

2020



Exchange Program

Important Notice for Exchange Students-- Fall 2020

Dear exchange students,

Congratulations on your admission to Taiwan Tech in the 2020 fall semester!

As you all know, nations across the world have imposed travel restrictions to curb the spread of to COVID-19 epidemic. As of today (July 14th, 2020), Taiwan has not lifted its travel ban for foreign nationals, so that you will not be able to enter Taiwan until further notice.

In the moment, we can only outline several options how to deal with the current situation. Please read the following information thoroughly, and please keep in mind that all information is subject to change following updates of pandemic prevention measures by the Taiwan Government.

- For the latest admission information, please check the [Taiwan Tech website](#).
- For up-to-date information on travel restrictions, please check the [Taiwan Centers for Disease Control](#)
- For Visa application: Please consult [Taiwan Embassies and Missions Abroad](#).

If you have any further questions, please contact our program coordinators:

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for students from Asia, Americas and Germany
- **Ms. Irene Ho** irene72@mail.ntsut.edu.tw
for students from Europe (excluding Germany):

Your choices for the fall semester 2020:

What you want to do...	What you can do...
<p>Option 1:</p> <p>I want to join Taiwan Tech in fall semester 2020</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Taiwan <u>has not lifted</u> its general travel ban for foreign nationals so that you will not be able to apply for a visa to Taiwan <u>until further notice</u>. 2) Once the travel ban is lifted, exchange students from selected countries may enter Taiwan after undergoing quarantine (for details see below). You will have to submit arrival plans which have to be approved by the Taiwan Ministry of Education. We will keep you updated about travel restrictions, visa application, quarantine regulations etc.
<p>Option 2</p> <p>I want to cancel my application for the 2020 fall semester.</p>	<p>Please inform the coordinator at your home university and the coordinator at Taiwan Tech.</p>
<p>Option 3</p> <p>I want to join the exchange program in 2021 spring semester.</p>	<p>Please inform the coordinator at your home university and ask him/her to nominate you again in October 2020.</p>

Arrival date & quarantine period

2020 Fall Semester Registration Schedule

August 20: Arrival to Taiwan (students may arrive earlier)	Sep 11: Exchange student orientation (RB-102)
August 20 – 24: Online pre-selection of courses	Sep 14: Classes begin
	Sep 14 – 28: Course adding / dropping

21-day Pandemic Prevention Measures (14-day quarantine + 7-day health self-monitoring)

	Arrival date in Taiwan	14-day self - quarantine	7-day health self-monitoring	Campus entry day
1	Aug 15	Aug 16 – Aug 29	Aug 30 – Sep 5	Sep 6
2	Aug 16	Aug 17 – Aug 30	Aug 31 – Sep 6	Sep 7
3	Aug 17	Aug 18 – Aug 31	Sep 1 – Sep 7	Sep 8
4	Aug 18	Aug 19 – Sep 1	Sep 2 – Sep 8	Sep 9
5	Aug 19	Aug 20 – Sep 2	Sep 3 – Sep 9	Sep 10
6	Aug 20	Aug 21 – Sep 3	Sep 4 – Sep 10	Sep 11

During the period of health self-monitoring, you should:

1. Stay at home, do not socialize. You are not allowed to enter Taiwan Tech campus.
2. Wear a surgical facemask, if you need to go out.
3. Measure your body temperature twice a day (morning and night)
4. If you experience symptoms (including fever, coughing, or shortness of breath), please phone 0937-427-084 (English hot line) or 0800-695-995 (Chinese hot line) immediately for further instructions

Before departure:

- Taiwan **has not lifted** its general travel ban for foreign nationals so that you will not be able to apply for a visa to Taiwan until further notice.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 after entry to Taiwan and need medical treatment, you are responsible for all medical expenses. We strongly advise to purchase medical / travel insurance before you come to Taiwan.

Upon arrival:

- Quarantine: Arriving passengers are required to stay at a designated quarantine facility for 14 days, followed by 7 days of health self-monitoring in private accommodation or a hotel. Violations of quarantine regulations will be fined by NTD 100,000-150,000 according to Taiwan law.
- 14 days in a quarantine hotel: The minimum room fare is between NTD 2,500 - 3000 per day including meals. Details on the coverage of expenses are still under discussion and will be released as soon as possible.

Visa & ARC information

Visa:

Taiwan has not lifted its general travel ban for foreign nationals so that you will not be able to enter Taiwan until further notice. Once the government has lifted the travel ban, please check with the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs for visa application information. **Please note that students should apply for a visa to study in Taiwan, even if you are entitled to visa-free entry for touristic purposes!**

Website: <http://www.boca.gov.tw/>

- **Visitor's visa:** If you will stay in Taiwan for no more than 6 months; extension available in Taiwan.
- **Resident Visa:** If you will study in Taiwan for more than 6 months; extension available in Taiwan.

Alien Resident Certificate (ARC): If you will study in Taiwan for more than 6 months, you have to apply for an ARC within 15 days from the day after arrival. You will be fined if you fail to apply within 15 days. Please visit National Immigration Agency for application information:

<http://www.immigration.gov.tw>

Medical Insurance

All incoming exchange students must have medical insurance covering the duration of stay in Taiwan.

You must buy an international health insurance plan in your home country before departure.

