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Fact Sheet for Incoming Exchange Student 2018/2019

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General Information

Eligibility

- Applicants must be full-time students who are currently enrolled in an institution with which College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University (NTU COSS) has a valid student exchange agreement.
- Applicants must have completed 1-year undergraduate study or obtained a recognized bachelor's degree or equivalent before commencing their exchange at NTU COSS.
- Applicants must be international students without Taiwanese citizenship.
- Applicants can choose to study for one semester or one full academic year in NTU COSS, while Chinese citizens are advised to apply for one-semester exchange unless otherwise approved by the relevant authorities.

Nomination

Each of our partner institutions has its own screening procedures. If you are interested in this exchange program, please first contact the student exchange coordinator at your home institution. Applications without official nomination will NOT be accepted.

Application

Students are required to complete application online (link will be dispatched to nominated students automatically by the application system), with the following documents provided (all in electronic copy):

- Official transcripts (in Chinese or English)
- Copy of the identification page of your passport
- One A4 page statement of purpose/ study plan (in Chinese or English)
- ID photo

Academic and Language Requirements

- Our partner universities will be responsible for the selection of students who wish to participate in this exchange program.
- NTU COSS DOESN'T require Chinese proficiency for incoming exchange students. Exchange students can attend NTU's credit-bearing general Chinese courses as complementary studies during the exchange period in addition to courses in their own field of study.
- It is advised that students have good communication skills in English if they do not speak any Chinese.

Important Dates

- Nomination deadlines: Fall entry **March 31, 2018**
Spring entry **October 15, 2018**
 - Application deadlines: Fall entry **April 20, 2018**
Spring entry **November 15, 2018**
 - Admission notification: Fall entry Late May, 2018
Spring entry Late December, 2018
 - Online course registration: Fall entry Mid August, 2018
Spring entry Mid January, 2019
 - Student arrival dates (TBC): Fall entry September 3, 2018
Spring entry February 11, 2019
 - International student orientation (TBC): Fall entry September 5, 2018
Spring entry February 12, 2019
 - Academic year: Fall September 1, 2018–January 31, 2019
Spring February 1, 2019–June 30, 2019
- Note:** One term (semester) in Taiwan lasts for 18 weeks, examination period included.

Fees

- Tuition fee is waived for incoming exchange students from our partner institutions with tuition waiver agreement.
- On-campus housing and internet access should be paid by students.
- Estimated living expenses for one semester (including on-campus accommodation, visa, textbooks, food, public transportation, entertainment and others): TWD 110,600 (USD 3,690)

Academics

Departments of NTU COSS*

- Department of Political Science
 - Sub-division of Political Theory
 - Sub-division of International Relations
 - Sub-division of Public Administration
- Department of Economics
- Department of Sociology
- Department of Social Work
- Graduate Institute of National Development
- Graduate Institute of Journalism[#]
- Graduate Institute of Public Affairs[#]

*Student should select a department based on their original field of study.

[#] PhD programs are not available.

Course Outline

- Course information can be located at the following website (for reference only, course lists will be finalized one month before the semester starts): <https://nol.ntu.edu.tw/nol/guest/index.php>
- All NTU courses are opened to exchange students subject to fulfillment of prerequisites, availability of seats, timetabling as well as approval from home institutions, relevant academic departments, and especially, instructors.
- Demand could be high for some popular courses. Students are advised to be flexible with their course selection in the event that their preferred choices are not available by the time they register for courses.
- For courses conducted in English, and user instructions for NTU course selection system, please refer to <http://www.oia.ntu.edu.tw/study-at-ntu/why-study-at-ntu/courses>

