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Why Taiwan?
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Why Taiwan?

Taiwan has an outstanding higher education system that provides opportunities for international students to study a wide variety of subjects, ranging from Chinese language and history to tropical agriculture and forestry, genetic engineering, business, semi-conductors and more. Chinese culture holds education and scholarship in high regard, and nowhere is this truer than in Taiwan. In Taiwan you will experience a vibrant, modern society rooted in one of world’s most venerable cultures, and populated by some of the most friendly and hospitable people on the planet. A great education can lead to a great future. What are you waiting for? Come to Taiwan and fulfill your dreams. There are many reasons international students will find Taiwan an exciting and rewarding place to pursue their education.

We ask international students in Taiwan about their reasons for studying in Taiwan:

No.1
Available Scholarship - 20%
To encourage promising students from foreign countries to learn Chinese, and pursue undergraduate and graduate studies in Taiwan, R.O.C. Government provides many kinds of scholarship. See P.20-P.23 for more information.

No.2
Academic Resources and Quality - 19%
The government of Taiwan (Ministry of Education) places great emphasis on quality in higher education. Several innovative programs promote Taiwan’s international academic competitiveness. In addition, Taiwan’s strong technology sector guarantees high quality education in these fields and attracts students from developing countries to study bio-technology, semi-conductor technology, business, forestry, agriculture, animal husbandry, chemistry and so on.

No.3
Rich and Colorful Culture - 15%
In Taiwan, ancient Chinese culture is uniquely interwoven in the fabric of modern society. Cell phones, luxury sedans and skyscrapers coexist with traditional Chinese calligraphy and painting, with tea culture and ornate temples, and with ancient holidays such as Chinese New Year, the Dragon Boat Festival and the Lantern Festival.

No.4
Better Opportunity for Seeking Jobs Back at Home Country - 13%

No.5
Location - 8%

No.6
High-Standard Living Quality - 7%
Taiwan’s infrastructure is advanced, and its law-enforcement and transportation, communication, medical and public health systems are excellent. In Taiwan, international students live and study in safety and comfort.

No.6
Better Opportunity for Further Study in Taiwan - 7%

No.7
Reasonable and Affordable Tuition - 6%
Tuition at each university is more affordable than in other developed countries because of innovative government policies. International students do not have to pay high “out of country” tuition as required by many other international universities and colleges.
The Reasons Why I Chose Taiwan

Let’s listen to what international students say on “Why Taiwan?”

Madamanchi Geethangili, India
- Degree student
- Biochemical Sciences
- Ph.D program, 3rd year
- Chaoyang University of Technology

After I came to know that Taiwan has high quality of education with lowest cost, research and instruction facility. Taiwan is a safe, peaceful country with a convenient living environment, provides scholarships, the people are very welcoming to foreigners, and the majority of Taiwanese are extremely eager to help and get to know us. Then I joined for doctoral research program in the area of Biochemical Sciences at CYUT to improve my scientific skills. CYUT is a well organized University and advances in technology following physical environment, facility in class, educational tool, supporting personnel and high performance and broaden knowledge professors. I’m really having a good time to improve my scientific skills, and all my expectations are satisfied.

Philipp Behrends, Germany
- Exchange student
- Business Administration
- BA program, 3rd year
- National Taiwan University

After travelling Eastern Asia for a month in 2008, I decided to dip into the Taiwanese Culture – and I never regretted it! I am studying business at the National Taiwan University, which is the biggest and most well-renowned university in Taiwan. Nevertheless, professors and faculty staff were always eager to help me with my concerns and language troubles. Even though the English of some Taiwanese citizens might not be in best shape, there is almost always a helping hand nearby. So especially for learning Chinese, Taiwan is the place to be. What else? There’s a new dish to taste every day on a night market or restaurant near you. And people will be curious about your stories, so you’ll find friends easily.

Iryna Semenyuk, Ukraine
- Degree student
- Teaching English
- MA program, 3rd year
- Tamkang University

After having received my BA degree in teaching the English language and working as a teacher for some time I was thinking of pursuing my education. At that moment, my husband was invited to work in Taiwan, so I got interested in MA programs for English teachers that local universities offer. After having made inquiry and talking to my Taiwanese and foreign friends on the issue I made up my mind and chose Tamkang University. Its wide beautiful campus is located on a hilly area with a picturesque view on the bank of the Danshui River. The courses I have been taking are very interesting and useful. I am quite happy about my choice, because along with the great educational environment at Tamkang University I have a chance to enjoy the natural beauty of the neighborhood, learn Taiwanese culture, and meet friends.

Henry Medina, Colombia
- Degree student
- Electronics Engineering
- Ph.D program
- National Tsing Hua University

Before I came to Taiwan, the most important reason for my decision was technical development of the electronic industry, companies as TSMC and UMC are well known because between both they cover almost all the foundries market around the world. The close relationship university-industry. Hsinchu Science Park is specially famous known as “The Silicon Valley of Asia” with high search level and the academic research. Research institutes like Sinica are recognized for their academic achievements which is also one of the most important research centers in the world. Also the opportunity to learn mandarin was another important aspect that influenced my decision to come to Taiwan.
Jocelynn Gutierrez, Nicaragua

- Degree student
- International Human Resources and Development
- MA program, 1st year
- National Taiwan Normal University

Taiwan, a wonderful country, a world of contrast, a mixture of cultural influences, traditions, infrastructure and advanced technology, highly skilled education, friendly people where you find a helping hand, a safe place where people can walk the streets safely, a nation that rose from poverty and is now one of the largest trading countries in the world, and a stable country both economically and socially. All these attributes were my inspiration to encourage me to strengthen and enrich my knowledge in this nation. By doing my master’s degree in human resources I hope to return to my country as a highly-qualified professional and to be able to apply the things that I’ve learned in Taiwan in order to help my country Nicaragua, who so strongly needs it.

Ryan Hiebert, America

- Degree student
- MBA Program
- MA program, 2nd year
- National ChengChi University

3 years ago I never thought I would be enrolled in a Taiwanese graduate school. At the time, I just wanted to study Chinese and live abroad. Initially, I planned to return to the United States and pursue an International MBA at a graduate school there. However, after studying Chinese for 2 years I realized this language required much more time and effort to master. Leaving after studying Chinese for two years would be equivalent to not studying at all. I feared my language foundation would disrupt upon returning to the U.S. Hence, I applied to Taiwanese business schools before the end of my second year at Tunghai University. The reason I chose Taiwan over China was due to the fact that I already had a number of contacts here. With such a network in place, I believe after graduating from NCCU I will have many opportunities to find employment not only in Taiwan, but also in the greater China region.

