**International Master’s Program on Taiwan and Asia-Pacific Studies at Tamkang University, Taiwan**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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We have received numerous questions about the International Master’s Program on Taiwan and Asia-Pacific Studies. To allow those making inquiries better understand our program, we have collected together some **FAQs** that can facilitate and inform those interested in coming to Taiwan to live and study in a unique and exciting Asian environment.

**Q1: How many credits should I complete in this international master’s program?**

A1: You are required to complete only 24 credits and write a reasonably sized master thesis in English. Most classes are offered with 2 credits.

**Q2: Am I eligible to apply this program?**

A2: As long as you have earned a college degree or are currently in your last semester at college, you can submit your application along with other required documents.

**Q3: How long will it take to study in this program?**

A3: For those seeking to finish in the shortest time, the required 24 credits can be accomplished in ONE year.. There is no qualifying exams required before the thesis is commenced. You can then spend additional six months to one year to finish your master thesis and oral defense. You are expected to complete a reasonably sized master thesis of roughly 50 pages. The duration of your study should be less than TWO years.

**Q4: What is the official language in this program because I do not speak Chinese?**

A4: This program is an English program, so English will be the language used in every course. You may also take the advantage of the school's classes and facilities to to learn Mandarin Chinese (Traditional Chinese) while studying on campus, although these credits will not be credited for your degree.

**Q5: How much does the tuition cost to study in this program?**

A5: The tuition at Tamkang University (TKU) costs approximately 50,000 New Taiwanese Dollars (USD 1,700) per semester. Thus, for an academic year you will spend less than NTD 100,000 (USD 3,500). This is very competitive in comparison with other institutes in the United States.

**Q6: Can I apply for scholarship from this program?**

A6: Yes. You can either apply for 1) “Taiwan Scholarship” offered by the government agencies of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to receive NTD 30,000 (USD 1,000) for two years, 2) “TKU Entrance Scholarships for Overseas Students” to receive full tuition scholarship up to two years or 3) “The Outstanding Foreign Student Scholarship and Financial Aid Scholarship.”

**Q7: Do I have any safety concern to study in Taiwan?**

A7: Taiwan is one of the safest and the earliest democratic countries in Asia. Tamkang University’s campus has been certified by the United Nations’ World Health Organization (WHO) as Safe University.