

# The College of Social Sciences National Taiwan University







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# Finding Joy In the Pursuit of Knowledge and Truth, Home at COSS

From afar, the architecture of the NTU College of Social Sciences (COSS) resembles white mushrooms sprouting from the ground, symbolizing the growth of social science knowledge. The NTU COSS is Taiwan's most eminent social science research institution and the cradle for leading social scientists and public policy practitioners. We believe that the core values of humanities and social sciences lies in the compassion for "others" and "groups", and in the commitment to build institutions that can safeguard the dignity and wellbeing of mankind. Adhering to these values, we equip students with the skills to understand oneself, to better cope with the relations between self and communities, to communicate and coordinate, and to analyze institutions and policies. We hope that our students will become reformers and engineers for visionary, innovative social institutions.









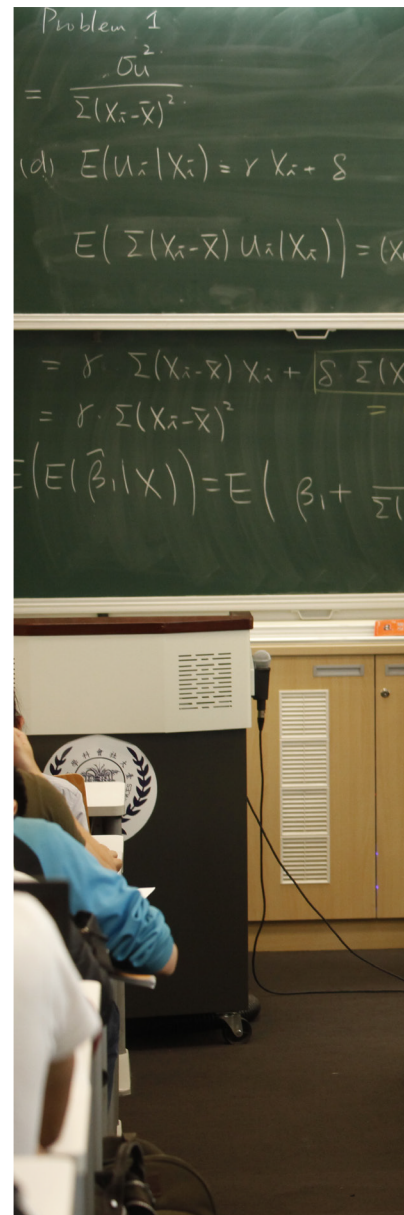
The COSS has developed a wealth of exceptional studies on local Taiwanese society and in cutting-edge areas of behavioral science. In the future, as we continue to build on our academic strengths, we seek to promote public service-oriented academic research. The College encourages our faculty to solve critical public issues, thereby fusing theory and practice, and combining research and teaching. While faculty members educate future leaders and practitioners they also provide policy solutions to the government and the society at large.

In this digital era, the COSS is also aggressively constructing databases and applying new technologies. For instance, we have leveraged Big Data, information technologies and neuroscience experiments to conduct local behavioral studies and ethnic Chinese society research. We also aim to establish a real-time information system that monitors public opinions and social changes, and provide such intelligence for policy makers.

The COSS is working on grooming interdisciplinary researchers. The College will also strengthen its recruitment of international students and scholars. We have established graduate-level exchange programs with renowned universities in Japan, Korea, China, Hong Kong, Macau and Singapore, with an aim to bridge together native research talents and the international academic community.

We also stay agile in fine-tuning the curriculum of the College's four Departments and three Graduate Institutes, so that the courses are innovative and integrated in nature, and can constantly reflect rapid global changes and response to evolving demands. Through a diverse range of inter-COSS exchanges and activities, we are aggressively strengthening inter-department, inter-college, interdisciplinary and transboundary cooperation. We are preparing cross-discipline talents who can address the increasingly complicated global issues.

Among all the academic institutions in the Chinese-speaking world, NTU enjoys an unparalleled level of academic autonomy and freedom of speech. This is our advantage to lead the academic development in the Chinese-speaking world. There is no doubt that this is the ideal opportunity for NTU COSS to celebrate its outstanding tradition and to foster new cultures.

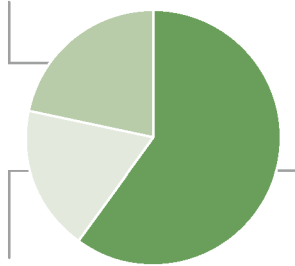


### Number of COSS Faculty Members and Students

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24 Assistant Professors

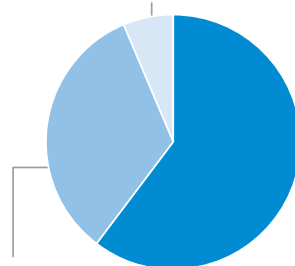
78 Professors



177 Ph.D. students

952 Master's students

1,723 Undergraduates









The NTU College of Social Sciences(COSS) strives to provide faculty and students with global opportunities that enrich research and learning. Its international affairs staff is responsible for developing academic agreements between NTU COSS and institutions abroad, recruiting international students, and organizing various international events. The list of its partner institutions is long and still increasing.

