the text, pages/sections, and relevant records in this passport may not be added to, deleted, or altered without authorization.
4. The holder may apply to participate in his or her degree examination only after authentication of attendance at a certain number of Institute-approved academic activities, such as keynote talks or seminars, during the holder's period of study; this number shall be at least 10 for Ph.D. students, at least 10 for master's students, and at least 5 for in-service master's students.
5. Academic activities approved by the Institute, such as keynote talks and seminars, shall include the following items:

- (1) Keynote talks and seminars held by the Institute.
 - (2) Keynote talks or seminars concerning political science held within or outside of the school.
 - (3) Keynote talks or seminars held by a domestic organization engaging in political science instruction or research.
 - (4) Other academic activities approved by the Institute.
6. Passport holders must bring this passport when attending all activities held within the Institute and must personally hand it to an assistant after each activity for application of the authentication stamp and establishment of an entry; the date stamp of an activity shall serve as the authentication stamp. Students who fail to bring their passport must obtain make-up authentication procedures from the Institute office on their own initiative within no more than 3 working days after the event (not including weekends and holidays). Late requests for make-up authentication shall not be accepted.
 7. When participating in a remote online streaming talk approved by the Institute or events of this type that are not held by the Institute, passport holders shall fill out detailed information concerning key points and knowledge gained on their passports and shall also obtain make-up authentication procedures from the Institute office on their own initiative within no more than 3 working days after the talk. Holders must cooperate with random inspections conducted by the Institute office, and the Institute may refuse to authenticate or may return for rewriting any passports that do not meet the Institute standards (such as when it is impossible to determine from the text whether the holder actually listened to the talk).
 8. Holders must take good care of this passport. Holders whose passport is lost or destroyed may be charged NT\$100 to cover production costs when obtaining a replacement; for replacement passports, the authenticated information entered by administrative assistants shall prevail in the event of any disputes.

IV. The following are incentive regulations for this passport system; awards will be granted in the ceremony held within the Institute:

Superior diverse learning award: 11-15 authenticated activities: incentive payment of NT\$500

Excellent diverse learning award: 16-19 authenticated activities: incentive payment of NT\$500 and a prize

Outstanding diverse learning award: 20 or more authenticated activities: incentive payment of NT\$1,000 and a prize

V. These regulations and any revisions to them shall take effect after approval at an IPS Faculty Meeting.