Learning Expectations

- All incoming exchange students are advised to enroll in courses equivalent to 6 credits. They must also fulfill related requirements of their home institutions.
- Students who wish to work on research under the supervision of NTU faculty must approach the potential supervisors on their own. NTU will not assign a supervisor to an exchange student.
- Each unit of credit usually corresponds to one hour of lecture or seminar (10-minute break included) per week for 18 weeks (examination period included). Most courses in NTU carry 2-3 units.
- The main medium of instruction in NTU is Chinese. There are about 40 courses offered in English by NTU COSS per academic year. Incoming exchange students with an average or solid foundation in Chinese are welcome to take courses taught in Chinese along with our local students. Students are recommended to take general Chinese language courses even they choose to be instructed mainly in English.
- Grading may include one or a combination of the following: attendance, class participation, term-paper(s), oral presentation, written or take home examinations.
- If an exchange student can't stay until the end of the scheduled examination period, he or she must inform the instructor at the beginning of the term.
- Transcripts will be mailed to the home institution approximately 4 weeks after examinations.

General Chinese Courses

- All general Chinese courses, regardless of the level, are free of charge for incoming exchange students.
- All general Chinese courses are credit-bearing, and can be counted as part of the required minimum credits.
- Placement tests are compulsory even for zero-beginners. Your Chinese placement test results will appear on the NTU course selection system one week after the placement test. There is no need to select general Chinese courses on the course selection system during the course pre-registration period.
- For more information: <http://www.oia.ntu.edu.tw/study-at-ntu/why-study-at-ntu/learning-chinese>

Housing

- University housing is generally available, but not guaranteed. All incoming exchange students will be accommodated at NTU Prince House: https://ntudorm.prince.com.tw/Introduction_List.aspx
- Housing application should be submitted together with admission application.
- There are 4 room types available: En suite (NTD8,800 per month), Single Room (NTD7,400 per month), Double Room (NTD4,900 per month), and Triple Room (NTD4,400 per month). Students are not guaranteed their housing preference noted during application.
- Electricity and laundry are not included in the rental.
- It is impossible to choose your roommate. Male and female rooms are separate in all NTU dormitories.
- You will be notified of your room assignment and payment information about one month before your arrival. This notification will be sent to the e-mail address you left on the on-line application system. Any questions regarding your housing assignment should be directed to the main office of your assigned residence. This information will be included in your housing assignment notification.
- Students may also choose to live off-campus. Please note that most landlords require a one-year lease, so it can be difficult to arrange for off-campus housing if you plan to stay here for only one semester.

Visa

- Before entering Taiwan, incoming exchange students should apply for a Visitor Visa (one-semester exchange) or Resident Visa (full-year exchange) with the Taiwanese Embassy or Mission in their country of residence. NTU COSS will mail an official acceptance letter necessary for visa application.
- The maximum duration of stay the Visitor Visa permits is 90 days; therefore, all Visitor Visa holders wishing to stay for at least 1 semester must apply for an extension *at least once*. Visitor Visa extension must be applied for within 15 days of your current visa's expiration date.
- Students on full-year exchange will have to change their Resident Visa to Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) at the National Immigration Agency within 15 days of their arrival in Taiwan. The ARC is valid for the

duration of their studies.

- It is students' own responsibility to obtain an appropriate visa prior to their arrival in Taiwan.
- Chinese citizens will have to apply for an Entry Permit through the assistance of NTU COSS.

!!! Special warning: Chinese students will not be able to leave Taiwan in the middle of the whole exchange period as the local law only allows us to apply for the single-entry permit for exchange students from China. So the students are advised to think carefully before they apply.

Insurance and Health Exam

- All incoming exchange students must provide a proof of accident and medical insurance worth a minimum of NTD1,000,000 (approx. USD 34,000) valid for the entire exchange period in order to be officially registered. NTU COSS or the university will not offer a student insurance plan so students are strongly advised to purchase one prior to their arrival in Taiwan.
- All incoming exchange students must take a health exam by a qualified doctor and complete each examination listed on the [NTU Incoming Exchange/Visiting Students Health Exam Form](#). Failure to provide a qualified health exam report will delay registration.