NTU COSS also promotes internationalization through course design and contributions of research centers. The East Asian Studies



Program, for example, offers courses taught entirely in English, which encourages discussions and debates on East Asian relations and comparative politics between international and local students. NTU COSS's Center for East Asia Democratic Studies leads a cross-national research team whose work has resulted in a giant database with rich research resources on democratic development in East Asian countries.

Each COSS department has its important share in the college's continued effort to expand its international network. The Department of Political Science has signed dual degree program agreements with Waseda University, Japan and Paris II Panthéon-Assas University. The Department of Sociology co-organizes annual workshops with Kyoto University and Kobe University, Japan, and Seoul National University and Yonsei University, Korea. The Department of Social Work has signed a memorandum of cooperation for summer internship with the University of Illinois at Urbane-Champaign, bringing students to field practices in social welfare organizations in the US.

The Department of Economics has endeavored to recruit international degree-seeking students and overseas scholars into its teaching faculty. The Graduate Institute of Public Affairs and the Graduate Institute of National Development take an active participation in many international academic forums. The Graduate Institute of Journalism partners Fudan University, the University of Tokyo, and the New York Times in providing students with training opportunities in various short-term programs.

Having been able to boast the fruit of its commitments in international collaborations, NTU COSS though will not stop from devoting itself to the development and strengthening of international partnerships with a goal to achieve more academic success and more importantly, to let the world see Taiwan.

