



Tzu Chi University

INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT'S FACT SHEET

Fall Semester 2026

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City	Hualien
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Academic Year/Semester Dates	Fall Semester: mid-September to mid-January Spring Semester: mid-February to the end of June
Length of the Exchange Period	One academic year or one semester There are two semesters in every academic year, the fall semester and the spring semester, in which students can apply for exchange at TCU.
Online Exchange Students Application Period	Fall Semester: April 1-May 15
2026 Academic Year Calendar	Please refer to 2026 TCU Academic Calendar EN for now.
Instruction Language	Chinese / English
Credit hours per Semester (TCU Credits)	At TCU, each course is normally worth 2-3 credits and meets 2-3 hours per week over 18 weeks (one semester). 1 credit = 1 hour per week over 18 weeks, 1 credit = 18 hours Approximately 1 TCU credit = 2 ECTS credits 1 TCU credit = 1 credit hour (North American credit system)
Courses (Webpage)	2026 Fall courses will be available in July/August 2026. Please refer to previous courses for you reference: https://edurp.tcu.edu.tw/scaswebadmin/annoclaslist.aspx



Courses Taught in English	https://academic.tcu.edu.tw/?page_id=2649
Application Procedure and Documents	<p>《Step 1 Eligibility》</p> <p>Home Institution Exchanges to TCU are only possible if your school has an exchange program to TCU and if you have been selected by your university. Please check with your school to see if they offer exchanges to TCU and what procedures you need to complete the selection.</p> <p>Application Deadline Once your home institution has selected you for an exchange, you must apply for TCU's exchange program. Please complete the application steps stated as follows and return it to your exchange advisor at your home institution. Please be aware of the TCU application deadlines for the semester/academic year you are applying.</p> <hr/> <p>《Step 2 Online Application》</p> <p>1: Complete the application form and attach all the required documents as follows: Online application for 2026 Exchange Program: https://forms.gle/iq9QeeUyQrdHiDpX9</p> <p>2: Your school administrator should submit the nomination to us before the application deadline.</p> <p>3: Only successful applications will receive an admission notification from us.</p>
Tuition Fees (If applicable)	Base on the agreement between your university and TCU, your tuition might be waived.
Cost of Living	For reference only. https://tcueng.tcu.edu.tw/?page_id=2074
Insurance	<p>International students are required to purchase insurance in their own country during their stay in Taiwan.</p> <p>Accident insurance is MANDATORY for all incoming exchange students. Students are requested to join an accident insurance plan as recommended by TCU. Students are required to purchase an insurance plan during the first week after arrival.</p> <p>-Accident and Health Insurance: TCU will assist you in acquiring health insurance coverage in Taiwan, which costs NT\$3,000 for a period of six months before you can join the National Health Insurance.</p> <p>If you choose not to enroll in the recommended insurance plan, you are required to sign a Declaration of Voluntary Waiver of Cathay Student Injury and Medical Insurance.</p> <p>《ARC》</p> <p>If you hold an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) and have met the six-month minimum residency requirement, you can choose to join the National Health Insurance (NHI) with limited coverage. A valid NHI card (National Health Insurance card) can be considered an equivalent insurance.</p>



On-Campus Dormitory	USD 275/NTD 8,200 (Per semester/student) All international students will be provided with on-campus dormitory-style housing, which costs about \$USD 275/ NTD 8,200 per semester per student. Each room accommodates four students.
Arrival date	All exchange students are required to arrive TCU at least 3 days before the semester starts. Please arrive at Taoyuan International airport around noon time since it takes more than 4 hours to arrive at our campus. Please keep your cell phone available and arrive at our campus on the recommended date to match the opening of the accommodation. NOTE: Please let us know if your arrival date/time differs from suggested by TCU.
Airport Pick-Up	Not provided.

Before You Begin Your Exchange

《1. Visa application》

Before you come to Taiwan, you should apply for a **Resident** or **Visitor Visa** at the Taiwan Diplomatic Center in your residence country with the official admission letter issued by TCU.

Please note that if you fail to obtain a correct visa issued by a Taiwan Diplomatic Mission, your exchange program will be canceled. You will get more information upon receipt of a TCU offer letter.

Note: There is no “Student Visa” in Taiwan. Instead, Taiwan offers 2 types of Visas for foreign students:

1. Visitor Visa, 2. Resident Visa. If you are going to stay less than 6 months, you should apply for the visitor visa. If your program is longer than 6 months, you will need to apply for the resident visa.

Entry Visa and Alien Residence Certificate (ARC): https://oia.tcu.edu.tw/?page_id=4037

Students are responsible for applying for the correct visa type before entering Taiwan. For visa information please contact the closest Taiwan diplomatic center.

<https://www.mofa.gov.tw/OverseasOffice.aspx?n=168&sms=87>

《2. Email TCU Your Travel Information & Visa details》

Please provide your flight information and visa to Office of Global Affairs

《3. Finish Medical Examination》

-Stay less than 180 days: Health Certificate for Short-Term Students please **complete all the required items in your country**, which includes “Positive Measles and Rubella Antibody Titers or Measles and Rubella Immunization” and “Chest X-Ray for Tuberculosis”.

-Stay more than 180 days: Health Certificate for Residence Application

After Arrival TCU

《1. Pay Off Your Dormitory Fee – NT 8,200 Semester/Student》

-Pay by cash

《2. Pay Off Your Insurance Fee – NT 3,000 Semester/Student》

-Pay by cash

《3. Submit Your Medical Examination Report》

-Stay less than 180 days: Health Certificate for Short-Term Students

-Stay more than 180 days: Health Certificate for Residence Application

Please prepare the originals and the soft copies of immunization certificates, the chest X-ray report and translate it into English or Mandarin. Then, submit it to OIA when you arrive.

《4. Visitor Visa Extension/ Changing and Getting an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)》



Please complete the 「International Exchange Student Leave-School Procedure Form」 before leaving TCU.

