

## **ANNEX A**

# **Suggested Academic Coursework for Fachhochschule Potsdam – TAIPEI TECH Double Degree Master Program**

### **Conversion of Taiwanese Credits to European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) points**

In order to ensure a smooth credit transfer among the different educational institutions with different educational credit systems, the following arrangements are agreed upon:

- 1. Both parties agreed to compare and convert the different educational credits against the respective workload of the courses. Workload is defined as sum of semester week hours within and outside the classroom (class preparation and research component) multiplied with the amount of weeks per semester.**
- 2. Both parties respect the decision regarding the respective course-based workload of the partner institutions.**
- 3. Both parties are entitled to change the workload of the respective courses but agree to inform the partner accordingly in advance in order to see if new arrangements are necessary.**

### **Workload:**

The ECTS calculation is derived from the combined hours of the time of attendance in classroom and self-study for each course throughout the semester. At Fachhochschule Potsdam, one semester spans 15 weeks, and 30 hours of workload correspond to 1 ECTS point.

Currently, TAIPEI TECH calculates a workload of 3 credit hours (in the classroom) and approximately 7 Semester Week Hours (SWH) for a standard course with 3 Taiwanese educational credits. Considering an average semester duration of 18 weeks, this results in a total workload of 180 hours per semester, equivalent to 6 ECTS points. Consequently, 1 Taiwanese educational credit is converted to 2 ECTS points.

### **Decision:**

The following ECTS calculation of Taipei TECH courses will be applied:

- 1. 1 Taiwanese educational credit equal 2 ECTS points.**
- 2. The thesis is co-supervised by a professor at TAIPEI TECH and a professor at Fachhochschule Potsdam. Because of the ongoing collaboration between faculty members from both institutions, regardless of where students are physically located, upon completion, Fachhochschule Potsdam and TAIPEI TECH will acknowledge the earned credits accordingly.**

1) Concurrent master's degree – Fachhochschule Potsdam Design and TAIPEI TECH Interaction Design

TAIPEI TECH	Fachhochschule Potsdam
<b>First Semester</b>	<b>First Semester</b>
Special Topics on Interactive Media Design I 2 Cr.	Thesis Development I <i>5 ECTS</i>
Introduction of Interaction Design 1 Cr.	Reading Group <i>5 ECTS</i>
Research Methods I 1 Cr.	Studio X – Extended <i>10 ECTS</i>
Electives 9 Cr.	Electives <i>10 ECTS</i>
<b>Second Semester</b>	<b>Second Semester</b>
Special Topics on Interactive Media Design II 2 Cr.	Studio X – Extended <i>10 ECTS</i>
Research Methods II 1 Cr.	Design Leadership <i>5 ECTS</i>
	Interdisciplinary Futures <i>5 ECTS</i>
Electives 10 Cr.	Electives <i>10 ECTS</i>
<b>Third Semester</b>	<b>Third Semester</b>
Thesis 3 Cr.	Teaching Experience <i>5 ECTS</i>
	Thesis Development II <i>5 ECTS</i>
	Studio Z – Zoom <i>10 ECTS</i>
Electives 4 Cr.	Electives <i>10 ECTS</i>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>	<b>Fourth Semester</b>
Thesis 3 Cr.	Master's Thesis <i>30 ECTS</i>
<b>Graduation requirement:</b> <b>30 course credits + Thesis (6 credits)</b>	<b>Graduation requirement:</b> <b>90 course ECTS + Master's Thesis (30 ECTS)</b>

## 2) Typical Study Plans

<b>At TAIPEI TECH</b>
<b>First Semester</b>
Special Topics on Interactive Media Design I 2 Cr. (4 ECTS)
Introduction of Interaction Design 1 Cr. (2 ECTS)
Research Methods I 1 Cr. (2 ECTS)
Electives 9 Cr. (18 ECTS)
<b>Second Semester</b>
Special Topics on Interactive Media Design II 2 Cr. (4 ECTS)
Research Methods II 1 Cr. (2 ECTS)
Electives 14 Cr. (28 ECTS)
<b>Total 60 ECTS</b>
<b>At Fachhochschule Potsdam</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>
Thesis Development I 5 ECTS
Studio Z – Zoom 10 ECTS
Reading Group, Teaching Experience, Interdisciplinary Futures, Design Leadership 2 of these 4 modules 10 ECTS
Thesis Development II 5 ECTS
<b>Fourth Semester</b>
Master's Thesis 30 ECTS
<b>Total 90 ECTS + Master's Thesis (30 ECTS)</b>

<b>At Fachhochschule Potsdam</b>
<b>First Semester</b>
Studio X – Extended 10 ECTS
Reading Group 5 ECTS
Thesis Development I 5 ECTS
Electives 10 ECTS
<b>Second Semester</b>
Studio X – Extended 10 ECTS
Design Leadership 5 ECTS
Interdisciplinary Futures 5 ECTS
Electives 10 ECTS
<b>Total 60 ECTS</b>
<b>At TAIPEI TECH</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>
Thesis 3 Cr.
Electives 9 Cr. (18 ECTS)
<b>Fourth Semester</b>
Thesis 3 Cr.
Electives 6 Cr. (12 ECTS)
<b>Total 90 ECTS + Thesis (30 ECTS ≈ 6 Cr.) = 120 ECTS</b>