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Message from the IEP Director

Greetings from the College of Commerce at National Chengchi University!

NCCUC prides itself on its excellent academic and professional reputation; it has long been dedicated to business education by offering a learning environment characterized by diversified curricula blending oriental and western intellectual traditions. The International Exchange Programs at our College was set forth in 1999 with the aim of providing incoming international students from our partner schools with the opportunities to acquire direct exposure and training within an Asian context, and nurturing our local students' aspiration for globalization.

Annually, hundreds of exchange students from over 126 top business schools representing over 39 countries on four continents join the NCCUC International Exchange Programs and are enrolled in our college's academic programs. In 2016 alone NCCUC received 393 students and sent out 295 students as these numbers are expected to grow steadily. The college's next step is to broaden our dual degree arrangements with partner schools as we have established several and are pursuing further collaboration on scholar exchanges, joint research programs, and incoming customized short-term programs.

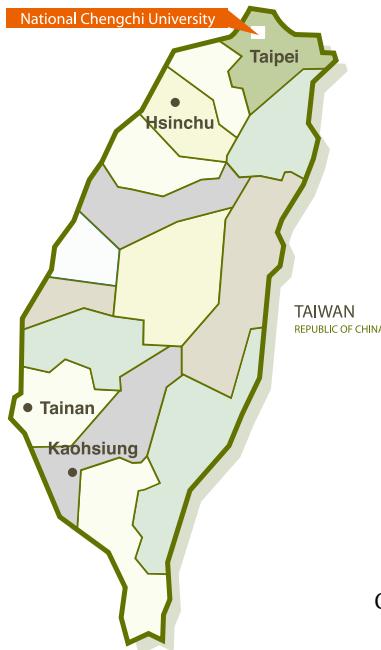
The perfect combination of the college atmosphere, made unique by its refined mixture of cultures, with the alluring environment of Taiwan, is sure to draw one in. Taiwan is a beautiful island known for its assortment of cuisine and culture, which is deeply rooted in Chinese tradition. To those visiting, the Taiwanese have always shown a welcoming heart.

NCCUC is entering a very exciting stage and we would like to invite global-minded students to partake of the rich blend of Asian management thought, culture and traditions that we have to offer. Grasp every opportunity that comes your way at our College and we are confident that it will be fruitful and memorable experience because we know that NCCUC will not only *touch your mind* but also *touch your heart*.

Welcome to Taiwan, the Republic of China!

Taiwan, the Republic of China, is geographically situated at the point where the Asian continental shelf meets the vast Pacific Ocean. First known to the West as Ilha Formosa, or Beautiful Island, Taiwan's unique geology and topography has given rise to the beautiful landscapes and coastal scenes that can be found all over the country.

In the last few decades, Taiwan has successfully developed itself to become a technological island, initially as an original equipment manufacturer, and today, as the source of world renowned brands such as Acer, ASUS, Foxcon, Gaint, HTC and TSMC. Many visitors are surprised to find that despite the technological development and advancements it has achieved, the modest island of twenty three million people has managed to preserve not only a wide array of its ecological resources, but also its culture and traditions.



Area	36,000 square kilometers
Population	23 million
Capital City	Taipei
People	Ethnic Chinese, Taiwanese, Aboriginal Asian
Language	Mandarin (Chinese), Taiwanese, Hakka, Indigenous Languages
Religions	Buddhism, Taoism, Christianity, Islam

The government has established nine national parks and thirteen national scenic areas to preserve Taiwan's natural ecological environment and cultural sites. Take a hike in the splendor and sheer heights of the cliffs at Taroko Gorge; take a ride on the Alishan train – one of only three mountain railways in the world – and experience the breathtaking sunset and sea of clouds; hike up to the summit of Northeast Asia's highest peak, Jade Mountain. You can also soak up the sun in Kending, Asia's version of Hawaii; stand at the edge of Sun Moon Lake; traipse through the East Rift Valley; or visit the offshore islands of Kinmen and Penghu. It's fun and awesome journey of natural discovery!

The cultural aspects are also not to be missed. The blending of Hakka, Taiwanese, and ethnic Chinese cultures has produced a rich plethora of cultural and social color. Whether it is religion, architecture, language, living habits, or food, it's just one big exciting melting pot! Food is the best representative of this cultural mixing and matching. Aside from cuisines from different parts of the mainland such as Zhejiang, Hunan, Guangdong, Yunnan, Shanghai, Beijing, Sichuan, and others, there is also local Taiwanese cuisine as well as local delicacies from various areas of the island.

Taiwan's strategic location in Asia makes it an ideal gateway to the rest of the region. Many airlines fly directly to Taiwan, making it a perfect travel destination.



Climate

Taiwan enjoys warm weather all year round. The strongest fluctuations in weather conditions occur during spring and winter, while the weather is relatively stable during summer and autumn. Taiwan is an ideal travel destination since the annual average temperature is a comfortable 22 degrees Celsius with lowest temperatures ranging from 12 to 17 degrees Celsius (54-63 degrees Fahrenheit). With the exception of a few mountain areas where some traces of snow can be found during winter, snow is seldom seen in Taiwan. When summer approaches (March to May), continuously drizzling rain will sometimes fall on Taiwan while typhoons are known to reach the island during summer (June to August) so it is best to remember to carry an umbrella at all times.