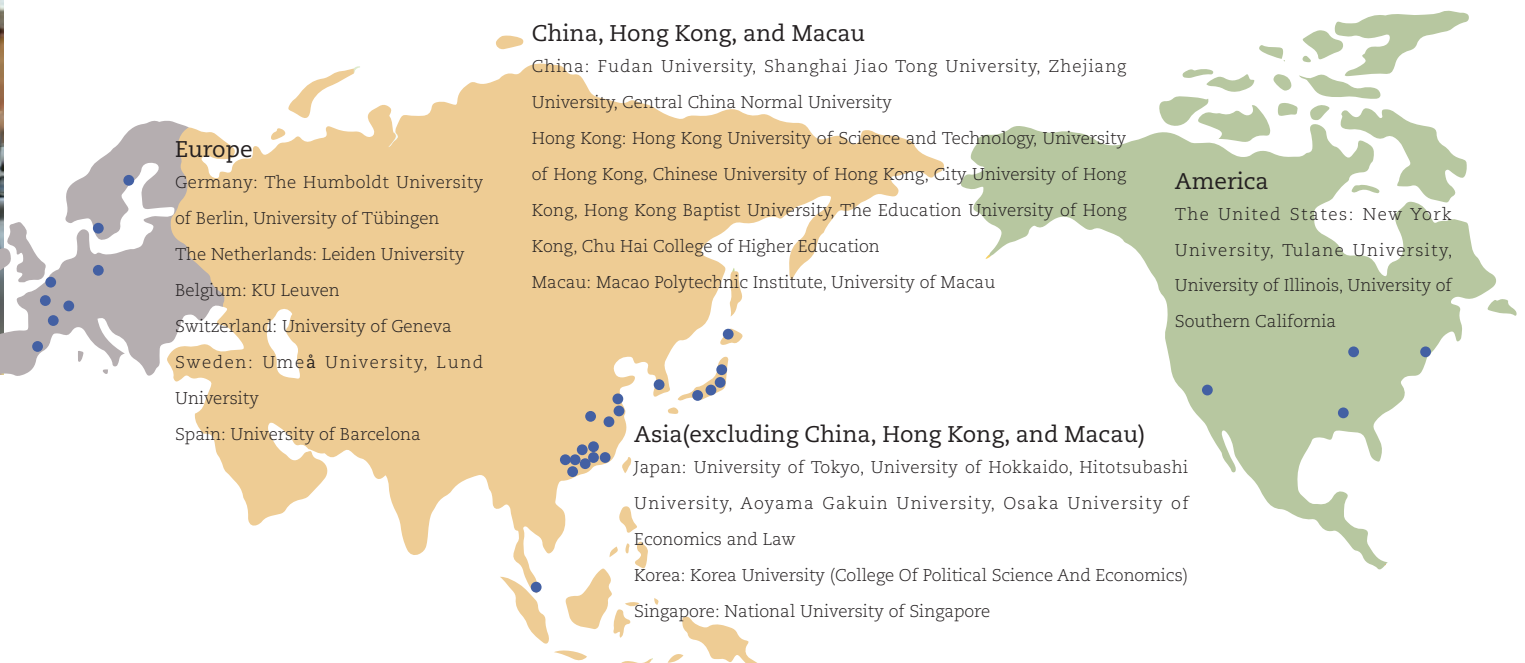






# International Collaboration

## List of International Partners





The NTU College of Social Sciences (COSS) endeavors to apply research to investigate societal issues. Via taking up real-world challenges, theories are tested and research findings are turned into policy making. In doing so, the COSS seeks to break down boundaries among academic fields and create a vibrant environment for interdisciplinary research and education.

The COSS helps to coordinate scholars from different departments to form interdisciplinary research teams. We are now running ten interdisciplinary research teams that investigate major challenges including climate change, renewable energy, inequality, and demographic changes. The project teams consist of scholars from all COSS departments, who dedicate themselves on finding solutions for complicated issues.

The same spirit is brought to the teaching and learning settings. Faculty members from different departments are working together to redesign the way knowledge is taught. Two examples can best illustrate such new approach. First is the NTU HACREATING project. This project aims to bring teachers and students to both urban and rural settings and understand how to promote well-being in community levels. Participants work in cooperation with students across departments, colleges, and universities. The project is well attended by NTU scholars from various backgrounds with similar interests, and the COSS faculty is an active part of this enthusiastic project.

Another more recent example is the NTU@Taipei program. Several COSS faculty members help to initiate and lead this interdisciplinary course innovation project that aims to break down the boundary between academy and urban setting. Teaching and learning is oriented towards taking up the challenges of Taipei metropolitan areas.

It is our mission to combine theories and practices. We commit ourselves to bring outside resources, from private and public sectors alike, into the university. Enterprises active in global settings are invited to share their first-hand experiences in the industry. We hope that, in this way, we can create stronger synergy between research findings and practical applications.

The COSS has also established six college-level research centers, which are designed to facilitate collaboration among faculty to solve major problems faced by the society. The Risk Society and Policy Research Center is exemplary in such efforts. The Center focuses on global issues and works to raise the awareness of risks associated with transboundary issues. It gathers experts from various fields to comment on current events and advocates solutions to the government and public.

Our commitment to interdisciplinary integration is not limited to curriculum design, but is also reflected in the way we develop our learning and research environment. With increasing interdisciplinary interactions and cooperation, via problem solving, we hope to foster much needed collaboration among faculty and students across various disciplines in social sciences.







# Interdisciplinary Research in Actions





With the explosion of Internet accessibility and online information sharing, the exchanged of knowledge has long crossed geographical and organizational boundaries. Studies in social sciences can no longer be confined to a single field, as most issues of social structures and economic activities now may only be resolved with interdisciplinary approaches. In order to address challenges brought forth by such changes, the NTU College of Social Sciences (COSS) has established six college-level research centers as a platform for academic collaboration among the COSS departments.

The COSS has been focusing on the integration across our departments, cultivating top-of-the-line faculty members and experts and creating a sound system for academic activities. We seek to conduct social science studies in a global context and, at the same time, understand and respond to the current challenges faced by the Taiwanese society.

Among the six research centers, the Center for East Asia Democratic Studies focuses on patterns of political and social transformations throughout Asia. The Center has teams on the field in 14 Asian countries, and is able to collect comprehensive material on East Asian studies. It is also the first academic institute in the world to extend its research efforts into Myanmar.

In response to the rise of China, the Center for China Studies targets its research in areas such as cross-Straits relations, political, economic and social changes within China, and China's role in the regional economic integration in Southeast Asia.

Apart from foreign and cross-Straits affairs, we also have a center dedicated to the Hakka community in Taiwan. The COSS Hakka Research Center advocates Hakka-related research and the establishment of Hakka Studies. With such efforts, we hope to further mutual understanding and cooperation between the communities within Taiwanese society.

The COSS considers social responsibilities to be as important as academic achievements, and seeks to produce research results that have an actual impact on government policies. The Risk Society and Policy Research Center has been educating the public about transboundary risks, aiming to form a sizable network that can facilitate social transformation in Taiwan.

The COSS research centers hold seminars and lectures from time to time in order to disseminate research results to government and private sectors. The Public Economics Research Center, for example, combines resources from different departments when discussing public economics. It also serves as a platform for information exchange between academia and industry.