You can buy the Cathay Life Insurance on campus after arrival. The coverage will start from the second day after you purchase the insurance until semester end (NT 3,000 per semester), but the coverage will **not** include COVID-19 treatment. More details to be announced on orientation day. Please make sure that you are covered by health insurance from the day of arrival in Taiwan until the beginning of coverage by Cathay Life insurance!

Buddy program

Your buddy from the Association of International Affairs (AIA) Student Club will contact you **in the middle of August.**

Orientation Information

Participation in the Orientation Day is compulsory!

Meet your buddy from AIA Student Club who will help you with registration procedures during the orientation day.

Date: Friday, September 11th

Time: 10:00 – 12:00

Location: RB-102

Time	Content	
09:30	Registration	
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome Remarks & Important Notice	Professor Alicia D. Lloyd
		Director of International Education Section
10:15 – 10:30	Cultural Activities	Ms. Weihua Lin, International affairs Office
10:30 – 11:00	Introduction of offices	Ms. Joyce Kuo & Irene Ho, Office of International Affairs
	Introduction of Course selection	Ms. Lydia Tsai & Ms. Rebecca Chang Office of Academic Affairs
11:00 – 11:20	Introduction of AIA Student club	President & Vice-president of AIA student club
11:20 – 12:00	Campus tour/ Registration at departments	

Student ID card:

- The student ID card integrates an Easy Card for use of the transport system and small amount payments.
- You will be given a NTUST student ID card on orientation day if you submit your health examination report (including MMR and X-ray report) & insurance in Taiwan online by 21 August 2020. You may also do the health examination on-campus Sept. 12-13 (see semester dates for details).

Semester dates

Date	Things to do
August 20	Arrival in Taiwan (followed by quarantine) First day of course pre-selection
August 30	Last day of course pre-selection
Sept. 11	Exchange student orientation day
Sept. 12 – 13	Health check: Only for students who were not able to get a health examination in their home countries. * Costs: Vaccination of MMR (NTD 600): Only available at 14:00-16:00 on Sept 12. * X-ray (NTD 150).
Sept. 14	Classes begin
Sept. 14 – 28	Course adding / dropping period
Sept. 19 -20	Taipei Walking Tour (120 NTD)
Nov 9 - 13	Midterm exam
Nov 23 – Dec 10	Second course dropping period
Jan 11 - 15	Final exam
Link to academic calendar: https://www.academic.ntust.edu.tw/files/14-1001-79011,r137-1.php?Lang=en	

Course selection information

- ★ **There are several stages to select courses: You first have to select courses in your department/your level, later you may select courses in different departments/different levels.** Detailed information will be announced in course selection regulations by our Office of Academic Affairs.
- ★ **Course pre-selection (before arrival):** around 20th of August, 2020 via the Exchange Student information system (click here for [link](#), the password for the system will be posted on the Exchange Application System by August 10th). Don't miss it!!
- ★ **Course selection** (during the first 2 weeks of the term): Students can change classes during the first 2 weeks via the online course selection system.
- ★ **Mandarin Classes:** Manual registration starts on arrival. You have to take a placement test in the first week of the semester. Details to be announced on Orientation Day.

Links

- **Course catalog:** <https://querycourse.ntust.edu.tw/querycourse/>
The course list is usually available 1 or 2 months prior to the start of the semester. **Specific course selection regulations will be sent to the student by email by August 10.**
- **Exchange student application system:**
http://stu88.ntust.edu.tw/inbound/stu/index/semester_sn/64
Please download your Letter of Admission. Your NTUST student ID and password for Exchange Student Information System will be announced on August 10.
- **Exchange student information system:** http://140.118.31.170/Exchange_Stu/Login.aspx
(please use your ID and password posted on Exchange Student Application System)
You may select courses, check your transcript, and evaluate courses via this system.
- **Academic Calendar:**
<https://www.academic.ntust.edu.tw/files/14-1001-79011,r137-1.php?Lang=en>

Activities: Taipei Walking Tour (Fee-paying)

	Historic Tour	Golden Age Tour
Route	Longshan Temple Bopiliao Historical Block Ximen Red House Presidential Office 228 Peace Memorial park Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall More: https://www.likeitformosa.com/historic	North Gate Taipei Post Office Tianma Tea House Xia Hai City God Temple Dadaocheng Dihua Street More: https://www.likeitformosa.com/goldenage
Duration	3 hrs.	2.5 hrs.
Price	NTD 120	NTD 120
Meeting point	Exit 1, MRT Longshan Temple Station	Exit2, MRT Beimen Station
Meeting time	10:00	10:00
Tour date	Saturday, September 19, 2020	Sunday, September 20, 2020
Registration	Registration available on registration day	
Payment	Pay the tour fee (non-refundable) from 11:30 – 12:00, on orientation day Friday, September 11, 2020 at RB-102.	

Transportation



■ **Taipei Metro: Transportation from Taipei Main Station (Red line R10) to Gongguan station (Green line G07):**

Step 1: Take Red line first from Taipei Main Station (Red line R10) for two stops to Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall (R08, G10).

Step 2: At Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall (R08, G10), change platform to Green line and take 3 stops to Gongguan (Kunguan) station Exit 2 (Green line G07).

Walk to Taiwan Tech NTUST via NTU campus (10 mins), see map below.

