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- Article 1 The Third-Life University is established to align with the Ministry of Education's promotion of multiple learning opportunities for the Strong Generation, encouraging lifelong learning, revitalizing human resources in the middle and old age, facilitating intergenerational integration, and providing preventive education for an aging society. Following the *University Act*, *Degree Conferral Act*, *Third-Life University Pilot Project*, and *Providence University Academic Regulations*, Providence University Regulations on the Third-Life University Credit Programs are stipulated (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations")
- Article 2 The calculation of the duration of study for students admitted to the Third Life University credit program will start as soon as the completion of the procedures of uploading new student information, course selection, registration, and tuition fee payment at the beginning of the semester.
- Article 3 The total number of years of study for Third Life University credit programs combined with subsequent articulation to departmental studies (including suspension) is 10 years. Students suffering from a serious illness or experiencing a special accident should submit supporting documents to apply for an extension of one academic year of study, pending approval from the university.
- Article 4 Students studying at the Third Life University should take at least two courses per semester in their freshman year, excluding the 2 credits from the *Life Preparedness 100: A Forward-Looking Core Course*. After that, students are not subject to the *Providence University Regulations on Course Enrollment's* requirement of the minimum number of credits to be studied per semester.
- Article 5 Students who complete the course selection and registration procedures within the required timeframe during the semester are considered enrolled in the university. Students who fail to complete the course selection and registration procedures within the required timeframe are deemed as being suspended for the semester, and the semester will be included in the 10-year study period until completion. Students who complete the course selection but fail to pay the tuition fees within the required timeframe are regarded as having dropped out of the university.
- Article 6 After the commencement of the semester, if a registered student who has paid the tuition fee stops studying or withdraws from the program for any reason, the refund of the tuition fee will be made per the Regulations Governing the Collection of Tuition Fees from Students by Institutions of Higher Education and the Regulations Governing the Collection of Fees from Students by Institutions of Higher Education.
- Article 7 Each course has 18 hours of class time per credit hour, and after passing the instructor's assessment at the end of the semester, the student will receive credit for that course. After completing all the credits required for each course (including the 2 credits of the mandatory core course titled "100 Core Courses for Preparing for Life" stipulated by the Ministry of Education), the student will be awarded a credit course certificate certified by the Ministry of Education. A student who completes the minimum requirement of 128 credits and meets all department graduation requirements will be conferred a bachelor's degree according to the *Providence University Degree Conferral Act*.
- Article 8 Academic performance in the Third-Life University programs will not be ranked and will

not be eligible for academic awards or scholarships at Providence University.

Article 9 Students in the Third Life University are not allowed to apply for transfer to other departments or programs during the study period; neither are they allowed to apply for enrollment in minor, double major, and other credit programs, nor exchange programs, nor exchange programs for dual degree programs.

Article 10 Suspended students who wish to return to school to continue their studies can contact the Division of Registration and Curriculum or select courses online during the course adding period for readmitted students as listed in Providence University's academic calendar.

Article 11 Upon completion of the Third-Life University credit program and successful articulation to the corresponding department of Providence University, the student's rights and obligations during the period of enrollment in the bachelor's degree program of Providence University shall be governed by the *Providence University Academic Regulations*.

Article 12 Students who have earned a Third-Life University Credit Program Certificate will be able to apply for credit waiver toward a departmental major or external departmental credits if they continue to enroll in the corresponding department at Providence University.

Article 13 Students who have taken courses at another institution and have earned a Third-Life University Credit Program Certificate may apply for credit waiver toward their subsequent enrollment in the Providence University department.

Article 14 All other matters will be handled per the *Providence University Academic Regulations* and regulations relative to Academic Affairs.

Article 15 These Regulations shall become effective upon the approval of the Academic Affairs Meeting; the same procedure applies to the amendments.

***The Chinese version of the document shall prevail in case of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the Chinese version and its English translation.**