Language

The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin (Chinese), but because many Taiwanese are of southern Fujian descent, Min-nan (the Southern Min dialect or Heluo) is also widely spoken. The smaller groups of Hakka people and aborigines have also preserved their dialects. Many elderly people can also speak some Japanese because before the return of Taiwan to Chinese rule in 1945, they were subjected to Japanese education as a result of the Japanese occupation, which lasted for half a century.

The most popular foreign language in Taiwan is English and it is part of the regular school curriculum. However, to be on the safe side, it is advisable to prepare a note with basic phrases and particular places of destination, such as the school, or your living quarters written in Chinese so that people can assist you if needed.

Life in Taipei City

Taipei is a lively and diversified modern cosmopolitan metropolis serving as Taiwan's economic, political and cultural center. Its buildings provide much architectural splendor and visitors who are fond of historic sites and old streets will not want to miss the work of traditional master builders evident on Dihua Street in the Dadaocheng area or the Longshan Temple in the Wanhua district. The internationally renowned National Palace Museum has an inexhaustible collection of precious historical Chinese arts and artifacts that no visitor can afford to miss; Taipei is also home to many other fine museums such as the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, National Museum of History, and the Postal Museum. On the city's outskirts is the Yangmingshan National Park, which features a unique volcanic terrain, a rich variety of forest vegetation, and an extensive network of hiking trails; Yangmingshan is one of the few places in the Taipei area where you can indulge yourself in a hot mineral bath, making it a popular destination for visitors, whether they are seeking physical activity or relaxation. Taipei also has the largest zoo in Taiwan, you can see the rare Formosan black bear, the giant pandas, cuddly koalas, and stately king penguins in this zoo. The city's comprehensive rapid transit system takes you quickly to the zoo or just about any place you might want to go in the metropolitan area.

Above information and photos are courtesy of the Taiwan Tourism Bureau, MOTC, R.O.C., please visit their website to learn more about Taiwan. <http://eng.taiwan.net.tw/>



National Chengchi University

Since its founding some 90 years ago, National Chengchi University (NCCU) has earned a reputation as an institution of higher education celebrated for its studies in the humanities, social sciences, and management sciences. Although it has changed its name and constitution twice in its history, the goals and ideals of the university have always remained steadfast: the search for truth, the commitment to academic research, the cultivation of future generations of leaders, and the ability to recognize and respond to the changes shaping society and the academia.

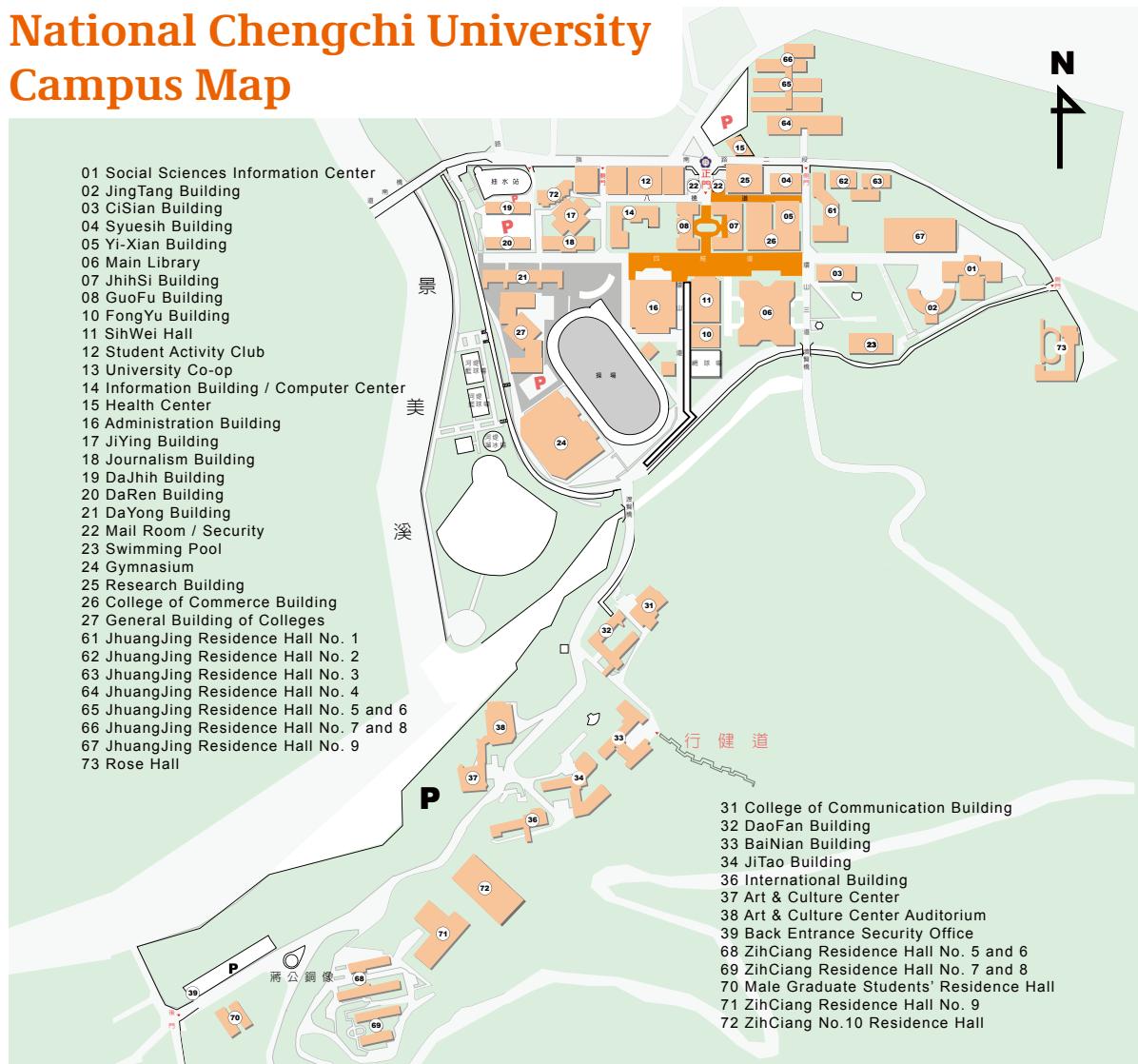
The university finds its roots in the central government's 1927 founding of the Central Party Affairs School, presided over by the President Chiang Kai-shek in China. The victory of "the Northward Expedition" in 1929 was accompanied by a name change to the Central Political School. A further progression, its integration with the Central Political School, was an immediate prelude to the founding of National Chengchi University, which followed shortly after the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese War in 1946.

