Call for Applications: NCCU–UofSC Dual Degree Program

1 Eligibility

- Master's students in the College of Communication, NCCU

2 Deadline for Submitting Application Materials to the College

Term	Deadline
Fall 2026	March 20, 2026, 5:00 PM (Taipei Time)
Spring 2027	September 24, 2026, 5:00 PM (Taipei Time)

Submit application materials via email: imics@nccu.edu.tw

3 Application Materials

1. Complete the **UofSC Online Application** **(** **https://ulvis.net/sQhA** **)**
2. **Résumé**
3. **Statement of Objective**
4. **Official Academic Transcripts** (undergraduate and graduate studies)
5. **Three Recommendation Letters** (in English, submitted directly through the USC system by the referees)
6. **English Proficiency Test Score** (TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, Duolingo) – **Required for students from Taiwan**
7. **GRE** – Optional. Regardless of whether the degree was taught in English or the applicant's native language is English, submission of GRE is not mandatory.
    - If an applicant chooses to submit GRE scores as supplemental information for evaluation, the scores must be valid within the last 5 years, with a total score of 300 (Verbal 153, Quantitative 147, Analytical Writing 4.0 or above).

4 English Proficiency – Minimum Required Scores

Test	Minimum Score
TOEFL iBT	90
IELTS	6.5
PTE Academic	53

Test	Minimum Score
Duolingo	120

5 Credit Requirements & Transfer

- **MMC Master's Degree**: 36 credits (including up to 12 transferable credits from NCCU)
- **MA Master's Degree**: 32 credits (including up to 12 transferable credits from NCCU)

Item	Description	Remarks
Transferable Credits	Up to 12 credits (approx. 4 courses)	Graduate-level courses
Typical USC Transfer Courses	1st course: **JOUR 701: Research Methods in Mass Communication** 2nd course: **JOUR 702: Communication Theory** (These two courses are the most commonly transferred and have previously been considered equivalent to the research methods and communication theory courses typically taken by NCCU students in their first semester.) 3rd & 4th courses: Typically **JOUR 790: Topics in Mass Communication**, NCCU graduate-level courses are eligible. Multiple JOUR 790 credits can be applied as long as the topics differ each time.	Students must provide official NCCU transcripts with the courses they wish to transfer; transfer evaluation usually occurs shortly after arrival at UofSC.
Transfer Requirements	Graduate-level courses, taken within the last 6 years, grade B or above, and must be suitable for inclusion in the UofSC SJMC curriculum. If a course is not related to journalism and mass communication (e.g., English, History, Political Science, Psychology, Marketing), the corresponding UofSC	Language not restricted to English; each course is reviewed individually; approval cannot be guaranteed for all requests.

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	school/department must review whether it can be counted toward the MA or MMC program. For example, marketing management, consumer behavior, or marketing research courses are reviewed by the Darla Moore School of Business.	
Review Units	Each transfer course must be reviewed by the Associate Director of Graduate Studies, SJMC and the SJMC Graduate Council before submission to the Graduate School for final approval.	
Required Documents	Official NCCU Transcript	Required as evidence for credit transfer

6 Courses & Tuition

- Students must register at NCCU and pay the NCCU registration fee (tuition-free for credits)
- Students must pay USC tuition and fees (in-state rate)
- MMC Students: Comprehensive Exam + Practicum/Internship
- MA Students: 6-credit thesis course + Comprehensive Exam + Thesis Oral Defense

7 Contact Information

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