



逢甲大學
Feng Chia University



PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDEBOOK

WELCOME TO FCU

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BEFORE ARRIVAL

VISA

Before coming to Taiwan, you should apply for either a Resident or Visitor Visa (depending on your intended length of stay) on the Bureau of Consular Affairs website, using the official acceptance letter issued by Feng Chia University.

 : https://visawebapp.boca.gov.tw/BOCA_EVISA/

● **Visitor VISA** (Stay in Taiwan for no more than 6 months)



Requirements:

- A passport valid for at least 6 months.
- An outbound airline ticket or verifiable proof of purchase of steamship ticket
- Official acceptance letter issued by Feng Chia University
- Complete **Form of Health Certificate for Short-Term Students**. ([Click to download](#)).

If the duration of stay listed on your visa does not cover the full length of your exchange period, you may need to apply for a Visitor Visa Extension at least 15 days before expire date.

MORE INFO >>

CONTACT



National Immigration Agency

○ **Taichung City First Service Center:**

Address: 1F., No.22, Wenxin S. 3rd Rd., Nantun Dist.,
Taichung City, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Tel: 04-2472-5103

○ **Taichung City Second Service Center:**

Address: No.280, Zhongshan Rd., Fengyuan Dist.,
Taichung City, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

Tel: 04-2526-9777

Overstaying your visa may result in fines. Please consult with the National Immigration Agency for more information.

Please note that if you fail to obtain a proper visa issued by a Taiwan Diplomatic Mission, your exchange student identity will be canceled.

Insurance

Students who are joining the on-campus exchange program are required to purchase their own insurance in their home country before traveling to Taiwan.

Please provide proof of insurance in Chinese or English valid for your entire exchange period for the following:

- Accident insurance worth a minimum of TWD 1,000,000 (approx. USD 34,000)
 - Medical insurance worth a minimum of TWD 1,000,000 (approx. USD 34,000)
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Health Exam

Please prepare the following documents to be submitted directly to your Principal Investigator (PI) upon arrival:

- Chest X-Ray Report: Clear results for Tuberculosis (TB) screening.
- MMR Vaccination Record: Proof of immunization against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

You may complete your required health check via one of the following two options:

- Option A: In Your Home Country (Recommended) Undergo a physical examination at a government-authorized hospital or with a certified physician. You must bring the original copy of the medical report with you to Taiwan.
- Option B: Upon Arrival in Taiwan If you are unable to complete the examination in your home country, you must undergo the check-up at Veterans General Hospital (VGH) within 14 days of your arrival in Taiwan.



Accommodation

Please be advised that on-campus dormitories are not available for exchange students. While the University does not provide a placement service for off-campus housing, we have compiled the following options to assist you in your search.

Cost & Payment Estimates

In Taichung, the average monthly rent typically ranges from NT\$8,000 to NT\$10,000. When signing a lease, please keep the following in mind:

- Security Deposit: Usually equivalent to two months' rent (NT\$16,000 – NT\$20,000).
- Payment Method: Deposits and monthly rent are generally required to be paid in cash

Recommended Housing Resources

- FCU Rental Information: <https://student.fcu.edu.tw/en/rent/>
- Li Guan Residence: <https://www.liguan.com.tw/>
- Cherry Project: [Link](#)

Note: Students are responsible for contacting landlords directly and reviewing lease agreements before making any payments.



AFTER ARRIVAL

Finance

Taoyuan International Airport may be the most convenient location to exchange foreign currencies into New Taiwan Dollars, as most banks in Taichung City only accept limited types of foreign currencies, which may include US dollars, Euros, Japanese Yen, Chinese Yuan and HK dollars. Please check with the bank before heading over.

Thus, we strongly recommend that you exchange money at the airport.

● Estimated Cost

NTD*/per month

Accommodation	8,000-10,000
Food	10,000
Public Transportation	5,000
Entertainment / Miscellaneous	10,000
Estimated Total	33,000-35,000

● Opening a Bank Account

If you earn the scholarship in Taiwan, we recommend you to open a bank account here.

Bring your passport to a local bank and fill out all necessary forms; you can ask the bank teller for help. Typically, to open a bank account, you have to deposit at least TWD 1,000. We strongly advise that you apply for a bank card, so you'll be able to withdraw money from ATMs at any time.

