

Appendix

Interview Questions

Interview Questions for Students

How do you make sense of the aim of the Yuanpei program, the meaning of general education? What do you think you have learned from enrolling in this program? What advantages, compared with the previous system, does the Yuanpei program have? What problems and dilemmas did you experience regarding course and major selection?

What problems have you encountered since you enrolled in the program?

How do you feel about general education courses and faculty advisors?

Have you adopted any means to solve these problems and conflicts you have encountered?

Describe the feelings you had about the Yuanpei program before, during and after enrolling in the program.

In your opinion, what are the major reasons for those conflicts or problems you mentioned?

Is there anything else you would like to share regarding your experience?

Interview Questions for Professors

Do you agree with the purpose of the Yuanpei program? Why or why not?

Why did you choose to teach general education elective courses?

To what extent do you think that you understand the program?

Why did you choose to teach general education elective courses?

Which courses have you taught for students enrolled in the Yuanpei program?

Do you teach your courses differently when you are teaching the Yuanpei-enrolled students?

What changes has the program brought to your preparation for teaching general courses?

What conflicts and problems arose in the process of the Yuanpei program?

Are there some factors that affect how these conflicts or problems evolved over the process?

Do you always talk about issues regarding the courses; have you work together with other professors to improve the course?

What are the prominent problems you and other faced during getting involved in the program?

What recommendations would you make to improve the program?

Interview Questions for Program Planners and Administrators

What were the conditions/forces that led to the decision to undertake the change?

What were the goals of the new curriculum- the Yuanpei program? What specific improvement were sought relative to the old model?

Was there a specific moment/meeting that fundamentally shape the direction of the curriculum change process?

Which Western model is the program based on?

What is the principle for designing the Yuanpei program?

How you understand general education?

What major conflicts and problems arose in the whole process?

How did these conflicts evolve over the process?

What do you think reasons for those problems emerged?

How do you face and solve some conflicts due to the double track system?

How would you describe the culture of your university?

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