Over the decades, NCCU has developed and refined itself into nine colleges including Commerce, Communication, Education, Foreign Languages, International Affairs, Law, Liberal Arts, Science, and Social Sciences, forty-eight independent graduate institutes, and thirty-four departments. More than 675 full-time professors and over 350 part-time lectures, scholars and experts conduct instruction and research in this prestigious institution.





National Chengchi University Campus Map



University Campus

The main campus of National Chengchi University (NCCU) is located in the southeastern suburbs of Taipei. The University commands a beautiful view, in a peaceful setting, at the foot of Mt. Chihnan and is close to many tourist spots including the Chihnan Temple, the Tea Display Museum, and the Taipei Zoo.

Our campus boasts of an excellent balance between modern infrastructure and nature. The scenery formed by the Jing-Mei and Zhi-Nan Rivers running through the campus, is a beautiful verdant landscape of upper and lower campus set in surrounding hills and vegetation.

The area of the main campus is approximately 103 hectares, with 80 hectares of it divided between the lower campus, where the main portion of colleges and infrastructure are located, and the higher campus. The lower campus is comprised of historical buildings such as the Zhi-Shi Building, the Guo-Fu Building and the Si-Wei Hall. Modern buildings have also been constructed around campus including the Chung-Cheng Main Library, the Social Science Information Center, the General Research Building, the Commerce Building and the General-Purpose Building. On the other hand, the upper campus also houses several colleges, centers, the men's dormitory and several tourist and hiking attractions. These include the Communication College Building, the Dao-Fan Building, the Century Building and the Ji-Tao Building, all of which have wonderful views of the beautiful, winding Jing-Mei River from the hillside.

The vibrant academic scene at the hill foot and the beautiful scenery of the hill side combined set the university apart from other universities in northern Taiwan.



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The College of Commerce

The College of Commerce at National Chengchi University (NCCUC) is highly regarded nationally and internationally as the leading business school in Taiwan. It is the first and the only business school in Taiwan to be fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), AACSB Accounting and the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS) and holds the distinction of being ranked among the top 70 programs around the world in the Financial Times Masters in Management ranking in 2012.

Our reputation is based on the caliber of our academics and students. With eight departments, one graduate institutes, five specialized offices, and fourteen national-level research centers, NCCUC has achieved an outstanding record in academic research, providing consulting services not only in the development of government policies, but also to businesses and the community. The College boasts of more than 151 professors who have earned Ph. D. degrees from world-renowned universities.

NCCUC was founded in the fall of 1957 with the aim of cultivating the entrepreneurial competencies of students as well as pioneering research in all areas of business. The faculty of NCCUC is highly respected and has developed a strong research culture. Its diverse research agenda focus on finding solutions to real-world problems through its collaboration with industry and government. Extensive links with the business community enable the faculty to integrate theory and practice, earning NCCUC the reputation of being “a college for the real world”, providing courses that are practical and relevant.