As Big Data becomes the phenomenon of our age, academic activities involve more than working with pen and paper. The Center for Economic and Statistical Data Research collects and systematically organizes material from government agencies along with decades of work by the COSS faculty and scholars. The database is available for all the NTU COSS researchers.







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Hakka Research Center	2009	ntuforhakka@ntu.edu.tw
Center for East Asia Democratic Studies	2012	asianbarometer@ntu.edu.tw
Center for Economic and Statistical Data Research	2015	easylee@ntu.edu.tw





The Koo Chen-Fu Memorial Library of the NTU College of Social Sciences maintains the most comprehensive collection in social sciences among libraries in Taiwan. Designed to resemble a forest canopy, the structure features a combination of modern aesthetics and nature. During the day, as students immerse themselves in books, sunlight streams through the ceiling and illuminates the pages. At night, surrounded by a shallow pond, the building glows against its serene backdrop. Whatever the time of the day, the Library without doubt adds to the beauty of the NTU campus.



At the entrance to the Library's reading area, a plaster bust of Mr. Koo Chen-Fu overlooks the young intellectuals coming in and out like a wise elder. An excerpt from The Analects has been rendered by renowned calligrapher Tong Yang-tze and engraved on the wall, reminding fellows and scholars to stay humble and "to learn with a constant perseverance." The words capture the eye of students as they enter, and will stay in their heart for the years to come.

The Library seeks to become the hub of social sciences research in the country. Besides going green, it is also committed to providing services that address users' needs. Current library holdings number around 240,000 printed books. Among those are featured collections of over 80,000 publications on law, politics, economics and Southeast Asia studies of the Japanese colonial period. The Library also provides access to some 2.8 million electronic resources of all academic fields, which it shares with the NTU Main Library. The staff here are trained and prepared to help with different teaching and researching needs, allowing the Library to play a strong role in furthering academic success within the College.

The separate reading area on the first floor is one of the most unique sections of the structure. Its six-meter high ceiling is supported by 88 white columns designed to resemble trees. One hundred and thirty skylights of all shapes and sizes allow the sunlight in from every direction, making the readers feel as if they are reading under shade of trees. Bamboo bookshelves take up a large part of the floor. With each of them coming in a unique curve shape, searching for books in the archive becomes a pleasure of its own.

Looking out from the ceiling windows on the first floor, one sees a large lawn and then the campus. The view embodies the vision of the College, where all faculty members and students not only acquire knowledge of their subjects, but also maintain an open mind towards the world.

Here in the Library, away from all noises, students scoop from the ocean of knowledge with their spirit refreshed and motivation renewed.

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# Koo Chen-







# Fu Memorial Library





Four Departments  
Three Graduate Institutes  
The Cornerstone of COSS



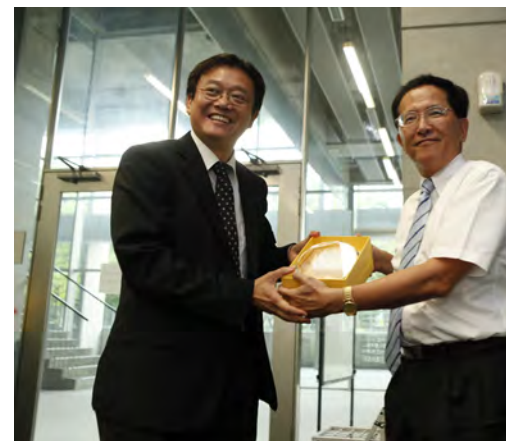




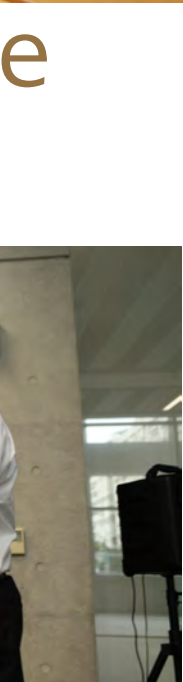
# Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science at NTU is the home of a sizeable student population on campus. It aims to cultivate students with adequate professional knowledge in political science, humanitarian consciousness, independent thinking abilities, and international visions.

The Department was founded in 1947, and now provides undergraduate, master, and doctoral programs. The undergraduate program offers both regular courses and an honor program. This curriculum design ensures that our students, in addition to acquiring basic political science training, may develop a second area of specialization that facilitates their adaptation to the ever-changing environment in the future. Likewise, the Department has kept fine-tuning and innovating the scope and content of our undergraduate and graduate courses by, for instance,









incorporating IT applications and Big Data analysis, so as to reflect the global evolutionary trends in our discipline.

