

# College of International Studies and Social Sciences



## About CISS

The College of International Studies and Social Sciences (CISS) was founded in 2014. There are two departments (Chinese as a Second Language and East Asian Studies) offering BA/MA/PhD degrees and four graduate institutes (Mass Communication, International Human Resource Development, Social Work, and European Cultures and Tourism) offering MA degrees. CISS has 66 full-time faculty members and around 1300 students as of Spring 2023.

## Our Mission: Global Outlook and Local Practices

The tidal force of globalization has pushed Taiwan into a pivotal position within the East Asia region. Riding the tide of globalization, the College of International Studies and Social Sciences offers our students a chance to cultivate vital global outlooks and local practices.

## Our Goal: Developing Multilingual and Multicultural Competences

Foreign students at the College form a quarter of the entire student body, as well as half of all of the foreign students at NTNU. Our College aims to provide students with global outlooks and local practices. Global outlook entails multilingual and multicultural competences, which can be defined by the World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages and identified by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages as the 5Cs (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities).

Abundant Chinese language and cultural courses and curriculums in political science, economics, global management, as well as opportunities for social practice are available for foreign students at the College. We appreciate their presence because they are essential to building an environment in which global/international perspectives can be had. Various foreign language courses are also available for our local students, including English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Korean and Russian. We also offer opportunities for various scholarships, exchange program, short-term studies, etc.

Through courses characterized by a global outlook, our students can broaden their knowledge base. Furthermore, through internship activities characterized by local practices, we strengthen the connection between Taiwan and the world in order to help our students to become international professionals possessing global competences.

## Our Courses

CISS offers programs and courses in several fields: Chinese as a second language, East Asian cultural and political-economic studies, European culture and tourism, social work, mass communication, and international human resource development. We also offer English-taught courses in the areas of foreign language learning, skill development, professional application and regional knowledge, e.g. Introduction of Intercultural Competence, Special Topics on Outstanding English Scholarship on Chinese Studies, Qualitative Research, Advanced Social Statistics, etc. In addition, all courses in the Graduate Institute of International Human Resource Development are taught in English.