

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, four graduate institutes (Mass Communication, International Human Resource Development, Social Work, and European Cultures and Tourism) offering MA degrees, and an undergraduate program (Global Studies) offering a BA degree. Approximately 70 full-time faculty members teach in CISS, and 1400 students study here each year.

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, CISS offers our students a chance to cultivate vital global outlooks and local practices.

Our Goal: To Develop Plurilingual and Pluricultural Competences

International students at CISS form a quarter of the entire student body, as well as half of all of the international students at NTNU. CISS aims to provide students with global outlooks and local practices. Global outlook entails plurilingual and pluricultural 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 international students at CISS. We appreciate their presence because they help to co-construct the global/international perspective that all of our students (international and local) need. 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, international human resource development, and global studies. The Program of Global Studies combines all relevant subjects of CISS. We also offer English-taught courses in the areas of skill development, professional application, and regional knowledge. In addition, all courses in the Graduate Institute of International Human Resource Development and the Program of Global Studies are taught in English.