The Department offers renowned degrees at the undergraduate, master and doctoral levels. The undergraduate program is divided into three divisions with separate recruitment processes: political theory/comparative politics, international relations, and public administration. The faculty members of the Division of Political Theory/Comparative Politics, who are also in charge of the Center for East Asia Democratic Studies, spearhead rigorous studies in comparative politics, democratization, and elections. They participate in the world's prominent multinational democratic surveys and database management, and have published extensively in leading international journals or through major academic outlets.

The Division of International Relations offers courses on a wide variety of theories, issues, and regions. In particular, the faculty thereof manage the operation of the EU Inter-university Research Center Alliance in Taiwan, which is headquartered in NTU. Another main area of strength is on contemporary East Asian studies and China studies. Faculty members from both the Divisions of Political Theory and of International Relations have long been playing a steering role in the Center for China Studies under the College of Social Sciences.

As for the Division of Public Administration, it is dedicated to theoretical and methodological innovations in public governance. Its faculty members established the Public Governance Research Center, which has been commissioned by the National Development Council (NDC) to execute various research projects. The Division and the Center have made significant contributions to government organizational reforms, the formulation of myriad public policies, and various public-private dialogues as well as partnership.

Another strength of the Department is the cumulative efforts and achievements in internationalization, exemplified by our pioneering dual-degree bachelor program in partnership with Japan's Waseda University. In addition, the establishment of an English-only curriculum focusing on East Asian international relations and comparative politics will pave the way for future dual-degree programs at the master and doctoral levels with potential partners of higher education institutions in Europe, North America, and other Asian countries. Moreover, the Department has formed a partnership with the Hong Kong University and Korea University to organize the Global Citizenship Summer Institute in Taiwan and Korea, which provides an excellent opportunity for students from the three nations to engage in exchanges and mutual learning.

Graduates from the Department are committed to building a better nation. Their different career paths have reflected the diversity and inclusiveness of the Taiwanese society. For decades, the Department has played a critical role in educating talents and leaders for different sectors and positions in Taiwan. Based on our past achievements, we will step up efforts to make further contributions.

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# Department of Economics

When asked to name the most useful gift they have received during their studies at the NTU Department of Economics, many of our graduates have made the same answer: the economic mind.

The concept of the economic mind was first proposed by the Chicago school of economics. It refers to the logic behind market mechanisms. To put it in simple terms, each one of us makes rational decisions based on the different situations we are in; the decisions jointly lead to a market equilibrium. We see the economic mind as something that can be achieved through training in logical reasoning. Seemingly relevant variables do not necessarily have a causal relationship. The economic mind enables our graduates to take a broader view when making decisions, whether in private life or in the public policy domain.







The primary mission of the Department of Economics is to educate students in the principles of economics, cultivating in them the ability to deduce the logical relationships between certain social phenomena. We also provide non-economics majors with a wide selection of introductory courses. The popularity of these courses is now second to none, with over 2000 students enrolled each school year. Many of our alumni are now influential leaders in industry, government, and academia.

The Department seeks to consolidate its leading position in Asia. Apart from our research efforts, we also proactively engage in international exchange and cooperation. There have been an increasing number of exchange students coming to the Department from Asian countries as well as other parts of the world. We also have scholarships in place to support local students who wish to participate in exchange programs. In recent years, we have increased the diversity of our faculty by appointing members from the US, Korea, and Germany.

Our belief in liberalism is reflected in our approach to education. We encourage students to develop independent thinking skills and to explore new areas in their own way. This not only will benefit their career growth, but also helps extend the Department's influence upon Taiwanese society.

High school students tend to find themselves puzzled when having to choose among economics, finance, and accounting, as some find it difficult to tell the difference. Compared to departments in the College of Management, the Department of Economics has a more theoretical focus. Yet management students, too, are required to take courses in economics as soon as they enter graduate-level studies. This shows that economics is the theoretical foundation of management practices.

About thirty percent of our graduates continue to pursue studies at the graduate level. More of them choose to work in industry or start their own businesses. The liberal atmosphere in the Department may seem confusing for first year students. Yet after four years in such an environment, students develop independent thinking skills and are open to all kinds of challenges: whether a business venture or an international exchange program.

As early as 1996, we adopted the tenure system from the US. Today, associate professors are required to pass an evaluation six years after their appointment to be promoted to the next rank. Research performance is one aspect of the evaluation. In order to make it easier for new faculty members to strike a balance between different duties, they are only required to teach one course each semester, mostly at the graduate level. This allows them to combine research work with teaching, thus supporting the production of quality research results.

