Our program is located in eastern Taiwan, home to many of Taiwan’s indigenous Austronesian peoples. It emphasizes building partnerships with local communities and promotes innovative pedagogical practices grounded in local epistemology. Drawing on social sciences and the humanities the department is interdisciplinary in nature, involving anthropology, sociology, history, culture studies and the arts, with a focus on indigenous peoples. Our department offers a variety of courses and subjects concerned with ethnic relations and cultures, including courses on art, education, religion, economics, exhibition studies, social policy, gender and other related topics. These courses are designed to help students preserve Taiwan’s diverse cultural heritage and promote social development in their own communities. We encourage students and researchers to work closely with indigenous communities and non-profit organizations to help foster sustainable development practices.

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