Ivan Arista, Indonesia

- Degree student
- MBA Program
- MA program, 2nd year
- National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

1. Opportunity to learn Chinese Language. As we know that Chinese is an international language, learning in Chinese speaking environment will result in faster improvement on my proficiency.
2. Taiwan is a global country, so that I expect that I can have more foreign friends to improve my knowledge and experience.
3. The educational quality in Taiwan is better than what Indonesia has and professors in NTUST are mostly graduated from top universities in US or European countries.
4. The scholarship offered by NTUST and Taiwan Government.
5. Taiwan is an Asian country, so that the living culture and living cost do not have so much difference compared to Indonesia.

Jhenel Wong, Philippines

- Exchange student
- Business Administration
- BA program, 3rd year
- Fu Jen Catholic University

Out of all the possible destinations in the world, I chose to study in Taiwan because I want to improve my Chinese speaking abilities and learn about the Taiwanese culture. As a Filipino citizen with Chinese roots, I believe that my stay in Taiwan will give me a better understanding of the customs and traditions that my family practices at home. Furthermore, I will be able to meet and visit my relatives who are residing in Taiwan. Overall, I think that joining the exchange program in Fu Jen University will not only provide me with a healthy studying environment but it will also give me a rich and new cultural experience.
Getting to Know Taiwan

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Fascinating Taiwan

We welcome you to our friendly island paradise!

Taiwan is a modern, free, democratic society whose people are hardworking, fun-loving, educated and friendly. While eagerly embracing the future, the people of Taiwan hold onto traditional values and ideals. The family, including ancestors, is of utmost importance; education and scholarship are held in high esteem. Traditional forms of writing, architecture and art are part of everyday life. Yes, in Taiwan the ancient and modern, traditional and new are seamlessly woven together, creating a fascinating, dynamic society like no other in the world.

The “beautiful Formosa” you are pursuing...have you ever wondered what it would be like?

- Population density: 9th in the world
- The Global Competitiveness Index (GCI): 12th in the world
  (by WEF: The Global Competitiveness Index 2009-2010)
- Network Readiness Index (NRI): 13th in the world.
  (by The Global Information Technology Report 2008-2009)

Excellence in Education

- World's No. 1 in students' Math ability
- World's No.1 in junior high school students' Chemistry ability
- No. 2 in the 39th International Physics Olympiad (2008)
- No. 5 in the 17th International Chemistry Olympiad

Taiwan, Republic of China

Geography

Location Pacific Ocean, 120 km (74.6 mi) off the coast of mainland China
Area 36,191 km² (13,973.3 sq mi)
Highest Point Yu Shan (3,952 m=12,965.9 ft)
Capital City Taipei
Largest City Taipei (2,607,428 people)

Demographics

Population 23,119,772
Density 668 /km² (1,730 / sq mi)
Ethnic Groups
- 84% Han Taiwanese
- 14% Mainland Chinese (Waishengren)
- 2% Aboriginal Taiwanese (14 tribes)

Official Language Mandarin

Other

Currency New Taiwan Dollars (NTD)
Electricity Electrical current is 110 volts, 60 cycles, AC
Drive On Right
Calling Code +886
Excellence in IT Products

Excellence in Industrial Design (Awards)

NOVA Design
GummiVoIP Phone
2008 IF Gold Award, Reddot

BenQ
LCD Monitor V2400W
2008 IF, Reddot

NOVA Design
Tricom Conference System
2008 Reddot - Best of the Best

Piao I Enterprise Co
Travel Buddy
2008 Reddot - Best of the Best

Lite-on Technology
EMS, E-paper Music Score
2008 IF
Geography

Taiwan lies along the western edge of the Pacific Ocean, 193 km (120 miles) off the southeastern coast of mainland China. Taiwan has a land area of about 36,000 square km (14,400 square miles) and is nearly bisected by the Tropic of Cancer. The island is shaped somewhat like a sweet potato.

Taiwan has broad plains, rolling hills, and precipitous mountains that form the spine of the island. There are six peaks over 3,500m — the highest is Yu Shan at 3,952m — and more than 200 peaks over 3,000m. Swift rivers have carved steep gorges through the mountains. Taroko Gorge, with vertical rock walls hundreds of meters high, is a wonder of nature. Geothermal activity has produced many hot springs in mountains.

Due to the abundant rainfall and generally warm temperatures, vegetation grows rampantly in Taiwan, from lowland agricultural crops to all manner of plant life cloaking the hills and mountains. Due to its unique climate and geography, the flora and fauna of Taiwan are tremendously diverse, and many species are endemic to the island.

Climate

In subtropical, northern Taiwan, the temperature during the cool, mild winters averages 18°C / 64°F. The average temperature rises to 31°C / 88°F during the hot, humid summers. Southern Taiwan has a tropical, marine climate with generally warm and relatively dry weather.

In the mountains, temperate conditions prevail. Snow may accumulate on some of the highest peaks, such as Yu Shan and Ho-Huan Shan. Rain may fall at any time, but the greatest amount usually falls from April to August. Typhoon season is from May to September.

History

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In Taiwan, where it seems the people live to eat, it is said that there is a snack shop every three steps and a restaurant every five. Foods and dishes from around the world are available in Taiwan. However, Taiwan’s native cuisine, which has gained worldwide attention, is unforgettable - try it just once and you will remember it forever. Memorable dishes include: Pearl Milk Tea, Danzai Noodles, Shrimp Pork Soup, Oyster Omelet, Meat Rice Tamales, Stinky Tofu, Taiwanese Meatballs, Coffin Sandwich, Veggie and Meat Wrap, Oyster Vermicelli, Steamed Sandwich, and Crushed Ice Dessert.

The culture of Taiwan is a blend of modern and traditional, national and international, unique and universal. Due to Taiwan’s complex political history, the influences of indigenous culture, Confucianism, Japan, and Western civilization all can be seen at the same time.

The Japanese occupation of Taiwan from 1895 to 1945 influenced language, culture, and architecture. Visitors can still find a Japanese-style mansion and hear old Japanese songs emanating from nearby taverns.