Our faculty members and graduate students have always been active in the academic circle. For this reason, we have been able to attract many international scholars to our faculty. We also hold regular seminars and forums to facilitate the exchange of research ideas among participating countries. We are now working together with the City University of Hong Kong to publish SSCI-rated journals, including *Pacific Economic Review* and *Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics*.



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# Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology at National Taiwan University holds a profound commitment to social equality and distribution justice, and instills these core values throughout the Department's solid theoretical and empirical trainings. Anchored by the traditions of critical inquiry and solving problems, our faculty and students have never been absent in the social movements fighting against inequality and the abuse of power.

The Department encourages students to have the courage to voice opinions that may differ from the mainstream perspective. Students are trained with the ability to critically inquire and challenge about the existing social norms and institutions, and to further explore various possibilities for a better society. Such critical thinking is indispensable for innovations and creativity in virtually all aspects of occupations and jobs.







The Department of Sociology consists of undergraduate, master and doctoral programs. The undergraduate study focuses on sociology theories, research methods, and subfields of social and cultural life. The goal is to train students to apply this basic knowledge to understanding daily lives and social phenomenon. The graduate programs equip students with professional skills and knowledge, so that they can independently collect data and analyze issues. All graduates of our Department are trained to develop independent, critical thinking as well as social and cultural analytical skills.

With the proliferation of Internet and mobile applications, sociological researchers also study the influence of technology on our societies. As more and more knowledge rely upon Big Data, the most important thing is how to interpret the results from data-mining about how human interact, behave, or even think. By studying sociological knowledge, we believe that we help to supply much-needed perspectives. Currently, many communication-related businesses have high demand for talents with sociological expertise, training, and most importantly, perspectives to facilitate ways of understanding of huge amount of information. More graduates from sociology major are expected to enter this new and exciting field.

The impact of Department of Sociology is not limited to those taking it as major. It is estimated that a quarter of NTU students have at least taken Introduction to Sociology, before leaving school. This is designed to inspire students from various major to be endowed with basic skills in social analysis. According to our graduate career survey, half of our students work in the government or non-profit sectors. A quarter of our students work in cultural and mass communications-related industries. Another quarter of our students work in industries that require the sociology training and skills, particularly the market research sectors and human resource departments. Some NTU Sociology Ph.D. graduates become the faculty or researchers in prominent universities and research institutions.

As a department in a public university, the Department of Sociology encourages our students to be aspired to advance the society's general well-being, to have concerns for public interest, and to promote social consensus.

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# Department of Social Work

The general public's impression of the Department of Social Work is often limited to its function in training compassionate social workers. Yet the Department of Social Work at National Taiwan University takes a step further. Our educational objective is to cultivate students with high sensitivity to the society's needs, who can leverage their professional skills and knowledge to realize social justice. We strive to accomplish these goals through various approaches, focusing on both theoretical research and practical involvement to address the wide range of challenges facing the underprivileged in our society.

The Department positions itself as “doers” – caring about the disadvantaged is insufficient, and one has to roll up the sleeves and work with them to solve







the problems. Therefore, the Department prioritizes student empowerment to develop their capabilities of taking action and implementing solutions on the ground. We believe that “wherever the needs are, there will be social workers.” Through concrete action, we want to help solve social problems and realize social justice. Since our inception, we have trained a large number of social workers and social work practitioners, and we pride ourselves for our contribution to the social welfare development in Taiwan.

The Department was originally the Division of Social Work under the Department of Sociology, and we officially became a separate program responsible for our own recruitment in 1981. Finally, in 2002, the Department of Social Work was established and the core mission aims at grooming social work practitioners through our undergraduate and graduate programs.

Our undergraduate program focuses on theoretical and practical training, so that the students not only learn fundamental knowledge about social work, but also gain the relevant hands-on training that can closely meet the needs of the society. All graduates must complete at least 400 hours of internship. Our master program is centered on advanced professional training, in the fields of social welfare administration, research and practice. The Ph.D. program bears the mission in training advanced social work and social welfare scholars, teachers and researchers.

To expand the international exposure of our students, the Department has established cooperation agreements with many acclaimed social work schools abroad. We have also initiated a summer internship program with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in which we select top undergraduate and graduate students to work in local U.S. institutions through a rigorous screening system. These students acquire social work knowledge, and also learn about local cultures and welfare systems. All our Ph.D. students are also required to conduct short-term research studies in overseas academic institutions so as to foster global perspectives.

