

Embedded Graduate Programs between
USC D.K. Kim International Center for Regulatory Science (USC RegSci) and NCKU BME

Time & Date: 12-14PM, Nov. 17, 2022

Venue: R. 5755, 2F, BME Building

The briefing will be led by Prof. Benson Kuo, Associate Director of International Center for Regulatory Science, University of Southern California

I . Purpose

The programs provide for eligible NCKU BME students with the opportunity to obtain either:

- A) MS + MS Track** – Two (2) Master of Science degrees within a 3-year period (minimum); a Master of Science from NCKU BME and a Master of Science from USC
- B) BS + MS Track** – One (1) Bachelor of Science degree and one (1) Master of Science degree within a five year period (minimum); a Bachelor of Science from NCKU BME and a Master of Science from USC.

II . Program Description

MS+MS Track: Current Master of Science students from NCKU BME will be selected to pursue a Master of Science degree in any major offered by USC RegSci.

This Program will require approximately one (1) year of attendance at NCKU BME. During year 1 at NCKU BME, students will apply for regular admission to a Master of Science program at USC RegSci. Successful NCKU BME applicants will be enrolled as USC students and complete online coursework required for the USC RegSci Master of Science during their year 2 at NCKU BME. This will be followed by a minimum of eight (8) months attendance at USC RegSci, on campus in Los Angeles, subject to current USC RegSci's academic and graduation requirements and individual student coursework.

BS + MS Track: Current Bachelor of Science students from NCKU BME will be selected to pursue a Master of Science degree in any major offered by USC RegSci.

This Program will require approximately three (3) years of attendance at NCKU BME. During year 3 at NCKU BME, students will apply for Early Admission to a Master of Science program at USC RegSci. Successful applicants will be enrolled as USC students and complete online coursework required for the USC RegSci Master of Science during their year 4 at NCKU BME. This will be followed by a minimum of eight (8) months attendance at USC RegSci, on campus in Los Angeles, subject to current USC RegSci academic and graduation requirements and individual student coursework.

NCKU BME Note (for both programs):

- a. Admission criteria: <https://regulatory.usc.edu/admissions>
- b. Applicants have to prepare all the necessary application materials to BME department office at least 7-8 months prior to the semester the applicants plan to apply for admission of USC RegSci (TBA). The preliminary review will be conducted by BME Scholarship Committee.

III. Curriculum and Credits

USC RegSci will not transfer credits for courses taken at NCKU BME to satisfy academic requirements of the Master of Science degree at USC.

Upon admission to USC RegSci, students will be counseled on the specific requirements necessary to satisfy the academic and graduation requirements for that student's selected major and in light of the student's specific academic history.

IV. Admission to USC RegSci

NCKU BME will give due consideration to the admissions criteria of USC RegSci and recommend three (3) to five (5) prospective students for each of the Programs based on their academic excellence, proficiency in English, and serious purpose of studying at USC RegSci. Admissions criteria will be available to school through the USC RegSci website: <https://regulatory.usc.edu/admissions/>. Candidates must meet or exceed USC RegSci admission requirements.

NCKU BME will provide a list of recommended students for admission to USC RegSci and their most recent transcripts and other qualifications at least six (6) months before the beginning of their intended academic programs at USC RegSci.

NCKU BME Note:

- a. **1)** *two letters of recommendation from professionals or professors familiar with your capabilities and achievements; 2)* *your most up-to-date resume; personal statement; 3)* *personal statement that addresses your interest in the degree*
- b. **English Proficiency:** *If your bachelor's degree was earned in a non-English speaking country and you are not a US citizen or permanent resident, you need to submit scores from an official TOEFL or IELTS.*
 - *An Internet Based TOEFL (iBT) score of 100 with no less than 20 on each sub-score; or*
 - *An IELTS of 7 with no less than 6 on each band score.*
- c. *Have completed a bachelor's degree with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0*
***USC undergraduate GPA is 3.79 in 2021*

VI. Financial Arrangements

During their study at USC RegSci, students will be responsible to USC for all USC tuition and fees set at USC RegSci while studying at USC. Also, students will be required to obtain and be responsible for international health insurance, including repatriation, and living and personal expenses. USC's Office of International Services (OIS) will be available to students to provide guidance on these issues. Students will be responsible for consular procedures and fees to obtain U.S. student visas and travel arrangements, in addition to local transportation and other incidental expenses consistent with the practices and regulations of USC. USC RegSci shall provide orientation and advice regarding accommodation and immigration. NCKU shall exempt students' tuition and fees during student's stay at USC.