Taiwan’s aboriginal culture is unique and has started to flourish since the Ami chant “Jubilant Drinking Song” was sampled in a song to promote the 1996 Olympics. However, the dominant culture in Taiwan is still Chinese. Immigrants from mainland China, especially those who arrived in 1949, after civil war, brought Confucianism and Chinese culture to Taiwan. The National Palace Museum has an outstanding collection of 650,000 pieces of ancient Chinese artifacts brought from the Forbidden City, making it a major attraction for visitors. Visitors also will see ornate temples and traditional Chinese characters.
Yuriko Ota, Japan

- Degree student
- BA program, 3rd year
- Tourism Management
- Chinese Culture University

I found all my teachers and friends to be kind. They would help me whenever I have problems even which are not related with school. When it comes to learning Chinese, taking what you have learned academically into a more daily interaction is the key to become fluent.

My Campus Diary

08:10 ► First Class
My favorite class - Managing the Guest Experience in Hospitality.
12:00 ► Lunch Time
Usually eating in campus restaurant. Chinese, Korean, Japanese... many kinds of food.
18:00 ► Internship
After school, I do my internship in the hotel. Many things to learn every day!
23:00 ► Relax & Prepare for the Next Day
Finally get home, relax and do assignment for classes.

Lis Gort, Austria

- Degree student
- BA program, 1st year
- ART
- Tunghai University

Study ART in Taiwan is the most wonderful experience in my lifetime. I fall in love with the people and the country!! Taiwan offers many beautiful possibilities to become acquainted with Chinese culture, experience nature and find friends for your whole life. The art-department of Tunghai University is a beautiful place to get inspiration and meet professors with high skill and exuberant experience.

My Campus Diary

06:30 ► Go to School by Bus
I like taking the bus in Taiwan, it is convenient and always a little adventure.
09:00 ► Drawing
Outside in the gentle morning breeze, seeking for a model with pencil and eraser, your best friends.
12:00 ► Lunchtime
Taiwan is the country with the most delicious food in this world!
13:00 ► Seal Cutting
It’s exciting and always a miracle how the writing changes to a ornament.
15:00 ► Metal Work
Link with Taichung’s contemporary jewelers-scene.
18:00 ► Dineer
Go for dinner with new friends.
19:00 ► Calligraphy
Paper and ink- an amazing spectacle.
21:30 ► Go Home
Watching the moon above the wonderful campus while getting the bus.

Ryan Hiebert, America

- Degree student  •  MA program, 2nd year
- MBA Program  •  National Chengchi University

Taking classes in Chinese proved challenging my first semester as I sometimes could not keep up with the professor’s discussions. Nevertheless, with a semester of management curriculum up my sleeve, I learned quickly how to interact in class and make business presentations in Chinese. Despite significant struggle and hardship adjusting to the educational environment here, I have become both a stronger and more cultured person. It has all been worth it!

My Campus Diary

07:00 ► Morning Breakfast
Wake up and consume oatmeal with honey and bananas.
09:00 ► Class
Go to management class and engage in enthralling discussion for 3 hours. On days without class I typically get some homework done.
12:00 ► Lunch
Eat a tuna sandwich with fruit (apple, orange) or chocolate. Occasionally eat out with friends if we happen to meet up and have time.
13:00 ► Work or Do Reports
Work at the NCCU Career Development Center training new counselors or meeting with students. Otherwise, I discuss reports or cases with my MBA classmates.
18:00 ► Dinner
I eat at a Chinese buffet restaurant virtually every evening unless friends invite me to eat with them at a restaurant near school.
19:00 ► Do Exercise
Play soccer, practice yoga or lift weights to stay in shape. I also enjoy playing Ping Pong on occasion.
21:00 ► Practice Chinese
Review Chinese, write Chinese diary and read novels to help myself relax. Take a shower to wind myself down after a long day.
23:00 ► Bedtime
Have sweet dreams until the following morning.
Studying in Taiwan

- The Educational System of Taiwan
- Choosing a School & Applying
- Knowing the Schools
- Visa & Arrival Information
- Scholarships
The people of Taiwan are very well educated, literacy is about 96%, and students from Taiwan score very high on international tests. These achievements are the product of cultural and societal values that hold education in high esteem, and the comprehensive educational system created to achieve Taiwan's goals of becoming a well-educated, economic and technological powerhouse on the world stage.

Two years of pre-school education, including kindergarten, are optional. However, most children in Taiwan attend at least one year of pre-school.

Formal schooling begins with 9 years of compulsory education, starting with 6 years of primary school followed by 3 years of junior high school. Following junior high school, students may go on to 3 years of senior high school or vocational school, or begin a 5-year junior college program.

Higher education in Taiwan includes 4-year bachelor's degree programs and 2-year junior colleges. After that, students may advance to master's degree programs, which typically take 1-4 years to complete, and 2-7 year long programs leading to a Ph.D, M.D. and other advanced degrees. Completion times are flexible, depending upon the needs of the students.

△ See chart above as the educational system of Taiwan
Note

Most higher educational institutions in Taiwan set the academic year to begin from August to September of the following year. Every academic year has 2 semesters: the first semester (August–January) and the second semester (February–July). There are 2 holiday seasons: the winter vacation (January–February) and the summer vacation (July–August).

The Educational System of Taiwan

Compulsory Education

Since 1968, students in Taiwan have had 9 years of compulsory education, comprised of 6 years of elementary school and 3 years of junior high school. Students usually start first grade at age six. At the end of junior high school, students take another set of exams to qualify for different senior high and vocational schools.

Senior High and Vocational School

After graduation from junior high, there are two types of institutes for continuing students: senior high school and senior vocational school. Both take 3 years to complete.

Specialized Training

Specialized training beyond the secondary level is provided by 5-year junior colleges, which accept students directly from junior high schools and focus on applied sciences and technology.

Higher Education

The higher education system in Taiwan includes 2- and 5-year junior colleges, technical colleges, liberal arts colleges, 4-year universities, and graduate programs.

Most university undergraduate programs take 4 years to complete. Extensions of up to 2 years will be granted to students who are unable to fulfill their requirements within the designated time. Specialized undergraduate programs, such as dental school (6 years) and medical school (7 years), take longer to complete.

Universities and colleges in Taiwan offer a wide variety of master’s and doctoral degree programs. Graduate programs leading to a master’s degree take 2 to 4 years to complete, while doctoral degree programs take 2 to 7 years. If a student who enters graduate school as part of on-the-job training fails to finish the required coursework or complete a thesis, the student will be granted an extension.
Choosing a School & Applying

Choosing a School

A wide range of schools and universities welcome international applicants. Applicants can choose a school based on their personal interests and the courses offered. A list of universities and colleges, both public and private, can be found at the website “Study in Taiwan.”