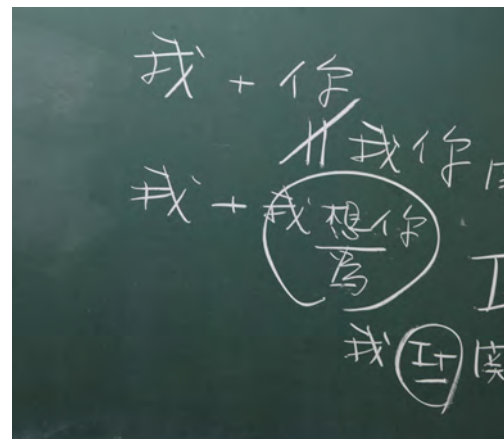
In addition to cultivating professional skills, the Department's educational philosophy also strongly encourages the students to explore their interests. We train them in teamwork and problem-solving skills and in developing altruism, empathy, and social sensitivity, which are transferable to any profession they might take on in the future.

The Department of Social Work plays an indispensable role in the social work field in Taiwan. Our graduates become frontline social workers who help solve the most imminent problems at the grass-root level. Many of our graduates also work in the academic and government sectors to tackle the root causes of many social problems, including numerous high-level political appointees and leaders who shoulder the development of the nation's welfare policies. Together we are dedicated to fostering and shaping a Taiwanese society that is genuinely supportive of the lives of the underprivileged.

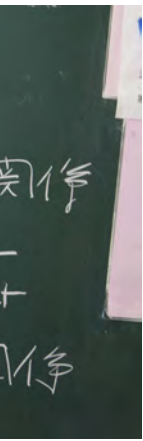
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Step into the Graduate Institute of National Development, and you may come across graduate students listening to rock music and studying in their research rooms, while others are quietly working in front of their computer screens. Our students hail from diverse backgrounds and professions. In addition to students from social science disciplines, our Executive Master's program attracts students who are serving as government officials, legislators, media professionals, as well as doctors and teachers, and together they contribute their interdisciplinary knowledge.

Unaffected by the low fertility trend, our Institute has been experiencing a growth in our master program recruitment, in particular, our Executive Master's program is even more popular than the rest. In addition to equipping students with fundamental knowledge about national development and policy-making, the Institute also cultivates our students' understanding and commitment for Taiwan's political, economic, social and national identity development.

The Institute's curriculum is streamlined into four major teaching programs, namely Contemporary Taiwan, Mainland China and Cross-Strait Relations, East Asian Cultures and Thoughts, and Globalization and Development. These four teaching programs resemble four concentric circles that describe our core missions: build a foundation in Taiwan, engage across the Strait, navigate across the East Asian region, and develop global perspectives.

Unlike other graduate institutes in political science, economics, sociology or law, the Institute encompasses numerous research disciplines and employs a practical, hands-on approach that inspires our students to tackle the most timely and relevant issues facing the nation. Through interdisciplinary knowledge integration, the Institute aims to groom students with essential skills in exploring a nation's development. The Institute also strives to strengthen our students' ability in formulating in-depth analysis on various social problems. As a result of this systematic training, many of our graduates work in high-level positions among a wide variety of sectors.

The Institute's core mission is teaching and research. All 24 faculty members, who are leading experts in their own fields, offer students with professional knowledge and skills. In particular, the doctoral students undergo rigorous academic training. In addition to publishing journal articles, they are required to take at least one course outside of the Institute to cultivate their interdisciplinary understanding.

In terms of international exchanges, our Institute engages in annual academic exchanges and visits to different countries. In addition to visiting globally renowned higher education institutions, we have also held exchanges and panel discussions with government agencies, such as congresses in Mongolia and Greece and city governments in Japan and Vietnam. It is important for us to travel to different countries in person to learn about their sociopolitical and economic development. This not only compliments with our research, but also offers many useful lessons for us to bring back to Taiwan.

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## Graduate Institute of National Development







# Institute of Development



The Graduate Institute of Journalism is the first and only advanced institution dedicated to cultivating journalism professionals in Taiwan.

The Institute is committed to safeguarding classic journalism values while also staying abreast with technological advancement. Our mission is to nurture journalism professionals and advance the development of journalism and mass communications. From the very first day in our program, our students learn all about the skills and knowledge in becoming a top journalist, including the application of different media tools.

Established in 1991, the Institute abides by the educational principle of “learning by doing.” Through the design of small classes, individual discussions, and group works, students learn about reporting and writing, in-depth reporting, journalism photography, as well as other practical skills. We also hold a residence program for distinguished journalists, through which we recruit journalists from Taiwan and abroad to come and give lectures or hold workshops. We also invite practitioners of journalism to engage in productive, face-to-face dialogues with our students and share their work experiences.

Meanwhile, we understand how journalism is largely affected by today’s market competition and technological changes, so we encourage our students to conduct journalism research and learn to become independent, critical thinkers.

