慈濟大學
Tzu Chi University

INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENT'S FACT SHEET

Spring and Fall Semesters 2027

Campus	**Tzu Chi University (TCU)** Main Campus：701 Zhongyang Rd., Sec. 3, Hualien 970374, Taiwan Jieren Campus：67 Jieren St., Hualien 970084, Taiwan Jianguo Campus：880, Sec 2, Jianguo Road, Hualien 970302 , Taiwan
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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	Spring Semester: November 1–30, 2026 Fall Semester: May 1–May 30, 2027
2027 Academic Year Calendar	Please refer to 2027 TCU Academic Calendar EN for now.
Instruction Language	Chinese / English Language proficiency recommendations for undergraduate courses are as follows: -Courses taught in Chinese: recommended CEFR A2 level -Full English-taught courses: recommended CEFR B1 level
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) ※University trainees will take at least 9 credits and at most 25 credits per semester; graduate trainees will take at least 4 credits and at most 25 credits. Upon completion of the study period, transcripts will be issued in

	accordance with the University's regulations, but no degree will be awarded.
Courses (Webpage)	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	《**Step 1 Eligibility**》 **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. **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.
	《**Step 2 Online Application**》 1: Your school administrator should submit the nomination to us before the application deadline. Name of the home university or Institute: Name of the exchange coordinator at the home university: Coordinator's email address : Faculty, department, and major at the home university : Student's Full Name: Exchange Period (number of semesters) : Student's Email Address: 2: Complete the application form and attach all the required documents as follows: Online application for Spring/Fall 2027 Exchange Program: https://forms.gle/DqCYuDEz7Hf2BkSj9 3: Nomination by your home university does not guarantee admission to TCU. Admission is subject to our internal review and acceptance by the relevant academic department. Only students who successfully complete both processes will receive an official admission notification from us.
Tuition Fees (If applicable)	Tuition fees may be waived in accordance with the agreement between your home university and TCU.
Cost of Living	For your reference only. https://tcueng.tcu.edu.tw/?page_id=2074
Insurance and Alien Resident Certificate	**Health Insurance Requirements:** **1. Certificate of Health Insurance Overseas:** International students are required to purchase a valid health insurance policy in their home country that covers the entire duration of their stay in Taiwan.

	2. Injury Insurance All incoming exchange students are required to purchase an insurance plan during their first week after arrival. ● Coverage & Fee: Tzu Chi University (TCU) will assist students in acquiring injury insurance coverage in Taiwan at a cost of NT$3,000 per semester/student. ● Insurance Waiver: If you choose not to enroll in the recommended insurance plan, you must sign a Declaration of Voluntary Waiver of Cathay Student Injury and Medical Insurance. **《ARC》Alien Resident Certificate** For exchange periods of more than six months: Students should generally apply for a Resident Visa. Students entering Taiwan with a Resident Visa are required to apply for an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) **within 30 days of arrival,** in accordance with Article 22 of Taiwan's Immigration Act. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in legal consequences. For international students, the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) serves as their temporary ID card which can prove your resident status in Taiwan. The ARC application fee is NT$1,000. TCU will assist students with the application.
On-Campus Dormitory	USD 275/NT$8,200 (Per semester/student) On-campus dormitory is available to all international students on an optional basis. Each room accommodates four students. Room assignments are made in accordance with the regulations of the Office of Student Affairs.
Arrival date	Please arrive in Taiwan on the designated date, as early arrival may affect your dormitory check-in. Please arrive at Taoyuan International airport around noon time since it takes more than 4 hours to arrive at our campus. Please keep your mobile 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 what was suggested by TCU.
Airport Pick-Up	Pick-up from Taoyuan Airport is available for a fee, unless otherwise specified. Advance reservation is required. NT$3,000 per person including one-way subway airport to Taipei, one way train Taipei-Hualien. **Please note:** This service involves traveling as a group on public transportation with a staff member or student volunteer; it is not a private

	shuttle or car service. You will be met at Taoyuan International Airport and accompanied throughout the journey to campus, including the Taoyuan Airport MRT ride to Taipei and the train ride from Taipei to Hualien.

Before You Begin Your Exchange

《**1.Visa application**》

1. Before you come to Taiwan, you should apply for a **Resident** or **Visitor Visa** at the Taiwan Diplomatic Mission in your residence country with the official admission letter issued by TCU.
Please note that if you fail to obtain the correct visa issued by a Taiwan Diplomatic Mission, your exchange program will be canceled and cannot be postponed or deferred. If you still wish to study at Tzu Chi University, you will need to wait until the next exchange application period opens and submit a new application.

You will receive further information once you receive an official offer letter from TCU.
Note: Taiwan does not issue a specific "Student Visa." Foreign students should apply for one of the following visas according to the length of their exchange program:

1. Visitor Visa – for study programs lasting less than 6 months.
2. Resident Visa – for study programs lasting more than 6 months.

Entry Visa and Alien Residence Certificate (ARC):
Please refer to the TCU Office of Global Affairs website for detailed information: TCU Visa and ARC Information

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.Medical Examination**》

-Stay of less than 180 days: Please **complete all the required items on the Health Certificate for Short-term Students in your home country**, including "Positive Measles and Rubella Antibody Titers or Measles and Rubella Immunization" and "Chest X-Ray for Tuberculosis".
-Stay of more than 180 days: Please complete the Health Certificate for Residence Application **before coming to Taiwan.**

《**3. Confirm Your Flight Arrangements and Complete the International Student Arrival Report Form**》

After obtaining your visa, please first contact the Office of Global Affairs by email to confirm the recommended arrival date, time, and flight arrangements.
Once your arrival arrangements have been confirmed, please complete the International Student Arrival Report Form, provide your flight information, and upload the following documents:
International Student Arrival Report Form
https://forms.gle/vwGc9Zn67u4MCknp9
- A copy of your visa
- Your medical examination report

- Proof of overseas health insurance
-Arrival Electronic Ticket
International students must purchase health insurance in their home country that covers their entire exchange period at TCU.

After Arrival at TCU

《**1. Pay Your Dormitory Fee – NT 8,200 Semester/Student**》
-Payment method: Cash
《**2. Pay Your Bedding Set Fee – Estimated NT 3,500/1 Bedding Set**》
-Payment method: Cash
《**3. Pay Your Insurance Fee – NT 3,000 Semester/Student**》
-Payment method: Cash (or sign the Declaration of Voluntary Waiver of Cathay Student Injury and Medical Insurance.)
《**4. 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 bring the original documents and electronic copies of your medical examination report, vaccination certificates, and chest X-ray report. All documents must be in English or Chinese, or accompanied by an English or Chinese translation. Please submit the documents to the Office of Global Affairs upon arrival.
《**5. Visitor Visa Extension/ Changing and Getting an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)**》
Please check whether any procedures are required based on your visa type.
The ARC application fee is NT$1,000.

Before Leaving TCU（After Completing Your Exchange)

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