See P.38-P.43 for the list of universities accepting international students in Taiwan

### Procedure

1. Make sure you are eligible to apply as an international student
2. Make sure you've done research about programs of your interest
3. Make sure the program you intend to apply is open to international students
4. Make sure you are well aware of and meet all the requirements from individual schools
5. Make sure you fill in the application form correctly and have all the required documents
6. Make sure to send the application package in time
7. Make sure you've received an admission letter. You’ll need it when applying for a visa and registering

### Tuition

Students who intend to study in Taiwan should note that tuition fees vary at different schools. The tuition fee at private universities is usually higher than at public universities. The tuition fee may also vary from program to program within a university. The following is a brief summary of tuition fees in 2009:

#### Public

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* (USD 1 ≈ NTD 32)
Choosing a Chinese Language Center

Taiwan is an ideal place for international students who want to learn Mandarin, the official language of Taiwan. In Taiwan, traditional characters are used, and learning them will allow students to fully appreciate Chinese language and to communicate, in writing, with people who speak other Chinese dialects.

See P.44-45 for the location and websites of Chinese Language Centers

**Procedure**

1. Decide to which Chinese Language Center you would like to apply

2. Determine the cost of studying at the Chinese Language Center or centers you are most interested in

3. Determine when applications are due and make sure the period of instruction fits your schedule

4. Complete your application

5. If you are accepted, you will receive a formal letter of admission

**Tuition**

30 Chinese Language Centers in Taiwan provide various types of courses, tuition fee also varies from every center. The following is a brief summary of tuition fees:

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<th>Course Type</th>
<th>Total Hours</th>
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<tr>
<td>General Course</td>
<td>180 hrs or more</td>
<td>NTD 19,500 - 45,000 (About USD 610 - 1,410)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intensive Summer Course</td>
<td>80 - 240 hrs</td>
<td>NTD 12,500 - 67,000 (About USD 390 - 2,100)</td>
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* (USD 1 ≈ NTD 32)

**Note**

- Students who want to apply for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral program can submit their application all year round. The deadline for new semester submission varies from universities to universities, but it usually falls in March.
- Students who want to apply for Chinese learning courses can submit their application all year round, but Chinese language centers only receive application within the year. There are usually four terms of courses: spring, summer fall and winter.

**Application**

Please note that each institution has its own requirement and standards to determine whether applicants are qualified for admission. Applicants found to be qualified through review or special screening test will be granted admission. Students shall show proof of medical and personal accident insurance or national health insurance at the time of registration.

See P.17 for the submission documents
Knowing the Schools

Universities and Colleges

The curriculum at most universities focuses on academic studies and research, while universities of technology focus on practical and specific skills training. Depending upon the requirements of each school, students with a distinguished academic performance could apply for promotion to a higher level.

University undergraduate programs require four years of study; however, students who are unable to fulfill their requirements within the designated time may be granted extensions up to two years. Specialized undergraduate programs such as dentistry or medicine require six to seven years, including an internship period of one year.

Qualification for Admission

Graduation from senior secondary (high) school or equivalent

Documents for Submission

- Application forms
- Photocopies of the original diploma (If not in English or Chinese, student should give English or Chinese translations of the original diploma)
- Financial statement
- Statement of purpose
- Letters of recommendation
- Application fee
- Other documents as required by the universities and colleges

Qualification for Graduation and Completion

Earn at least 128 credits

Mandarin, Taiwan is an ideal place to learn.
Graduate Schools

Students are awarded a master's degree upon completion of their postgraduate study. Master's programs usually require 2 to 4 years of study, and a doctorate program (PhD) requires 2 to 7 years of study.

Qualification for Admission

| Master's Program | 1. Graduation from undergraduate program or equivalent  
|                 | 2. Pass the master's degree program entrance examination |
| Ph. D. Program  | 1. Graduation from master's program or equivalent  
|                 | 2. Pass the Ph. D. entrance examination |

Documents for Submission

- Application forms  
- Photocopies of the original diploma (If not in English or Chinese, student should give English or Chinese translations of the original diploma)  
- Financial statement  
- Statement of purpose  
- Letters of recommendation  
- Application fee  
- Other documents as required by the universities and colleges

Qualification for Graduation and Completion

| Master's Program | 1. Earn required credits, produce thesis and pass a final examination  
|                 | 2. For master's degree programs in the arts, applied sciences and technology, the thesis may be replaced by an exhibition or performance plus a written or technical report |
| Ph. D. Program  | Earn required credits, pass the Ph. D. candidate qualification test, produce a dissertation, and pass the oral examination |

Chinese Language Center

There are 30 Chinese language centers located at colleges and universities throughout Taiwan. Offering classes year-round, these learning centers provide a variety of courses for students of all levels of proficiency. The instruction and teaching materials are top-notch and are designed to help students achieve their language goals. Outside of class, students will have innumerable opportunities to practice reading Chinese characters and speaking Mandarin with the friendly citizens of Taiwan. Imagine being able to practice what you have just learned with native speakers on campus, in coffee shops, convenience stores or dance clubs! With its blend of tradition and modernity, Taiwan truly is an ideal place to learn Mandarin!

Documents for Submission

- A completed application form  
- A copy of your passport  
- An original copy of your personal financial statement valid within the last 6 months (The requirements for this statement will be specified by the center)  
- Diploma / admission letters (varies from center to center)  
- Research proposal (varies from center to center)  
- Two to four 1 x 1 inch photos (check the website of each learning center for details)  
- Insurance certificate  
- Application fee
Visa & Arrival Information

Visa

Students applying from abroad, who have received formal letters of admission, should apply at local or the nearest R.O.C. embassy, consulate or representative agency for visas to enter Taiwan. Students may be issued a visitor or a resident visa, depending on the length of their study program. Students admitted to a degree program will need to apply for a resident visa. If you intend to stay for more than 6 months for study, you should apply for a resident visa.

Required Documents

You will need the following documents:

- One copy of completed application form with two passport-size, color photos taken within the last 6 months
- A passport valid for no less than 6 months and a copy of it (There should be enough empty pages in the passport)
- School-issued enrollment certificate
- Proof of financial support and other relevant documents
- Application fee

Note

If your spouse and children are coming with you, please bring along a notarized marriage certificate and birth certificates for the application.

Further Information about Visas

Visitor Visa

Foreign nationals who hold valid passports or other legal travel documents, and who intend to stay in the Republic of China (Taiwan) for less than 6 months, may apply for a visitor visa. Students holding a visitor visa who wish to stay more than 6 months should apply to change to a resident visa at the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).

Resident Visa

Foreign nationals who hold valid passports or other legal travel documents, and who intend to stay in the Republic of China (Taiwan) for more than 6 months may apply for a resident visa.

