Spring 2024

Important Notice for Exchange Students

Visa

All international exchange students shall apply for visitor visa/resident visa depending on the following circumstances.

- Visitor's visa (exchange for 1 semester): For those who will stay in Taiwan for less than 6 months, extension available in Taiwan. Info Here
 - For students who will apply for a visa in France: Please check the page Office in France
- Resident Visas (exchange for 1 year): For those who will study in Taiwan for more than 6 months, extension available in Taiwan. Info Here
 - **PS.** Those who arrive in Taiwan with Resident Visa need to apply for **Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)** within 15 days from arrival date. **ARC application information**

Medical Insurance

In case of any medical expenses caused by COVID-19 or other emergencies, please buy medical insurance in your home country and upload the document to the <u>Exchange Application System</u>. The insurance should completely cover your stay in Taiwan.

Course Selection & Academic Calendar

- Important Period:
 - Course Adding and Dropping Period (After Arrival):

From Feb. 19 to Mar. 1, 2024, you could select courses on arrival via <u>Exchange Student information</u> <u>system.</u> (Please check your ID & password on <u>Exchange Application System</u>).

- *During this period, you could select courses in different departments and different levels.*

 Please contact the instructor for the Authorization Code if the courses are full.

 What is Authorization Code?
- Mandarin Class: It cannot be added online directly. Students must attend the class in the first week of the beginning of class to get the authorization code from the instructor. A placement test is required for some of them. *Info HERE*

- ◆ Useful Link:
 - Course Catalog System: https://querycourse.ntust.edu.tw/querycourse/
 (Please choose Semester 1122 on the top-right of the page)
 - Exchange Student information system:

https://stuinfosys.ntust.edu.tw/NTUSTSSOServ/SSO/Login/ExchangeStu

(You will need to change the password for privacy security when logging first time.)

- ♦ Important Date of Spring Semester 2024:
 - The first day of class: Feb 19, 2024
 - Mid-term exam week: Apr. 8. ~ 12, 2024
 - 2nd Course Withdrawal Period: Apr. 22[~] May 9, 2024
 - Final exam week: Jun 3~ 7, 2023.
 - Complete Academic Calendar 2023-2024: HERE

Transportation

The guide from the Taoyuan Airport to Taipei:

♦ By MRT (Service time 06:00-24:00):

Step 1. Take the Taoyuan Airport MRT express train to Taipei Main Station

How to take Airport MRT:

- Video Instruction: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZCvC7yOMIo
- Official airport MRT webpage: https://www.tymetro.com.tw/

Step 2. Take the Taipei Metro to your accommodation

- Useful APP "Bus Tracker Taipei" for searching buses, MRT routes, and public rent bikes (Ubike).
- Google Map will be one of your BFFs in Taiwan.
- **♦** By Airport Express Bus (Service time 06:20-23:50):

Please refer to the website: https://www.taoyuan-airport.com/buses?lang=en

♦ By Taxi: Fastest and most comfortable after couple-hour flight. It costs around TWD\$ 1300- 1800 depending on your location. There is a Taxi Spot when arriving at the airport.

How to get to Taiwan Tech Campus:

- MRT: Gongguan Station (Green line G07) and a 10-minute walk.
- Bus: #1, #207, #275, #275(Sub), #275(Shuttle), #650, #672, #673, #907, #11(Green Line),
 #12 (Brown Line), Dunhua Main Line

Accommodation

♦ On-campus housing:

Due to high demand and limited facilities, accommodation in on-campus dormitories can only be offered to full-time degree students.

Off-campus housing:

Private Rental: Taipei offers a wide range of accommodations. Reasonable rates per person per month lie between NT\$ 7500- NT\$ 15000 (Around USD 250-500 Per Month), depending on room types and location.

Recommended areas: Da'an District and Zhongzheng District where Taiwan Tech, National Taiwan Normal University, and National Taiwan University are located. Many Taiwan Tech students live in Yonghe district in New Taipei City where rents are cheaper than in the city center.

Recommended websites for short-time rental of rooms and apartments :

- ★ My Room Abroad (operated by former exchange students to Taiwan Tech)
- ★ Sublet.com
- ★ Facebook communities: For example, Taipei Taiwan Apartment Rentals I 台北賃貸マンション | Facebook, Rent in Taipei city and New Taipei city! | Facebook...You can type in keywords and look for more similar communities.

Living Cost

- ◆ Accommodation Fee:
 - Off-Campus Private Rental: Around USD 250-500 per Month
- ♦ Meal Expense: Around USD 200-300 per Month
- Transportation fee: Around USD 50 per Month
- ◆ Phone/ Internet Bill: Around USD 20-30 per Month

Orientation

- Please note that an orientation session is mandatory for all international exchange students.
- **♦** Orientation Session:

■ **Date**: February 17, 2024 (Saturday)

■ Time: 10 AM

■ Venue: On-site at Taiwan Tech

The specific location will be provided to your email box at the end of January.

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