

# NKU Academic Exchange in Taipei, Taiwan



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**National Chengchi University!**

A brief introduction...



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## **NKU Academic Exchanges**

The Office of Education Abroad offers academic exchanges as a study abroad option for independent and mature NKU students interested in a semester or year-long immersion experience in another country. The information in this packet is meant to provide an overview of the experience available through an academic exchange in Taipei, Taiwan. However, please keep in mind that this information, especially those regarding visa requirements, is subject to change. It is the responsibility of each NKU student participating in an exchange to take the initiative in the pre-departure process with regards to visa application, application to the exchange university, air travel arrangements, housing arrangements, and pre-approval of courses. Before and after departure for an academic exchange, the Office of Education Abroad will remain a resource and guide for participating exchange students.

### **Taiwan**

Taiwan, an island off the southeast coast of China, packs numerous natural wonders into its small location. Due to its position on the western edge of the Pacific Ocean Taiwan's landscape is full of mountain peaks, coastlines, plains, and tropical settings. The sub-tropical climate allows for consistent warm weather throughout the year with very mild winters and short rainy summers. Many boast that Taiwan enjoys almost a year round pleasant spring temperature perfect for travel and outdoor activities. Taiwan has a population of 23 million and is made up primarily of descendants of Chinese immigrants, however the rich history of Taiwan is still present in the fourteen original indigenous tribes that still flourish throughout the country.

### **Taipei**

Taipei, located in the Taipei Basin, is completely surrounded by mountains and serves as the capital of Taiwan. Due to the country's ties to China, as well as its status as the gateway to the Chinese economic market, the city has strong Chinese and Western influence resulting in a large variety of cuisines, entertainment, and overall business growth. In recent years the city has made a point to highlight more local culture through implementing city parks, art exhibits, and distinct architecture.

### **National Chengchi University**

Established in 1927, National Chengchi University is composed of nine different colleges, offering study in everything from law and finance to foreign languages and literature. The university hosts over 15,000 students every year, with roughly 100 exchange students from all over the world. The Office of International Cooperation has established more than 500 English taught courses throughout the undergraduate and graduate curriculum that cater to the academic goals of their students, and along with taking base curriculum courses students also have the opportunity to take courses through the Chinese Language Center in Mandarin Chinese.

### **Housing**

International students can apply to live in the university's dormitory, which are non-coed and are not furnished and which has single, twin, triple, quadruple, or sextuple occupancies. However, students can live off campus, and the university's Office of Student Affairs offers student housing services and can assist with finding off-campus information. Students can rent through the International Student House (<http://oic.nccu.edu.tw/data/IHouse2009.pdf>) as well as contact the TSUEI MA MA Foundation (<http://www.tmm.org.tw/English/index.html>), a third party non-profit organization in Taipei City which assists with housing.

## Transportation

Taipei has a very impressive and accommodating metro system as well as an extensive bus system. Many travelers to the city remark on how impressed they are with the fast, clean, convenient, and overall cheap transportation the city provides. The MRT is the best way to get around Taipei. Students can also travel by the Taipei bus, Taiwan Railway, or Taiwan High Speed Rail to travel outside the city. An EASYCARD is a pre-paid, re-chargeable transportation card which can be used on all Taipei buses, MRT trains, and metro shuttle buses.

## Visas and Health Insurance

To enter Taiwan students are required to have a visa. For a single semester of study students will need to apply for an extended visitor visa. However when applying for a year of study students will need to apply for a resident visa as well as acquire an alien resident certificate and acquire National Health Care Insurance.

As an exchange student at National Chengchi University students are required to purchase Student Safety Insurance at a fee of roughly \$147 New Taiwan Dollars (about \$5) per semester. Along with this fee students who are planning to stay for only one semester can also purchase U.S. overseas medical insurance, however if you plan to stay for an entire year you will have to buy National Health Insurance starting the fifth month of your stay at a fee of \$749 New Taiwan Dollars (about \$25) a month.

## Useful Links

CIA World Factbook: <https://www.cia.gov>

U.S. Department of State information: <http://travel.state.gov/>

National Chengchi University: <http://oic.nccu.edu.tw/english/admission.php>

Semester Estimated Expenses not available at this time.