Visa Extension

Students who hold a visitor visa and wish to stay less than 6 months are not required to change their visa status. However, if they intend to stay beyond the visa expiration date, they do need to apply for visa extensions through the National Immigration Agency before their visa expires.
Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)

Resident Visa holders are required to apply for the Alien Resident Certificate and Re-entry Permit at the local office of The Immigration Agency within 15 days after their arrival. They may stay in the R.O.C. as long as the Alien Resident Certificate remains valid.

Required Documents

You will need the following documents:

- A completed application form
- Passport with Resident Visa
- Student ID card or Enrollment Verification (original and copy). Overseas Chinese students who are first-time petitioners shall submit a notification of enrollment. They will be issued a 30-day ARC by the National Immigration Agency. To extend the ARC, a student ID or enrollment verification will be needed
- One passport-sized color photo taken in the past six months
- Student ID (original and copy)
- Application fee

Arrival Information

There are two major international airports in Taiwan. They are Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, in Taoyuan county (about 40km from Taipei city), and Kaohsiung International Airport, located in southern Taiwan. Most international flights land at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport. From Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport, students can take long distance highway buses to major cities, such as Taipei, Taichung and Kaohsiung. From these cities, students can easily get a transfer to their schools by bus, metro, train or taxi. Taxis are also available at the airport.

Entry & Exit

Required Documents

The following documents are needed for visa issuance.

Entry

- A completed visitor visa / resident visa application form
- A valid visitor visa / resident visa
- A passport valid for at least six months
- A confirmed return air ticket or an air ticket and a visa for the next destination, and a confirmed seat reservation on the departure flight

Exit

- Each student is required to show a passport and Alien Resident Certificate to the Customs authorities
- Students should depart before their visa’s expiration date

Re-Entry

- Each student is required to show a passport and Alien Resident Certificate to Customs authorities
- Students are required to apply for a re-entry permit from the authorities before they leave Taiwan and to show it to Customs officials when they re-enter
Scholarships

Taiwan Scholarships

In 2004, four government agencies of Taiwan, the Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), and National Science Council of the Executive Yuan (NSC), jointly established the Taiwan Scholarship Program to encourage outstanding international students to undertake degree programs in Taiwan. (Please refer to the chart on this page for details on Taiwan Scholarships) Some universities offer scholarships and the information can be obtained from each university's website.

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**Application**

The application period is from February 1 to March 31 each year, unless individual Taiwan Representative Offices specify otherwise.

For application guidelines and forms, scholarship types and quotas, as well as information about the selection process and outcome announcements, applicants may contact a Taiwan Representative Office directly. (See P.34-P.36 for the contact information of the nearest embassy or representative office) You will need the following documents:

- One copy of the completed application form
- One photocopy of applicant’s passport or other nationality certificates
- One photocopy of the highest-level diploma and a complete grade transcript
- Supporting admission application materials
- Additional documents as specified by individual representative offices
- A photocopy of a certificate of the acceptable levels of English proficiency or Test of Proficiency – Huanyu (TOP), depending on the language of instruction in class

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Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)

To encourage international students and individuals to undertake Chinese language study in Taiwan, the MOE established the Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) Program in 2005.

Sister Cities of Taipei Scholarship

This scholarship promotes city-to-city diplomacy and fosters internationalization in Taipei City. It encourages foreigners to study Chinese in Taipei on an equal and mutually beneficial basis.

The Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) of Academia Sinica

The Taiwan International Graduate Program (TIGP) of Academia Sinica, Taiwan, provides full fellowship support for all fully-matriculated students for 3 years. The stipend is about NTD 32,000 (≒ USD 1,000) per month.

Application

All applications for enrollment are due no later than 31 March. Candidates may now apply online, or send all application materials to the TIGP admissions office. You will need the following documents:

- Bachelor and / or Master of Science degree
- English proficiency (TOEFL, or GEPT, or IELTS)
- GRE General test (requirements vary by program)
- GRE Subject test (requirements vary by program)
- Academic transcript for coursework completed beyond the high school level
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of purpose

Mandarin Language Enrichment Scholarship

To encourage international students and individuals to study Mandarin in Taiwan, the Ministry of Education established the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program in 2005. This provides study opportunities in Mandarin language and Taiwanese culture at university / college-affiliated Chinese language centers. A monthly stipend of NTD 25,000 (≒ USD 781) is offered to recipients.

Application

The application period of Taiwan Scholarship and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) is from February 1 to March 31 each year; Sister Cities of Taipei Scholarship’s application period is before May 15 each year.

In addition, some Chinese learning centers offer scholarships. Information about these can be obtained from each center’s website.
Further Information About Scholarships

1. NSC  
   web1.nsc.gov.tw/

2. MOFA  
   www.mofa.gov.tw/

3. MOEA  
   www.moea.gov.tw/

4. TIGP  
   tigp.sinica.edu.tw/index.html

5. Ministry of Education  
   english.moe.gov.tw

6. Education in Taiwan, R.O.C  
   english.education.edu.tw/

7. Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES)  
   english.moe.gov.tw/public/Attachment/8122615521571.pdf

8. Sister Cities of Taipei Scholarship  
   english.taipei.gov.tw/web/upload/123736832172600.doc

9. Taiwan Scholarship Program  
   scholar.cher.ntnu.edu.tw/TSP/index.php
Let’s listen to what international students do on campus!

**Yoshida Ayumi, Japan**
- Exchange student
- BA program, 3rd year
- Japanese Literature
- Tunghai University

My class got small number of students, 3 classmates including me, which I think is pretty good for attaining enough Chinese practice for each one on class time. In addition, teachers are all eager to help students study Chinese. Furthermore, being Chinese Language Center provides me lots of opportunities to communicate with many people from many countries in Chinese and make new friends, which makes my study in Chinese Language Center more enjoyable.

**My Campus Diary**
- **06:30** Breakfast
  Breakfast at the nearest restaurant from my dorm and have a variety of Taiwanese food.
- **06:10** English Literature
  Reading old English poem is new experience for I have grown up in Asian culture.
- **10:10** Japanese Teaching Assistant
  There is always pressure to teach Japanese, but it's pretty enjoyable to see students’ enthusiastic attitude.
- **12:30** Lunch Time at Restaurant
  Another restaurant which got full of Taiwanese food and lots of kinds of tea I love to try every time!
- **13:00** Chinese Class
  Mentioned as above. So far so satisfying!
- **16:00** Free Time
  Studying in the Lib and hanging out with friends.