NCCUC is ideally located in Metropolitan Taipei: a center of international trade, finance and banking, which has witnessed the exponential growth of Taiwan’s high-tech industries. NCCUC leverages on its strategic position in emerging economies to offer a series of creative programs that connect the local business community and numerous overseas Chinese organizations through research, courses and extra-curricular activities. NCCUC has a cooperative and team-oriented culture, mirroring the best business practices today and leading the way in preparing its graduates to respond to new challenges and opportunities.

For more information, please visit <http://www.commerce.nccu.edu.tw/?locale=en>

World Class Faculty

Instructors of the English-taught business courses are drawn from the large pool of faculty at the College of Commerce, there are 150 outstanding professors who have earned Ph.D. degrees from world-renowned universities.

Aside from NCCUC faculty, the program further invites industry senior executives and renowned scholars from top overseas business schools to be its visiting instructors. Not only does this reflect the program's effort in maintaining a meaningful balance between theoretical and practical learning, it also reflects the internationalization of the program. Below is a short list of the distinguished visiting educators, in the past and present, who have helped make our program so excellent:



Prof. Glen H. Brodowsky, California State University, USA
Prof. David Chang, President of B. Corp Taiwan Movement, Taiwan
Prof. David Y. Chang, Former Executive Vice President of Ericsson Communications Co. Ltd., China
Prof. Andrew C. Chu, California State University, USA
Prof. Foo-Ni Ho, San Francisco State University, USA
Prof. Jason Hsu, Director of Research and Investment Management, Research Affiliates LLC and Professor of UCLA, USA
Prof. Joseph Hu, former Managing Director of Standard & Poor's, USA and Visiting Professor at Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business, China
Prof. S.H. Lee, former Vice President of Human Resources Dep., Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), Taiwan
Prof. Sandra Liu, Purdue University, USA
Prof. Kwei Tang, College of Commerce, National Chengchi University, Taiwan



Our International Academic Network

To enable students to become globally competitive graduates, NCCUC gives its students the opportunity to participate in outbound exchange programs to leading universities in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Oceania. The international recognition that NCCUC has achieved has made possible the establishment of reciprocal exchange programs with 126 prestigious business schools worldwide. Beginning in 2012, NCCUC also offers dual-degree programs with select partner schools further expanding the education opportunities of our students. Spending one term at NCCUC allows students to enrich their studies by learning about Asian management thought and practices from industry experts and personally experiencing a different cultural and business environment.





Currently, we have established exchange programs with the world's leading business schools including:

Asia



China

Antai College of Economics & Management, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Graduate University of Chinese Academy of Sciences
Guanghua School of Management, Peking University
Huazhong University of Science & Technology School of Management
School of Business, Renmin University of China
School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University
School of Management, Fudan University
School of Management, Zhejiang University
Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Sun Yat-Sen Business School
Sun Yat-sen University, Lingnan College



Hong Kong

College of Business, City University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong Baptist University School of Business
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Business School
The Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Business Administration



India

Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode
Indian Institute of Management Ranchi
Indian School of Business



Israel

Coller School of Management, Tel Aviv University



Japan

Graduate School of Management, Kyoto University
Hitotsubashi University Graduate School of Commerce and Management
International University of Japan Graduate School of International Management
Kyushu University Business School
Nagoya University of Commerce and Business
Faculty of Commerce, Waseda University



International Exchange Programs

 South Korea

KAIST College of Business
Sungkyunkwan University School of Business

 Malaysia

Faculty of Business & Accountancy, University of Malaya

 Philippines

Asian Institute of Management

 Singapore

Nanyang Technological University Nanyang Business School
National University of Singapore Business School

 Thailand

Chulalongkorn University Chulalongkorn Business School (CBS)
Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration of Chulalongkorn University
Thammasat Business School

 Turkey

Bilkent University Faculty of Business Administration

Central & South America

 Brazil

FGV-EAESP
University of Brasilia

 Colombia

Universidad de los Andes School of Management

 Costa Rica

INCAE Business School

 Honduras

UNITEC | La Universidad Global de Honduras

 Mexico

ITAM

 Peru

ESAN University

Europe

 Austria

University of Innsbruck School of Management
WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business)

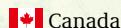
 Belgium	Faculty of Economics and Business KU Leuven Louvain School of Management Solvay Brussels School of Economics & Management, ULB
 Czech Republic	University of Economics, Prague
 Denmark	Copenhagen Business School
 Finland	Aalto University School of Business Hanken School of Economics
 France	Audencia School of Management EDHEC Business School EMLYON Business School ESC Rennes School of Business ESCEM School of Business and Management ESCP Europe Business School ESSCA ESSEC Business School Grenoble Ecole de Management IÉSEG School of Management Kedge Business School NEOMA Business School SKEMA Business School
 Germany	European Business School, International University Schloss Reichartshausen HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management University of Cologne, Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences University of Hamburg School of Business University of Mannheim Business School WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management
 Hungary	Corvinus University of Budapest, Corvinus Business School
 Italy	Bocconi University



