

## TAIWAN

### HOST UNIVERSITIES

National Taiwan University  
National Tsing Hua University

### WORLD WIDE WEB

National Taiwan University      <http://www.oia.ntu.edu.tw>

### SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

National Taiwan University: Most CSU students will attend NTU, one of the top-ranked institutions in Asia. There are three study options at NTU:

Serious students of Chinese language can focus all of their studies on studying Mandarin Chinese language (listening, speaking, reading and writing). Class sizes are small (2-6 students) to maximize student progress. Students may supplement their Chinese language classes with electives offered by NTU, taught either in English or Mandarin, depending on the student's language abilities. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two terms of Mandarin Chinese language study prior to departure.

Students new to studying Mandarin Chinese may also apply and study certain subjects taught in English at NTU, including coursework in: Asian/Taiwan Studies, Economics, Political Science, Literature, Business, Environmental Science and Engineering. Students must also be willing to study Mandarin Chinese both semesters. Chinese courses are offered at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

Students with near-native fluency in Mandarin may take classes in the regular university.

National Tsing Hua University, located in Hsinchu, a little more than an hour from Taipei, has an outstanding reputation in the sciences and is home to the first nuclear reactor in Taiwan. Only superior students in the sciences who have near native fluency in Mandarin Chinese may apply to National Tsing Hua University.

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

National Taiwan University is an excellent location for students of all Mandarin Chinese language levels who are interested in knowing more about Asia. Its renowned language school, "The Intensive Chinese Language Program" (ICLP), provides one of the finest opportunities in the world to master Mandarin.

Students may also choose to take coursework taught in English in their academic major along with Chinese language courses offered by the "Chinese Language Department" (CLD).

Students who follow the "Study in English/ Learn Chinese" program may go abroad having never studied Mandarin before.

### ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION

Students will travel independently to Taipei. Arrival instructions will be provided after students are admitted to the program. A half-day orientation will be conducted in English and will include academic information as well as information about student services for exchange students. IP students will also have the opportunity to meet NTU students at orientation.

### CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

NTU assigns each exchange student a NTU student volunteer. The student volunteers help acquaint the exchange students with Taiwanese student life and will be able to assist IP students with practical matters throughout the year.

Students should have a serious interest in Taiwan and in making the personal adjustments necessary for life in Taipei. Students are encouraged to talk to alumni of the IP program to learn all that they can about Taiwan before going abroad.

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

There is no CSU Resident Director in Taipei. Instead, there is a host university representative who will work directly with CSU IP students and assist them with academic and practical matters.

After students have been admitted to the program, they will receive an informative student handbook from National Taiwan University.

For a small fee, students can use the computers at the university's computer center and can open their own e-mail accounts. Students who own laptops may bring them.

The climate is tropical in the south and subtropical in the north. Taipei is hot and humid in the summer with temperatures ranging from 77° F in May, to the mid 80's in July and August. Winters are chilly and damp with temperatures in the low 60's from November to March.

International students in Taiwan are not permitted to work.

All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program.

### HOUSING

University housing in Taiwan is clean, comfortable and very affordable. There are two dormitories; these include the **International Youth Center (IYC)** and the **Prince House Dormitory** (a.k.a. BOT). Due to the limited number of rooms, there is no guarantee that students will get their first choice, but they will be assigned to a room in one of the dormitories if they indicate that they want university housing upon completing the NTU online application.

There is not a great difference in the two options, but we have provided a brief description of each below. (The IYC dormitories are older, but are on campus and have been recently renovated. They are very comfortable. The Prince House dormitories are privately owned and are located just across the street from NTU. They were built in 2008.)

**IYC:** All IYC rooms are shared by at least two persons. It is not possible to apply for a single room or to request a roommate. Rooms are equipped with: single bed frames (futon mattress excluded), desks, desk lamps, bookshelves, closets, central air-conditioning, internet connection and telephone outlets. Students may purchase affordable futon mattresses and are advised to purchase sheets and towels after they arrive.

Each floor has communal bathrooms and a shared study space. Meals are not provided but the building has a convenience store, a food stand and a dining area. Meals can be purchased for reasonable prices very close to campus. The IYC dormitory has ping-pong tables and workout facilities, laundry facilities (coin-operated washing machines and tumble dryers), a living lounge, entertainment room and a movie theater.

**Prince House:** Both private and shared rooms are available at the Prince House, and all rooms have private bathrooms. (Note: A limited number of apartments for married couples may be available in the Prince House.) The Prince House dormitories are comprised of several buildings. All buildings have a lobby, a meeting and dining area, laundry facilities, leisure facilities (ping-pong and billiard tables and workout facilities).

Rooms are equipped with: private shower and WC, bed frame(s) (futon mattress excluded), desks, bookshelves, closet, refrigerator, central air-conditioning, cable TV output, and Internet and telephone connections. Students may purchase affordable futon mattresses and are advised to purchase sheets and towels after they arrive.

**WANG FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Encourage all applicants for Taiwan to also apply for the Wang Family Scholarship. Ten \$4,000 scholarships will be available for study in Taiwan (applications available on the IP website under the "FAQ's.").

**CALENDAR (*APPROXIMATE DATES*)**

Arrival:	September 4
First Semester:	September 19 – December 18
Second Quarter:	January 2 – March 19
Third Quarter:	March 31 – June 6