**Ha-Hai Vu, Vietnam**
- Degree student
- Ph. D candidate
- Mechanical Engineering
- National Kaohsiung University of Applied Sciences

As a PhD candidate, I have to make schedule for each year, each month if I want to keep my work on progress for each day. And I live in a Chinese environment, Taiwan. Studying Chinese gives me chance to understand more about this country, the people here and make more friends.

**My Campus Diary**
- **06:20** Working at Laboratory
  “Research is the first priority, your own is the second or the third”.
- **12:00** Lunch Time
  I have time to chat with my close friends and even take a nap.
- **13:30** Work, Work and Work
  The whole day being sunk with two questions: What? How? But this is what a PhD student has to do.
- **17:00** Doing Exercise
  After a busy day filled with papers, this time for me to relax and get my life becomes balance.
- **21:00** Family Time
  Play soccer, practice yoga or lift weights to stay in shape. I also enjoy playing Ping Pong on occasion.
- **22:45** Homework
  45 minutes for Chinese study and check the work had done in day and make a schedule for next day.

**Cristian Eduardo Olivo Quiroga, Bolivia**
- Degree student
- BA program, 1st year
- Management of Technology
- Feng Chia University

I am very impressed to see how Taiwanese are really friendly and nice with me. My professors are always concerned about my learning, understanding and my life in Taiwan. They are always trying to help me, and I feel really good at my department and the campus. I enjoy learning something new and different of my major in Biology, and my classmates teach me Taiwanese and Chinese.

**My Campus Diary**
- **07:00** Breakfast & English Study
  “Wound rather studied 30 minutes a day than spend four hours at weekend” is my slogan.
- **08:00** Preparation
  I go to find a good environment and relax while reading before class. There I study and try to connect my new learning with my old one.
- **09:00** Classes
- **12:00** Traditional Taiwanese Food for Lunch
  After lunch I go back to study and always drink tea while reading (i.e. Oolong), plus dinner before classes, when I don’t have classes in the night I have dinner around 2100 HRS as we do in my country.
- **19:00** Classes
- **22:00** Review the Classes
  I usually go back to study at the university till midnight.
Accommodations

On-campus Accommodation

On-campus undergraduate dormitories are divided based on gender and are open to students all year-round. Typically, four to six students share a room. Usually, pets are not allowed. University students usually wear something casual to class. Coin operated Laundromats can be found inside dormitory buildings. At on-campus dining halls meals cost NTD 40-130 (≒ USD 1-4). Food stalls, cafes and inexpensive restaurants are usually close to campus, typically within 15 minutes walking.

Some campuses have on-campus health centers, which provide medical assistance for minor ailments. Some schools have a post office, a bookstore and a bank on campus. The expenses of on-campus accommodation are about NTD 6,000 to 10,000 (≒ USD 190-310) per semester.

Off-campus Accommodation

If dormitories are unavailable or you prefer a different living arrangement, off-campus apartments, including studios and flats, are available. Most Chinese learning centers provide information about local rentals on the internet. Depending on the accommodation’s type, quality and location, rent ranges from NTD 3,000 to 13,000 (≒ USD 95-410) per month.

Living Cost

The Taiwan currency is the NTD. The 4 denominations of bills are NTD 2,000, NTD 1,000, NTD 500 and NTD 100 while the 6 denominations of coins are NTD 50, NTD 10, NTD 5, and NTD 1. Cash payment is common in Taiwan though many shops do accept credit cards. Checks are not normally used in Taiwan for payment of everyday expenses.

In addition to your tuition fees, your accommodation costs will be your biggest financial burden. It’s worth doing research before you arrive on your accommodation options, and better to research the cost of things such as utilities (electricity, gas, water, telephone), public transportation, food and so on. The cost of all things may vary depending on the area you’ll be living in.

Note

For further information about off-campus accommodation, please go to the Tsuei Ma-Ma Foundation website. www.tmm.org.tw/English/index.html
Daily Goods

Taiwan is well-known as one of the countries with cheaper cost and high quality of living. The following is a few examples of goods. The cost of all things may vary depending on the area you’ll be living in.

Exchange of major currencies can be done at banks handling foreign currency exchange.

* (USD 1 ≈ NTD 32)
There are six domestic airlines providing services between major cities such as Taipei, Taichung, Tainan, Kaohsiung and Hualien. Prior reservations are always required.

In Taipei and Kaohsiung, the metro system (MRT) provides convenient and comfortable transportation. There are eight major routes in Taipei and two major routes in Kaohsiung, covering different parts of the two cities. Metro fares range from NTD 20-60 (≈USD 0.6-1.8).

If you would like to save time, THSR is another choice. While traveling from Taipei to Kaohsiung takes 5 hours by train and 6 hours by car, the THSR takes only 1.5 hours. Advanced reservations are recommended.

Motorcycles and scooters are very popular means of transportation. Most universities provide motorcycle / scooter parking around campus for students. Bicycles are widely used within campuses. Bicycle racks can be found throughout campuses.

Long distance highway bus services provided by private transportation companies are very popular. They have an extensive network and a frequent service schedule. Tickets are usually competitively priced and some bus companies even provide 24 hour service.

Each major city has its own bus system. Fares are inexpensive and service is frequent. Taxi fares start at NTD 70 (≈USD 2.1) and increase with the time and distance traveled. It is a good idea to have the name of your hotel or address written in Chinese when you travel by taxi.

The railway network along the coastline is another economic option for traveling around Taiwan. There are four classes of passenger seats: Tze-chiang, Chu-kuang, Fu-hsing and economy. Traveling by train is recommended on public holidays because it can avoid the hustle and bustle of the long distance highway bus service. Advanced ticket reservations are recommended.

By Air

By Taiwan High Speed Rail (THSR)

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By Highway Bus

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By Train

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Further information about National Health Insurance (NHI):

It’s a health insurance for all people in Taiwan since 1995. The main goals are to improve patients’ access to health care by easing their financial burden and to make sure that no one would be forced into bankruptcy by a serious illness.

By Metro / Subway

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By Motorcycle / Scooter & Bicycle

Motorcycles and scooters are very popular means of transportation. Most universities provide motorcycle / scooter parking around campus for students. Bicycles are widely used within campuses. Bicycle racks can be found throughout campuses.

By Bus & Taxi

Each major city has its own bus system. Fares are inexpensive and service is frequent. Taxi fares start at NTD 70 (≒USD 2.1) and increase with the time and distance traveled. It is a good idea to have the name of your hotel or address written in Chinese when you travel by taxi.