International Exchange Programs

 Norway	BI Norwegian Business School NHH-Norwegian School of Economics
 Poland	Kozminski University SGH Warsaw School of Economics
 Portugal	Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics Nova School of Business and Economics
 Russia	Graduate School of Management, St. Petersburg University
 Slovenia	Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana
 Spain	EADA ESADE Business School IE Business School University of Navarra School of Economics and Business Administration
 Switzerland	University of St. Gallen
 The Netherlands	Maastricht University School of Business and Economics Rotterdam School of Management Erasmus University Tilburg University School of Economics and Management University of Amsterdam Faculty of Economics and Business University of Groningen Faculty of Economics and Business
 United Kingdom	Aberystwyth University Aston Business School Bradford University School of Management Lancaster University Management School School of Business & Economics, Loughborough University University of Essex Business School University of Exeter Business School University of Strathclyde Business School University of Sussex University of York the York Management School

North America



HEC Montréal
McMaster University DeGroote School of Business
Queen's University Smith School of Business
Simon Fraser University Beedie School of Business
The Schulich School of Business, York University
Université du Québec à Montréal School of Management
University of Calgary Haskayne School of Business
University of Ottawa Telfer School of Management
Western University Ivey Business School



Claremont Graduate University, School of Information Systems and Technology
David Nazarian College of Business and Economics, California State University, Northridge
A.B. Freeman School of Business, Tulane University
George Mason University School of Management
Hawaii Pacific University College of Business
Brandeis University International Business School
Purdue University Krannert School of Management
The George Washington University School of Business
The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business
University of Florida Warrington College of Business
University of St. Thomas
University of Washington Foster School of Business

Oceania



Griffith Business School, Griffith University
Queensland University of Technology
The University of Queensland



The University of Waikato, Waikato Management School

For more information, please visit <http://iep.neeu.edu.tw>

The Student Exchange Programs

Candidates who have been selected by their home universities can participate in the student exchange programs at our College. Therefore, interested students are advised to contact their school's exchange programs office for details regarding the qualification and selection process at their school. Whether the exchange is at the undergraduate or the graduate level depends on the agreement between schools.

There are two terms in every academic year in which students can apply for exchange to NCCUC, the fall term and the spring term. The deadlines for submitting applications are May 1 and November 1 of each year.

Semester Schedule

	Term starts from	Term ends in
Fall Term	Early September	Mid January
Spring Term	Mid February	Late June

Deadlines

	Nomination	Application
Fall Term	April 15	May 1
Spring Term	October 15	November 1



We require the following documents to process applications:

1. A nomination letter
2. A copy of passport
3. A current resume
4. A passport-sized photograph

Please complete the online application form at <http://iep.nccu.edu.tw>

The academic assessment methods at NCCUC frequently come in the form of class participation, attendance, examinations, quizzes, projects, assignments, case studies, and presentations for each individual course. We maintain a 100-point grading scale system with the corresponding evaluation indicated in the charts to the right.

Undergraduate		Graduate	
Grade	Explanation	Grade	Explanation
90 and above	Excellent	90 and above	Excellent
80~90	Very Good	80~90	Good
70~80	Good	70~80	AmPLY Sufficient
60~70	AmPLY Sufficient	70	Passing grade
60	Passing grade		

Course Overview

There are no minimum requirements as to the number of courses or credit hours an exchange student must take; however, they must verify with their home university office for their university's requirements.

English Business Courses

Undergraduate Level

Course name	Credit
Advanced Topics on International Investment	3.0
Asian Economic Integration	3.0
Business Policy	3.0
Causal inference and Big Data	3.0
Conflict Management	3.0
Cultural and Creative Entrepreneurship: Case Studies	3.0
Data Structure	3.0
Digital Media and E-Marketing	3.0
Educational reform: international perspectives	3.0
Financial Management	3.0
Financial Mathematics	2.0
Fixed Income Securities: Analytics and Derivatives	3.0
Health Economics	3.0
Human Relation	3.0
International Bargaining	2.0

Course name	Credit
International Business Management	3.0
International Finance	3.0
International Investment	3.0
International Political Economy	2.0
International Relations	3.0
Investments	3.0
Macroeconomics	3.0
Management Science	3.0
Managerial Economics	3.0
Microeconomics	3.0
Money and Banking	3.0
New Media Technology Civilization	3.0
Public Finance	3.0
Operations Management	3.0
R Computing for Business Data Analytics	2.0
Risk Management and Insurance	3.0
Strategic Cost Management	3.0
Wealth Management and Financial Planning	3.0



