



How to Apply

Application period:

For the spring semester

From September 1st to October 31st

For the fall semester

From December 29th to March 29th

Online International Application System

(no application fee)

<http://english.ntpu.edu.tw/files/11-1003-336.php>

The International Program on Urban Governance :

Building the Cities of Tomorrow

Modern cities around the world are increasingly complex and chaotic. As urban populations grow, city governments are faced with a host of associated challenges, from traffic jams to rising crime rates. These problems, in turn, can hamper private investments, thus impeding economic development, decreasing tax revenues, and leading to still other challenges, from decaying infrastructure to troubled school systems.

So, how can city governments cope with these challenges? Collaborative efforts with other layers of government, non-profits, and private organizations are one part of the answer, but the complexity of the problems faced by modern cities also requires that they be managed from a multidisciplinary perspective, which is where the International Program on Urban Governance (IPUG) comes in.

Required documents

- 1 Application form
- 2 Study plan
- 3 A copy of your bachelor's degree (diploma)
- 4 Your undergraduate transcripts
- 5 Certificate(s) of English language proficiency (such as a TOEFL score, IELTS score, or equivalent proof of English language proficiency for non-English native speakers)
- 6 Three letters of recommendation
- 7 Financial statement
- 8 A copy of your passport (main page)
- 9 GRE score (optional)



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Program Overview

The IPUG is specifically designed to provide students with opportunities to receive training in a variety of public affairs disciplines. This multidisciplinary approach gives students precisely the wide breadth of knowledge they need to solve the complex challenges of city governance. What's more, the IPUG also offers the following additional advantages :

1 A university with a strong reputation

National Taipei University has a long and storied tradition of educating and developing high-level professionals in the fields of law, business, public administration, and social sciences. According to Global Views Monthly, in fact, NTPU was ranked 10th among 101 universities in Taiwan in the areas of law, business, politics, and humanities. Relatedly, NTPU's strong reputation has made the university well-known around the world, with the Times Higher Education Young University Rankings for 2018 ranking NTPU among the top 201-250 schools.

2 Located in the Taipei metropolitan area

Taipei is the capital of Taiwan and is regarded as the economic, political, and cultural center of the nation. With one of the cleanest and most efficient subway systems in the world, Taipei is also one of the safest and friendliest cities in East Asia. In the 2018 GaWC (world) City Classifications, Taipei was classified as a first-tier city, the same designation given to Melbourne, Milan, Chicago, Toronto, and Seoul, among other great cities of the worlds. In addition, Taipei is widely regarded as one of the world's best cities for international students, ranking 20th in the 2018 QS Best Student Cities Rankings of best cities in which to study abroad.

3 Distinguished faculty members and courses taught entirely in English

A pioneering program in the field of urban management, the IPUG is the premier urban management studies program in Taiwan. All the courses in the program are taught in English and utilize creative teaching methods such as field studies, demonstrations, and workshops to facilitate student engagement. Moreover, all of the program's faculty members earned their own doctorate degrees from prestigious universities around the world (e.g., the University of Cambridge, the University of Washington, etc.), links which provide IPUG students with ample opportunities to establish international connections.

4 Multinational cultural exchanges and networking

The students currently enrolled in the IPUG come from all around the world and thus provide an intellectual and cultural mix of incomparable diversity. As such, IPUG students are also provided with opportunities to take part in international exchanges and establish cross-domain networks with fellow students from a wide range of cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds, offering experiences that only further enhance their future workplace competitiveness.

What Will You Be Studying?

Core courses

- Theory and Practice of Governance
- Research Methodology
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Independent Study

Selected elective courses

- Topics in Urban Public Finance
- Seminar in Housing Policies
- Urban Planning and Public Health
- Principles and Applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Seminar on Disaster Management
- Qualitative Data Analysis

Career Opportunities

City managers / urban planners

The IPUG provides students with training ideally suited for work as a city manager. A recent search of the Indeed Career Search Engine showed listings for more than 14,000 urban management jobs, and according to PayScale.com, the median pay for a city manager is 86,948 US dollars per year.

Researchers

IPUG graduates can find research and analyst positions at government agencies, private consultancies, and think tanks.

Professors

After completing the master's degree, IPUG graduates can also work as lecturers or professors in universities. Moreover, those students who plan to obtain a Ph.D. in urban management or another discipline will be well prepared by the IPUG experience for their further scholarly pursuits.

Financial Aid Options

Scholarships

NTPU offers scholarships in varying amounts to students admitted to the IPUG. These scholarship awards cover tuition fees, credit fees, and other living costs.

Internships

The IPUG also assists students in finding paid internships offered by governments or private companies.

Assistantships

Graduate student assistantship (GA), teaching assistantship (TA), and research assistantship (RA) opportunities are likewise available to qualified students.

Tuition and fee waivers

Students can also apply for exemptions or partial reductions of tuition or credit fees.