By Passenger Car

In Taiwan, cars are driven on the right. Students with international driver licenses may drive in Taiwan. However, driving is not recommended for those who are unfamiliar with the unique road and traffic conditions in Taiwan. Traffic is heavy and car drivers must watch out for slow-moving pedestrians and bicyclists, fast-moving motorcycles and scooters, as well as other cars, buses and trucks. Drivers have to be extra cautious. International or foreign driver license holders can apply for ROC driver licenses at the local Motor Vehicles Office.

Bank Accounts

Most banks offer foreign currency exchange and bank services in NT dollars. International students can open bank accounts with their passports and ARC cards. Individual who wants to open an account without an ARC card needs to get a universal identification number at the local police office.

Postage

Chunghwa Post, the postal service of Taiwan, provides international and domestic mail services to the public. There are over a thousand branches distributed all over the island, providing regular and express postal service. International students can apply for a postal box at the nearest branch. Students who receive Taiwan Scholarship need to open an account at a post office of Chunghwa Post.

In addition, most convenience stores serve as pick up locations for international and domestic express services.

Job Opportunities

International students, who have attended school in Taiwan for two semesters or a language program for one year, and who have an excellent academic record, can work in Taiwan when one of the following applies:

- Events of a serious nature have affected their financial ability to support themselves or continue their education, and the student can provide evidence of such circumstances
- An academic research institution at the student’s school requires a foreign student to provide assistance in its work
- The student needs to take part in an off-campus internship related to his or her field of study
Jan Novacek, Czech Republic

- Exchange student
- Ph. D. program
- Acoustics
- National Taipei University of Technology

1. Friendly people everywhere.
2. Fast and easy to solve any problems as school stuff is helping every time.

Mr. Chutinon Putthiwanit, Thailand

- Degree student
- BA program, 1st year
- Master of Business Administration (Graduate International Program)
- Providence University

All of my classes are conducted in English but I still have to study free Chinese language course very day. It is tough, really, but it certainly enhances my knowledge in Mandarin and improves the way to communicate with Taiwanese in my daily life.

Mariel Josine David, Philippines

- Degree student
- BA program, 4th year
- International Honors Program - Business Administration
- Kainan University

I can honestly say that I have gained so much more than just knowledge. Everyday activities and experiences as well as immersing myself in Taiwanese culture have given me knowledge, wisdom, and emotional maturity that I wouldn’t have gained anywhere else.

My Campus Diary

07:30 ➤ Wake up, Pray, and Check Mails!
A typical day for me begins with praying followed by checking my e-mails and my facebook account to catch up with family and friends!

3. Locals study English just to pass and get good grade, not to be able speak. Not used to communicate with foreigners so it is usually hard to speak with them as they understand simple sentences only.

My Campus Diary

09:00 ➤ Time for School
Wake up, leaving for school and have breakfast in school.

10:00 ➤ “Research Activities”
Reading papers, programming, writing papers, ...

12:00 ➤ Lunch with Friends

13:00 ➤ “Research Activities”
Reading papers, programming, writing papers, ...

15:00 ➤ Language Classes
I would like to increase my ability to communicate with people all around the world.

17:00 ➤ Dinner

19:00 ➤ Sport Activities
Football, gym, rock climbing or running. It is time to relax from all day sitting behind computer or book.

My Campus Diary

07:00 ➤ Breakfast
I review lecture and enjoy my breakfast!

09:00 ➤ Marketing Class
I have to present my critique in journal reading. So many things to do in this class, but I like it.

12:00 ➤ Lunch
Since I’ve been here, I’ve never lost the weight. It’s always going up!

13:10 ➤ Chinese Class
I love this class. I know many friends. We occasionally talk about our countries.

18:00 ➤ Dinner
Eat again and enjoy with my life…

20:00 ➤ Homework
My best friend is homework. We talk to each other every night. He drives me crazy sometimes.

09:00 ➤ Expert Mandarin
We begin by reading an article for the first half hour followed by oral recitations and discussions on basically anything under the sun!

12:00 ➤ Lunch
Having lunch with my classmates and friends is never complete with new stories or funny antics, sometimes even card games.

13:00 ➤ Chartering Practice
Our professor encourages interaction and classroom discussion as well as integrates practical experiences with the theoretical bases.

18:30 ➤ Dinner and Hang out with Other International Students
International students can usually be seen hanging out in packs during dinnertime. There are a couple of cafeterias and restaurants located within and near our school.

22:00 ➤ KNU International Students’ Association Meeting
Topics of our meetings range from planning activities to just simple bonding.

23:00 ➤ Home or Whatever Goes!
On weekends though, I could be doing anything from going out with my fellow international students (we just love clubbing!) and singing karaoke.
Useful Links
Universities in Taiwan
Chinese Language Centers
Test of Proficiency-Huayu
International Students in Taiwan (Statistics)
Useful Links

- **Taiwan Cultural and Trade Offices Abroad**
  △ See P.34-P.35 for more information

- **Taiwan Embassies, Consulates, and Missions Abroad**
  △ See P.36 for more information

- **Taiwan Education Center Program Office**
  △ See P.36 for more information
Taiwan Cultural and Trade Offices Abroad

These offices have information and application materials for studying in Taiwan and will gladly answer any questions you may have.

North America

**Canada**

Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada  
t: +1-613-2314909  f: +1-613-2317508  e: canada@mail.moe.gov.tw  www.edutw.ca/

Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vancouver  
t: +1-604-6894119  f: +1-604-6898086  e: vancouver@mail.moe.gov.tw  www.taiwanembassy.org/CF/YVR

**USA**

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Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston  
t: +1-617-7372055  f: +1-617-9511312  e: boston@mail.moe.gov.tw  www.moebos.org/

Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York  
t: +1-212-3177388  f: +1-212-3177390  e: newyork@mail.moe.gov.tw  www.edutwny.org/

Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago  
t: +1-312-6160805  f: +1-312-6161499  e: chicago@mail.moe.gov.tw  www.edutw.org/

Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston  
t: +1-713-8710851  f: +1-713-8710854  e: houston@mail.moe.gov.tw  www.houstoncul.org/chinese.htm

Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles  

Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco  

Central & South America

**Paraguay**

Office of the Cultural Counselor Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan)  
t: +595-21-213361 ext.131, 122  f: +595-21-207107  e: paraguay@mail.moe.gov.tw  www.taiwanembassy.org/py/ct.asp?xItem=4472&CtNode=2084&mp=307&xp1
## Europe

### France
- **Service Culturel, Bureau de Representation de Taipei en France**
  - t: +33-1-44398847
  - f: +33-1-44398873
  - e: france@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.edutaiwan-france.org/