Graduate Level

Course name	Credit	Course name	Credit
Actuarial and Financial Engineering Studies	3.0	International Business Management	3.0
Applied Macroeconomics	3.0	International Business Strategy and Management	3.0
Asia-Pacific Regional Development	3.0	International Corporate Governance	2.0
Behavioral Finance	3.0	International Finance	2.0
Brand Management and Entrepreneurship	2.0	International Investment	3.0
Case Studies on Entrepreneurship and Finance	3.0	International Organization	3.0
China and Regional Economic Integration	3.0	International Political Economy	3.0
Chinese Business in Global Perspective	3.0	Investment	3.0
Conflict Management	3.0	Legal Methods	3.0
Confucianism and Leadership	3.0	New Media Technology Civilization	3.0
Consumer Behavior	3.0	Quantitative Methods for Economics	3.0
Corporate Finance	3.0	Risk Management	3.0
Cross-Cultural Communication and Negotiation	3.0	Small-and-medium size enterprises	3.0
Digital Games and Society	3.0	Special Topics on Profit Models	2.0
Economic Development of Mainland China	3.0	Strategic Talent Management	3.0
Economic Development of Taiwan	3.0	Strategy and Business Modeling	3.0
Enterprise Process Models	2.0	Survey Design and Implementation	3.0
Financial Economics (I)	3.0	The Cross Strait Relations between Mainland China and Taiwan	3.0
Global and Cross Cultural Marketing	2.0	Venture Capital	3.0
Global Social Entrepreneurship Developments	2.0		

Estimated Expenses

Normally, tuition is paid at the exchange student's home university. Aside from tuition, exchange students will need to budget their living expenses as well as travel cost to and from Taiwan. Fees that will be incurred by an exchange student include: dormitory fees (free internet access), books, medical insurance, and other miscellaneous items.

Just to give you an idea of how much things cost in Taipei*

Food	NTD	Approx. USD
Milk	\$100/L	\$3.3/L
Water	\$18/600ml	\$0.6/600ml
Restaurant Meals:		
E.g. McDonald's Hamburger	\$120	\$4.0
E.g. Traditional Chinese Meal	\$100	\$3.3
Transportation	NTD	Approx. USD
Bus	\$15	\$0.5
Subway	\$12-65	\$0.4-2.17
Taxi/cab in Taipei Area	\$70 for the first 1.25 km Afterwards \$5 for every 0.25 km	\$2.3 for the first 1.25km, Afterwards \$0.16 for every 0.25km
Communication	NTD	Approx. USD
Public SIM Card	\$300	\$10
Local Call Per Second		
International call per second (Depends on distance)	\$0.09-0.15	\$0.003-0.005
Public Phone (IC Card from 7-11)	\$2/minute	\$0.06/minute
Others	NTD	Approx. USD
Text Book	\$900-2500	\$30-83

*NTD:USD=30:1

Customized Short-term Programs

Customized Short-term Programs in NCCUC are exclusive one to four-week academic events organized by NCCUC. Each year, we give student groups from partner schools an unforgettable experience that combines high quality academic courses with a wide range of cultural and social activities. Our special Asian featured lectures aim to provide students a conduit for gaining Asian perspectives of business and learning all about this growing region.

The Program has since evolved into a more mature and flexible format involving closer coordination with visiting programs that begins with an in-depth understanding of the visiting program's needs; a discussion on the possible options under the program commences and based on careful consideration of the visiting program's specific requirements and NCCUC's previous experiences, the Coordinator provides a firm recommendation on a tailored program design for the visiting program. The effective Execution Team then follows this through with pre-arrival preparations that ensure a smooth flow from the visiting students' arrival to their departure.

Program build upon NCCUC's business expertise and network in the Asian region to provide students with the essential fundamental knowledge on doing business in Asia. This is complemented by the real-life experiences offered through the Buddy Program. The buddies are a select group of NCCUC students who first introduce the visiting program's students to the ins and outs of daily life in Taiwan; it has typically experience that the visiting program's students and their buddies become lifelong friends after the short program.

For more information on the NCCUC Customized Short-term Programs visit <http://cnccusap.nccu.edu.tw>.





Language Programs

There are mandarin courses once a week (3 hours * 18 weeks) for exchange students for free. A special arrangement of weekly courses totaling 54 hours a semester has been arranged for beginners and students in intermediate level including the listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Students wish to study mandarin more intensively; the Chinese Language Center offers a variety of regular courses and elective courses. Regular courses are designed to enhance listening, speaking, reading and writing skills at different levels, while elective courses are available for those who already know the language and would like to sharpen their skills in listening and speaking or to learn Classical Chinese, Business Chinese, and Taiwanese. Workshops,



activities and field trips are organized to provide students with opportunities to integrate culturally and socially with local students. Instructors in the program are highly qualified professionals with years of experience in teaching Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language to individuals with various linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

For more information, please visit our Chinese Language Center website at <http://mandarin.nccu.edu.tw/english/index.php>



Housing and Facilities

Housing

The university provides the on-campus dormitory and off-campus i-House for incoming students to choose. The dormitory accommodates 2-4 students in one room and there are individual buildings for males and females. Laundry facilities and lounges are available, but cooking is not allowed in the dormitory. The i-House is a modern and well-furnished building with 65 single suites and 30 double suites. Laundry, lounge and kitchen facilities are all available. Please be advised, space is limited at both the University dormitory and the i-House so guaranteeing a space is becoming more difficult. Further assistance will be provided for students who wish to find a flat outside of the campus through our Buddy program which is described in more detail later.