- You must have an UI No. to open a bank account. To apply for an UI No..
- If you are not considered a legal adult under the law in Taiwan, you will need a letter of consent by your guardian in Taiwan, or by an embassy-approved overseas legal guardian. It is often easier to solicit parental or legal consent before you arrive.



Apply for UI No.

Four hours after entry, you may apply online for a Republic of China (Taiwan) Uniform ID Number. Once approved, you can check and print the Uniform ID Number Basic Information Form directly from the website.

[:https://egate.immigration.gov.tw/NIA_OnlineApply_inter/foreignApply/foreignApplyForm.action/](https://egate.immigration.gov.tw/NIA_OnlineApply_inter/foreignApply/foreignApplyForm.action/)

● 3 steps to apply for UI No.

- Access the application page
- Complete all required fields and click "Confirm."
- Complete the application procedure.





LIFE INFORMATION

● Time Zone

Taiwan is located in GMT+08. All times posted in announcements from FCU are based on Taiwan's time zone, unless otherwise noted.

● AC power plugs & sockets

Taiwanese AC power standard is 110V, and types of sockets are as the following picture. If plugs of your electrical appliances are not the same, please bring your own voltage converter.



● Climate

Based on weather data, Taichung, nestled in its basin, boasts an annual average temperature of 23.3°C (73.9°F) and a humidity level averaging at 80%. The peak of summer, July and August, sees the highest temperatures, while the chill of winter, notably January and February, brings about the lowest readings. Renowned for its mild climate, Taichung experiences lower humidity, fewer typhoons, and less rainfall compared to other parts of Taiwan, all without compromising its water supply.

● Prepaid SIM Card

○ At the airport

Kiosks are located inside both arrival and departure terminals. The only identification required is your passport.

○ In the city

You can go to any of the provider stores in the city to purchase a prepaid SIM card for regular price. Most stores may require you to show a secondary piece of identification (e.g. a driver's license) and to sign forms. Please note that store employees in the city may be less likely to speak English than those at the airport.

● Easy Card

The most convenient method for paying for public transport, renting a bike, or even making purchases in convenience stores is by using an Easy Card. Since you will receive your student ID card upon completing the registration process, and your student ID card doubles as an Easy Card, there's no need to purchase one at airports or MRT stations.

The Taichung government offers free bus service to students studying in Taichung. This policy includes free rides within a 10km radius, with a maximum charge of NTD 10 after exceeding the free 10km limit on each ride.

How to apply:

Step 1: Click the link and apply online

<https://idoor.taichung.gov.tw/>

Step 2: Visit the designated location to register with the following documents:

1. Passport/ARC
2. Certificate of enrollment
3. Your Easy Card

Transportation

● From Taipei Songshan Airport (TSA)

Via MRT & THSR

- ➡ Get to Exit 8 or Exit 16 to take MRT **Brown Line** from Songshan Airport Station
- ➡ Transfer to **Blue Line** at *Zhungxiao Fuxing Station*
- ➡ Arrive at *Taipei Main Station*
- ➡ Take the THSR at the THSR Station in B1 to Taichung
- ➡ Take **Line 160** at platform 12 (Taichung Bus) and get off at station “Feng Chia University”

● Taoyuan International Airport (TPE)

1 Via Airport Metro & THSR & Bus

- ➡ Take Airport metro to Taoyuan THSR Station
- ➡ Take the THSR at the THSR Station in B1 to Taichung
- ➡ Take **Line 160** at platform 12 (Taichung Bus) and get off at station “Feng Chia University”

2 Via Bus

- ➡ Bus ticket counters are located in the Arrival Passenger Reception Areas of both Terminal 1 and 2. It takes 2-2.5 hours from airport to Taichung City. Please be aware that the nearest destination station will be *Zhaoma station*.
- ➡ Take **Line 28** (Taichung Bus) and get off at station “Feng Chia University”

Maps

● FCU Campus Map



Package Check-List

Check the validity of your passport



A proper visa applied



Health Exam Form B or C



Insurance proof



Plug adapter



Enough medication and prescriptions
(if needed)



Copy of important documents



Enough cash





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