Spring 2023

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*

- **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

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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 Exchange Application System. The insurance should completely cover your stay in Taiwan.

Course Selection & Academic Calendar

- **Please refer to our course selection schedule by our Office of Academic Affairs. *LINK***
- **Important Period:**
  - **Course Pre-selection Period (Before arrival):**

    From December 23, 2022, to Jan 3, 2023 via *Exchange Student information system* (Please check your ID & password on *Exchange Application System*).

    During this period, you could <u>only</u> select courses in <u>your host department/ study level</u>.
  - **Course Adding and Dropping Period (After Arrival):**

    From Feb 20 to Mar 7, 2023, you could change courses on arrival via *Exchange Student information system.*

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

    If the courses are full, please contact the instructor for the Authorization Code.

    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 list**: https://querycourse.ntust.edu.tw/querycourse/
  - ■ **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:**
  - ■ **The beginning of Spring Semester**: Feb 1, 2023
  - ■ **The first day of class**: Feb 20, 2023
  - ■ **Mid-term exam week:** April 10 ~ 14, 2023
  - ■ **Final exam week:** June 5~ 9, 2023. Flexible teaching weeks for the last two weeks.
  - ■ **Last day of class:** June 26, 2023
  - ■ **The last day of Spring Semester:** July 31, 2023
  - ■ **Complete Academic Calendar 2022-2023: HERE**

Transportation

The guide from the Taoyuan Airport to Taipei:

- ◆ **By MRT (Service time 06:00-24:00):**

  Step 1. **Take 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 Taipei Metro to your accommodation**
  - ■ Useful APP "**Bus Tracker Taipei** " for searching buses, MRT routes, and public rent bike (Ubike).
  - ■ **Google Map** will be one of your BFF 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:**

The private rental market in Taipei offers a wide range of accommodation. Reasonable rates per person per month lie between NT$ 7000- NT$ 14000, depending on room types and location. Recommended areas are Da'an District and Zhongzheng District where Taiwan Tech, National Taiwan Normal University, 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**

Living Cost

- Accommodation Fee: Around USD $200-500 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 orientation session is mandatory for all international exchange students.**
- **Orientation Session:**
  - **Date:** February 15, 2023 (Wednesday)
  - **Time:** 10 AM
  - **Venue:** On-site at Taiwan Tech
    The specific location will be provided to your email box in the beginning of February.

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