Computer Facilities

The Commerce Building was meticulously designed to fully link its 31 different laboratories and research facilities to the classrooms via a high-speed fiber optic network. In this building alone, there are more than 500 computers in the 15 computer rooms accommodating 40 - 80 persons each. Aside from this, majority of the academic buildings on campus are fully equipped with secured wireless internet service that can be accessed using personal computers and laptops. High-speed Ethernet LAN is also provided in students' dormitory rooms at no extra cost.

Other Student Facilities (Lounge & Seminar Rooms)

The Office of International Programs provides a student lounge with computer facilities and seminars rooms which may be used as a general meeting or study area. In addition, NCCU also provides the Hillside Learning Lodge located uphill of campus for students with a rich, diverse residential experience. The design of the Hillside Learning Lodge's open reading and discussion environment was inspired by Harvard University's Bureau for Study Counsel: Center for Academic and Personal Development and provides enthusiastic, knowledgeable student mentors to help new students understand the undergraduate curriculum and solve any problem they encounter.

Libraries

The libraries at NCCU house over 4.1 million books/ e-books, periodicals, and more than 430 newspapers. These materials can be found in the Chung-cheng Main Library, the Social Sciences Materials Center, the Center for Public and Business Administration Education, the Institute of International Relations, and various branch libraries on campus.

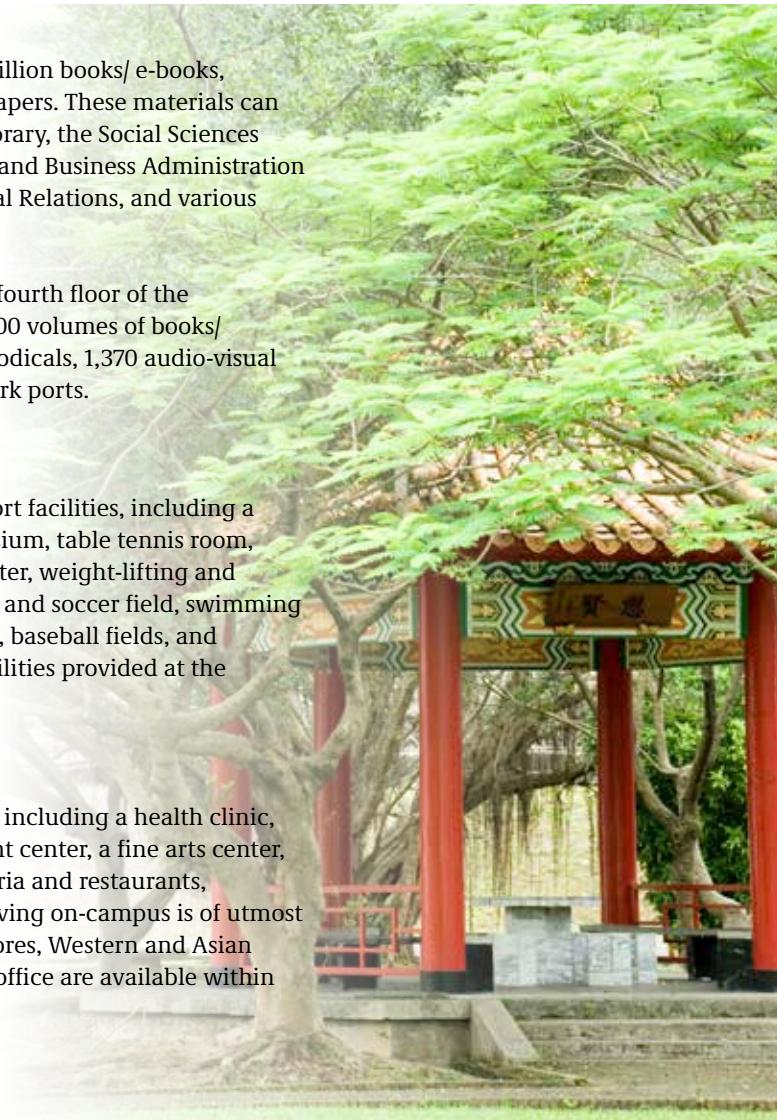
The Commerce Library located on the fourth floor of the Commerce Building holds about 100,000 volumes of books/ e-books, 14,000 volumes of bound periodicals, 1,370 audio-visual tapes, 250 reading seats, and 76 network ports.

Sports Facilities

Students have access to all kinds of sport facilities, including a multi-purpose sports stadium, gymnasium, table tennis room, billiards, martial art rooms, fitness center, weight-lifting and training room, track and field, football and soccer field, swimming pool, tennis courts, rock climbing wall, baseball fields, and basketball courts among the many facilities provided at the sporting complex.