### Belgium
- **Cultural Division, Taipei Representative Office in the EU and Belgium**
  - t: +32-2-5110687
  - f: +32-2-5021707
  - e: belgium@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.taiwanembassy.org/be

### Germany
- **Taipeh Vertretung in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland Kulturabteilung**
  - t: +49-30-20361361
  - f: +49-30-20361362
  - e: germany@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.taiwanembassy.org/de

### U.K
- **Cultural Division, Taipei Representative Office in the U.K.**
  - t: +44-20-74365888
  - f: +44-20-74362605
  - e: london@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.roc-taiwan.org/UK

### Austria
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  - t: +43-1-2124720 ext.61, 62
  - f: +43-1-5126083
  - e: vienna@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.taiwanembassy.org/AT/mp.asp?mp=161

### Sweden
- **Cultural Division, Taipei Mission in Sweden**
  - t: +46-8-328200
  - f: +46-8-328240
  - e: sweden@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.taiwanembassy.org/SE

### Poland
- **Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Poland**
  - t: +48-22-2130080-83
  - f: +48-22-5407017
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  - f: +81-3-32807925
  - e: japan@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.roc-taiwan.org/JP

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  - f: +82-2-3992792
  - e: korea@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.studyintaiwan.go.kr/

### Thailand
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  - f: +66-2-6700220
  - e: thailand@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.roc-taiwan.org/TH

### Vietnam
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  - f: +84-8-9272908
  - e: vietnam@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.tecohcm.org.vn/

### Australia
- **Cultural Division, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Australia**
  - t: +61-2-61201022
  - f: +61-2-62734560
  - e: australia@mail.moe.gov.tw
  - www.cultural.teco.org.au/
Taiwan Embassies, Consulates, and Missions Abroad

If there is not a Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in your country, please visit www.taiwanembassy.org/ for contact information for the Taiwan embassies and missions in countries and cities listed below.

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# Chinese Language Centers

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   - **Fu Jen Catholic University**
     Language Center
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   - **Kainan University**
     Chinese Learning Center
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   - **Ming Chuan University**
     Mandarin Studies & Culture Center of MCU
     [www.mcu.edu.tw/admin/mscc/](http://www.mcu.edu.tw/admin/mscc/)
   - **National Chengchi University**
     Chinese Language Center
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   - **National Taipei University of Education**
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   - **Tamkang University**
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## CENTRAL

3. **Keelung**
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     Mandarin Learning Center

5. **Yilan**
   - **National Central University**
     Chinese Language Program of Language Center
   - **Chung Hua University**
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   - **Tunghai University**
     The Chinese Language Center
     [www2.thu.edu.tw/~clc/index.htm](http://www2.thu.edu.tw/~clc/index.htm)

8. **Changhua**

9. **Yunlin**
Test of Proficiency-Huayu

Organization Introduction

The Steering Committee for the Test Of Proficiency-Huayu (SC-TOP) was established in November 2005 under the direction of the Ministry of Education of R.O.C. The Committee aims to develop and promote an effective Chinese assessment system, mainly the Test of Proficiency-Huayu (TOP), for Chinese learners worldwide to assess their Chinese proficiency.

Test Introduction

The Test of Proficiency-Huayu (TOP) is a standardized language proficiency test especially designed for non-native speakers of Chinese. It aims to measure Chinese learners’ listening and reading comprehension. TOP is divided into four different levels: Beginners, Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Test takers can choose the test level most suitable for them by considering their learning experience in Chinese.

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Vocabulary Base

- For Beginners: 800 words
- Basic: 1500 words
- Intermediate: 5000 words
- Advanced: 8000 words

Note: The total Chinese course hours required for overseas Chinese learner need to be doubled.

Target Test Taker

TOP is designed for non-native speakers of Chinese. Those who wish to know about their level of Chinese proficiency, or those who want to study, work or do business in Chinese speaking countries are welcome to take the test.

Test Content

The authentic materials used in TOP are extracted from materials in daily life, such as advertisements, public announcements, notices, letters, memos, time schedules, and weather broadcasts. In addition, these diversified texts are derived from a variety of fields, including literature, science, art, geography, and history.

Test Format

For Beginners

TOP for Beginners is divided into Listening and Reading comprehension sections. This 80-minute test consists of 80 multiple-choice test items each with three options.

Basic / Intermediate / Advanced

There are 120 multiple-choice test items divided into three sections: Listening, Vocabulary & Grammar and Reading. The test time is approximately 110 minutes.

Purpose of the TOP

TOP certificate can serve as a Chinese proficiency credential for:
- Applying for the “Taiwan Scholarship”
- Serving as a reference of Chinese subject proficiency for University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students
- Applying for academic programs at colleges or universities in Taiwan
- Serving as a job-required proof of Chinese language proficiency
TOP Testing Overseas

To meet the demand of numerous international Chinese learners, the SC-TOP has started to provide overseas test services since 2006. Candidates can now choose to take the TOP test in Japan, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, U.S.A., Canada, Paraguay, U.K., France, Russia, Poland, and Australia. Also, the SC-TOP plans to increase test locations annually. For more information, please visit the website (www.sc-top.org.tw/english/oversea.php).

TOP Testing in Taiwan

TOP schedule

www.sc-top.org.tw/english/registration.php

Registration

Online registration, please log onto website during the designated time:
ap1.sc-top.org.tw/Web/Tester/Login.do

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International Students in Taiwan (Statistics)

Number of Higher Education Institutions in Taiwan

- Universities in Taiwan: 121
- Colleges in Taiwan: 44

Taiwan has 165 institutions of higher education. Nearly 70% are universities and the rest are classified as colleges.

Growth of International Students in Taiwan (2004-2008)

The number of international students in Taiwan has nearly doubled since 2004. While the largest number of students come to study Mandarin, the greatest increase (218%) has been in the number of international students earning degrees. Interestingly, nearly 40% of the international students earned master's degrees.

International Students in Taiwan (2008)

- 55% International Students who Learn Mandarin (10651)
- 32% International Students who Earn Degree (6258)
- 13% Exchange Students (2587)

International Student Enrollment by Degree Program (2008)

- 47% International Students Study In Bachelor's Degree (2970)
- 38% International Students Study In Master's Degree (2357)
- 15% International Students Study In PH.D Degree (931)

International Student Enrollment by Academic Field (2008)

- 36% Technology (2225)
- 35% Humanities & Arts (1584)
- 25% Commerce & Management (1574)
- 25% Social Science (761)
- 2% Others (114)
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