# Information for Students on Exchange

## A. University

### National Chiao Tung University

http://www.nctu.edu.tw/en

National Chiao Tung University (NCTU) has a team of outstanding teaching and research staff that provides students with an excellent learning and research environment. Located in Hsinchu, the silicon valley of Taiwan, NCTU has cultivated over 60% of CEOs in Hsinchu Science Park, and serves to be the cradle for future engineers and professional managers.

Today, the University comprises 10 colleges with 21 departments that offer undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. With the challenges and opportunities in the new millennium, NCTU emphasizes academic and research excellence. Over the past years, the University has been crafting a 10-year blueprint that focuses on new directions, including taking a lead in integrating the fields of engineering, medicine and life sciences to effectively develop biomedical technologies, and in melding green energy developments with environmental imperatives, in order to make a greater contribution to the future well-being of humanity.

NCTU’s advanced research centres were established to promote and to coordinate international and interdisciplinary academic research in all fields. Research projects are supported by national education strategy funding from the Ministry of Education “Aiming for the Top University” (MoE ATU) programme and the Elite Research Centre Development Plan. Surrounded by seven national research centres and laboratories, NCTU offers students many opportunities to participate in leading technology experiments.

## B. Country/Region

Taiwan

## C. Academics

### i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer

Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.

Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.

### ii) Academic Calendar

**Semester 1:** September to January  
**Semester 2:** February to June  
http://www.nctu.edu.tw/nctucalendar-en

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iii) Exchange Duration
One semester or full-year exchange, depending on your home Faculty.

iv) Examination
Students are expected to sit for the mandatory examinations at National Chiao Tung University before returning to NUS for the next semester.

v) Curriculum Structure
Undergraduate exchange students are required to read minimum 9 and maximum 25 credits. However, the credits requirements are subject to approval from individual departments or institutes.

vi) Entry Requirements
• be enrolled at the National University of Singapore (NUS) as a full-time student;
• have completed at least two semesters of study before embarking on the exchange programme;
• have a sound academic record, i.e. minimum CAP of 3.0, and should not have any grade below grade ‘C’ (grade point of 2.0) in any module;
• have sufficient financial means to cover the necessary expenses for the duration of the SEP (ranging from S$5,000 to S$15,000 per semester, subject to the country and local conditions at the overseas Partner University during the period of exchange). When applying for your student visa, a number of countries may demand documentary proof of your financial status;
• obtain the Faculty’s approval for the SEP;
• satisfy partner institution and host country entry requirements; and
• check with the issuer of any scholarship he or she is receiving to ensure there are no restrictions involving overseas study (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Education).

vii) Language Proficiency Requirements
Courses are mainly in Mandarin but some may be held in English.

The list of English-taught courses is usually finalised prior to the beginning of each semester.

viii) Modules Compatibility
Suitable for students from the following faculties:

| BIZ | • Applied Mathematics  
|     | • Business & Management  
|     | • Information and Finance Management  
|     | • Statistics  

| FASS | • Applied Arts  
|      | • Communication and Technology  
|      | • Communication Studies  
|      | • Education  
|      | • Film Studies  
|      | • Foreign Languages and Literature  

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Courses* offered may be found here: [http://timetable.nctu.edu.tw/](http://timetable.nctu.edu.tw/)

* For English-taught courses - tick the box in front of “Other Search Parameters” and click on “English Medium Courses.”

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D. **Application**
### STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

#### i) Procedures

Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home Faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your Faculty’s announcement regarding the application period.

Once you have been selected by your home Faculty for SEP, the Faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.

#### ii) Deadlines

All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.

Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.

### E. Accommodations

#### i) University Accommodation

NCTU has a number of residence halls for exchange students. Once accepted into a residence hall, students are able to stay for the period of their studies at NCTU. However, due to high demand for housing, on-campus accommodation is not guaranteed.

After students receive their admissions from NCTU, Division of International & Cross-strait Services of Office of International Affairs will send out nominations and forms via email for accepted students to apply for on-campus accommodation.

Information on dorms can be found here:

#### ii) Private Accommodation

Off-campus housing is also an option that exchange students may choose. However, students who wish to live off-campus are responsible for securing their own housing. Residences located off-campus are owned and operated by private individuals or companies, and OIA is unable to make any arrangements on behalf of the students.

Safety and the availability of public transportation should be taken into consideration when evaluating possible off-campus accommodations. There are many apartments and houses available in Hsinchu, Jubei, and surrounding areas. Students who prefer off-campus accommodation may check the student handbook when admitted for more information.
### F. Visa

**Consular/Visa Regulation**

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After registering at NCTU, students must apply for a Resident Visa at the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

**Residence Permit**

Foreigners intending to reside in Taiwan must hold a valid Alien Resident Certificate (ARC). It is valid for one year and must be renewed annually. If the student has a Resident Visa or is changing to a Resident VISA, then he or she must apply for the ARC within 15 days upon arrival in Taiwan or receive the Resident Visa. The Division of International and Cross-strait Services (ISC) can apply for the ARC on student’s behalf; otherwise students must apply at the local Immigration Agency themselves annually.


### G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance

#### i) Health/Medical Insurance

All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to [http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters](http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/services/billing-insurance/insurance-matters)

For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to ‘Insurance Cover for Official NUS Trips’ through [http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html](http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html)

All international students, as well as local students, at NCTU are entitled to welfare of Medicare under the national health care programme, after four months of residency in Taiwan. During the first four months of residency (typically from September to December), all international students are covered by an alternative medical care programme. Both medical care insurances are mandatory.

ii) Emergency Number at host university

Please check with host university.

H. Cost of Living

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I. Useful Links

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