Focusing both on journalism practices and theories, we encourage our students to participate in public affairs. The Institute provides freedom for students to learn and be critical, and strongly encourages independent creativity. For instance, our students formed an “E-forum” reporting team during the Sunflower Movement to provide real-time newsfeeds through the aid of new media, and garnered much acclaim from the general public.

As a professional school, our students of different disciplines come with a variety of skillsets and interests. They offer diverse perspectives and help shape the culture of our Institute. Students constantly engage in meaningful debates with each other and work together towards the goal of becoming the best and most dedicated journalists. This is especially crucial in today’s era, where the analysis and reporting of complicated social issues often require cross-disciplinary knowledge. We train our students to communicate and cooperate across disciplines, and make sure they have the necessary crafts and skills to address this rising challenge.

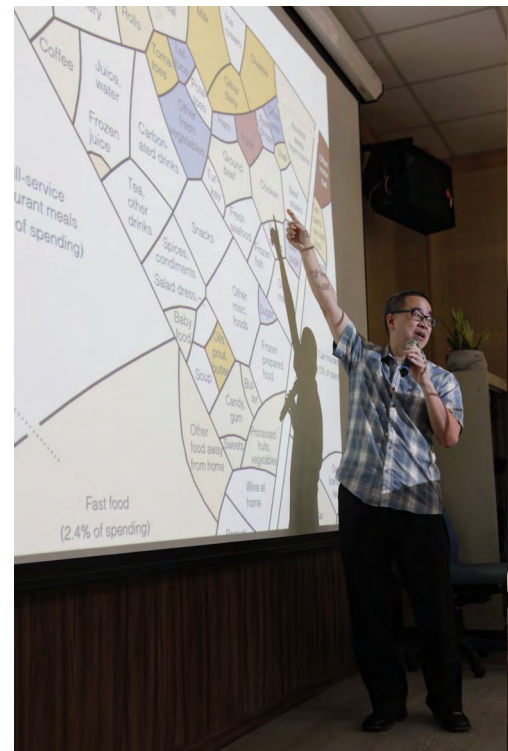
To prepare our students for the ever-changing digital media landscape, we have also worked very hard in recent years to equip our students with new media techniques and skills so that they will be able to thrive in the face of the electronic world.

We at the Graduate Institute of Journalism believe that, while many values and ethics in journalism shall remain unchanged, we also need to respond to the technological changes of the 21st century. We are deeply committed to educating journalism professionals and practitioners of the highest standards who can contribute to the advancement of media in Taiwan.

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# Institute of Journalism



In response to the contemporary development in the area of public affairs, the Division of Public Administration of the Department of Political Science elevated its master's program into the Graduate Institute of Public Affairs in 2014. Our Institute aims to foster deeper interests in public affairs among the younger generation and to engage the world with critical public policy challenges.

Due to globalization, the field of public affairs has expanded significantly, extending beyond its traditional scope on the government sector to the broader domain of professional management. Contemporary studies of public affairs cover topics including the collaboration between governments and non-profit organizations, public-private partnership, government outsourcing as well as other diverse governance models. As public affairs research becomes increasingly more interdisciplinary, our Institute offers a more inclusive, dynamic education and is no longer limited to political science studies.

With this background, the Graduate Institute of Public Affairs adheres to the mission of enabling students to develop skills in public administration and interdisciplinary integration. Our Master of Public Management program prepares students for the highly competitive and rapidly changing global society.

We constantly remind our students to maintain objectivity and rationality, and we also emphasize the importance of empirical research and data analysis, so that they can develop effective policy solutions. The Institute also requires the students to develop a serious concern for public affairs and foster their idealism as well.

Our faculty members all hold Ph.Ds. in Public Affairs (including Public Policy and Public Administration), but they also hail from a wide range of disciplines, including political science, chemistry, finance, and information science. Together, our faculty offers broad perspectives and areas of expertise, a key feature that distinguishes us from others.

We continue the fundamental research on policy planning and evaluation, as well as government budgeting and public finance. We also devote resources to studying environmental policy, human resource management, and local governance. In the face of the digital age, the Institute has also recruited multiple experts to study the issues of science and technology policy, and digital governance.

In addition to addressing public issues in Taiwan, the Institute is committed to studying global public affairs. We have established cooperation mechanisms and take turns in hosting public affairs forums with the Australian National University, City University of Hong Kong, Fudan University in Shanghai, Sun Yat-sen University in Guangdong, Renmin University of China, and Zhejiang University.

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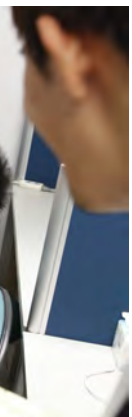
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