

## Monitoring Educational Standards at Taiwanese Universities

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Toward the end of the 20th century, university numbers grew sharply as higher education became subject to the forces of the marketplace.

Competition between universities around the world is now intense. In this highly-competitive educational atmosphere, it is crucial that universities maintain high educational standards. To monitor these standards, eight years ago TKU commissioned Dr. Angela Hou, the Director of the Faculty Development and Instructional Resources Center at Fu Jen University, to research, rate, and rank the academic vital signs of every college and university in Taiwan. Two additional items were added to this year's analysis: student's class attendance and rate of graduation.

The results showed that TKU improved from its previous year's performance, with an overall placing of 32nd out of the 97 comprehensive universities evaluated. In terms of academic reputation, TKU ranked 20th. It came 3rd in the category "student registration numbers" and 7th in the category "proportion of foreign teachers employed". Dr. Hou observed that internationalization is still TKU's most notable strength. Marked improvements have also been exhibited in the quality of TKU's teaching staff.

However, Dr. Hou added, to obtain an even higher placing in the future, TKU may start by placing a stronger emphasis on research findings, adjusting the current proportion of undergraduate and postgraduate students, and enhancing teaching-based and general financial resources.

平均值之上指標	原始資料	名次	全體平均
學術聲譽	3.45	20	2.79
博、碩士班研究生人數比	0.14	25	0.10
助理教授以上職級之專任教師比例	0.91	22	0.80
具有博士學位教師比例	0.83	25	0.70
專任教師SSCI平均篇數(篇/人)	0.062	28	0.06
大學部註冊率	99.32	3	92.63
外籍學生比例(%)	2.44	24	1.51
外籍專任教師比例(%)	5.94	7	2.25
平均值之下指標	原始資料	名次	全體平均
研究生人數比例	0.17	49	0.22
專任教師比例	0.50	59	0.53
師生比	0.03	85	0.04
平均每位學生單位成本(千元)	125.31	72	203.27
專任教師SCI平均篇數(篇/人)	0.42	39	0.54
每位專任教師國科會專題研究計畫之平均經費(百萬)	0.15	41	0.20
每位專任教師國科會專題研究計畫之平均件數	0.23	38	0.24
學生畢業率	79.48	75	84.59