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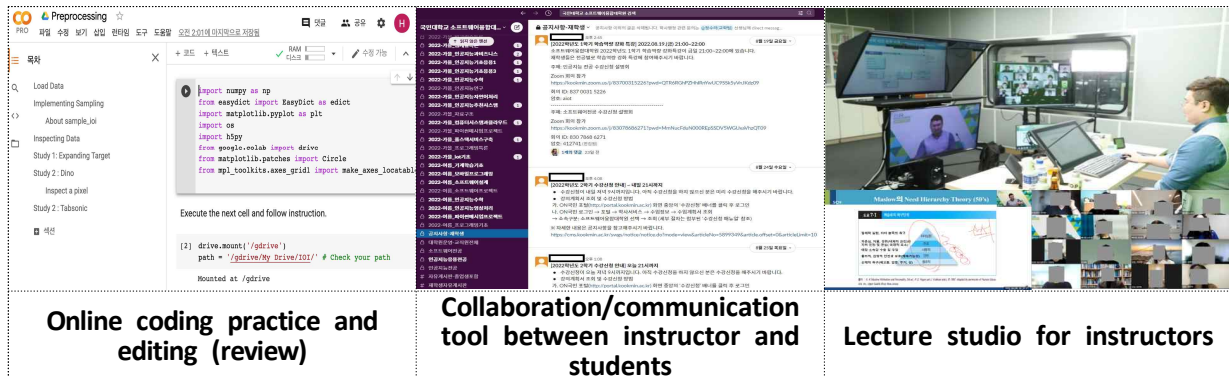
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### Revision of Accreditation System of Online Degree Courses at Non-Cyber Universities

- The Ministry of Education will revise the acquisition system of bachelor degree courses in the field of leading-edge technology to expand its scope, which will include partly revising the directives instructing the online degree courses at non-cyber universities, and to select the colleges and graduate schools that will apply the revised system in the second half of this year.
- This revision will allow non-cyber universities to operate 100% of their degree courses online under the approval of the Ministry of Education, which was first introduced in February 2021, and six colleges and seven degree courses have been approved during the first approval phase in February 2022.
- The approved non-cyber colleges have been able to conduct various experiential education classes such as online coding practices, online lectures that are very much like in-person lectures, as well as online tests that use AI technology to prevent malpractice as a means of bringing digital innovation to lectures.



○ Such lectures allow close learning support between instructors, tutors and learners, and make quality lectures and programs available. Thus, they have been well-received by students who have participated in them thanks to their flexible learning modes and swift feedback mechanism.

□ The Ministry of Education revised its directives on the online lecture operation in September 2022 to expand the scope of its operation to include 21 fields of leading-edge technologies in bachelor's degree and associate bachelor's degree courses to allow colleges to solely or jointly operate them for its broader success.

### <Online Degree Courses at Non-Cyber Universities>

	Degree Types (Present)				Degree Types (Revised)		
	Joint degree between Korean uni. and foreign uni.	Joint degree between Korean uni's	Korean uni. degree		Joint degree between Korean uni. and foreign uni.	Joint degree between Korean uni's	Korean uni. degree
(Associate) Bachelor's degree	O	X	X		O	X	X
Master's degree	O	O	O	⇒	O	O	O
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○ The aim of the revision is to expand innovation in the field of education in a preemptive manner by inducing digital innovation in leading-edge technologies and new industries that are sensitive to social and technological changes and receptive to innovation, and also by

introducing new learning tools, instruction methods and learning support mechanisms.

- It is expected that the revision will also expedite innovation in higher education by linking various ways of improving degree courses and online courses, including out-of-quota courses (e.g. courses for out-of-quota admissions such as for international students or incumbent workers), intensive courses, and employment contract-based courses.
- The Ministry of Education will also support more learners to benefit from this system by expanding the colleges that offer such courses through streamlining the approval process for colleges and improving the support and monitoring on the ground.
  - First, the bachelor's degree and master's degree courses that are under the existing directives will submit their application by November 4, which will be subject to the approval process in the second half of this year.
  - Additionally, the bachelor's degree courses in leading-edge fields that are included in the revised directives will be screened for approval in the first half of 2023 and begin their operation in the academic year 2024.
  - After the application is submitted, the screening approval committee consisting of experts from various fields such as education, engineering, humanities and social sciences will evaluate both written application and in-person interviews to screen for the quality and preparedness of the programs.
  - Only quality courses will be selected to be offered to students to allow them extensive educational opportunities and lead digital innovation in colleges via edutech-driven learning tools and unique teaching/learning strategies.
- Mr. Shin Mungyu, Director General of the University Affairs and Academic Research Policy Bureau of the Ministry of Education, said, "I believe that

the revision of the system will expedite education innovation in leading-edge fields."

- He added, "The Ministry of Education will do its utmost to fully support so that the accumulated experience and capacities of colleges will translate into digital transition in colleges."