Other Facilities

The University provides other facilities including a health clinic, a counseling center, a career placement center, a fine arts center, a language center, parking lots, cafeteria and restaurants, bookshops, and a retail cooperative. Living on-campus is of utmost convenience as banks, convenience stores, Western and Asian restaurants, supermarkets, and a post office are available within walking distance from the campus



Buddy Program

The OIP provides a Buddy Program where every exchange student is provided with one to three NCCU students who have volunteered to become “buddies” to help new students settle into their environments. These local “buddies” will assist them in any problems that they may encounter upon arrival and help them adjust to life in Taipei. We encourage students to work with buddies for assistance with dormitory arrangements as well as various academic and non-academic activities.



The buddy program is not just a way to meet and mingle with local Taiwanese students, but a way to make lasting friendships and learn of the culture and heart of Taiwan from real Taiwanese people. The buddy program also gives our local students an opportunity to practice their interactive skills with people from various backgrounds and cultures all around the world. Over the years, the buddy program has been a huge success and we encourage every incoming student to utilize it.



Testimonials



Elisa Fabrizi 🇮🇹 **Vienna University of Economics and Business**

Doing exchange for one semester at NCCU was a big enrichment not only for my studies, but also for my personal life. I enjoyed the multicultural and diverse atmosphere where I got the opportunity to know many people from different cultural backgrounds. NCCU offers different student clubs like Yoga or the Photography club as well as many amenities like the swimming pool or the sport field. Furthermore, I really enjoyed the student-based way of learning: team work and presentations became part of daily routine. I appreciated that all the courses consisted of many small exams, rather than one big exam at the end of the semester. By splitting the workload in small amounts, I could memorize things much better. Moreover, I liked the practical approach of some courses where we had to get involved in different projects as part of the final mark. These projects gave me the chance not only to extend my theoretical knowledge, but also to participate actively in different topics.



Michelle Chou 🇺🇸 **University of Florida Warrington College of Business**

NCCU and my time abroad as an exchange student in Taiwan has contributed to my growth in ways I never expected. Small class sizes have allowed me the opportunity to easily interact with professors and foster relationships. In addition, intimate class size has forced me outside my comfort zone with the constant requirement of participation. The campus is easily navigable and everyone working in the offices in the College of Commerce and OIP have always greeted me with a smile and have been extremely helpful and friendly when I have had inquiries. Overall, NCCU and the entire exchange program goes down as a major highlight in my time as an undergraduate student!



Laura Restrepo 🇨🇴 **Universidad de los Andes School of Management**

My exchange experience opened my eyes to this other side of the world, where everything is different and at the same time extremely charming. I learned the importance of tolerance, of thinking in different ways and of sharing as much as you can with the people around you despite their nationality, religion or culture. I remember the first Chinese class I had; it seemed to be such a crazy language! My teacher wouldn't speak any English in the class. After a few classes, my curiosity was triggered and then, with time, it turned into a personal challenge. The reason I find this language fascinating is that I feel I'm learning much more than just a language. I'm learning a new mind set, a new perspective of meanings, a new way of thinking.



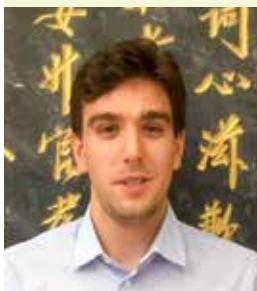
Kim La 🇨🇦 University of Ottawa Telfer School of Management

I've always wanted to go travelling, try something new and experience life while I'm still a student. My life at NCCU has led me to be a little more open and motivated every day. My favorite part is the buddy program. Each exchange student is paired with a couple of local Taiwanese volunteer students that are willing to help exchange students adjust to life in Taiwan. I was surprised that they had contacted me 2 months prior to my semester to see if they can help me by answering any questions. My buddies cared for me and were my very first friends at NCCU. After a few weeks of adjusting they would invite me to go out to the night market as well as attend their school play. They really tried to make me feel like this is also my home and I am very thankful for that. I've made friends (local and international), improved my mandarin rapidly, and became more open-minded. I would say this has been, in a way, a life-changing experience for me, although it was only a semester of stay.



Ivona Maršíková 🇨🇪 University of Economics, Prague

I am definitely in love with Taiwan's nature – steep mountains, waterfalls, coast, sea, national parks... just amazing. And above all, kind people willing to help anytime you need. That is what I appreciate the most – even as a foreigner you do not feel bad or unwelcome here then. Whether it was my buddies who helped me during my first days in Taipei, my university coordinator, Cherry, who was always kind and responded to all my e-mails, or just random people on the street who I asked when I got lost, they all were always willing to help. All in all, I consider this semester abroad as my best semester ever. I got a chance to explore a new country and culture, to discover new places and to meet new people and friends. These all are unforgettable memories that will last in my heart forever.



Leandro Bonan 🇮🇹 SDA Bocconi School of Management

I could not be happier with my choice to come here to NCCU. The campus facilities are great and it is very well connected with the city center. Taipei is an amazing city, which has much to offer and where life is vibrant and exciting. I am still fascinated by the number of people on the streets, the huge differences among city areas and the amazing combination between extreme modernity and ancient traditions. I totally recommend this experience to anyone willing to exit from the comfort zone and challenge herself or himself, surrounded, however, by a very welcoming environment and kindest people.

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