

# College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University

## Fact Sheet for Exchange Student Program

2015/2016

### General Information

- **Who Can Apply?**

Full-time students who are currently enrolled in a faculty with which College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University (hereinafter referred to as “COSS”) has a valid student exchange agreement can be officially nominated by their home institution for the exchange program.

- **Eligibility**

Students must have completed 1-year undergraduate study or possess equivalent academic ability prior to commencing their exchange at COSS. Once being nominated as exchange students by our partner institutions can apply to study at COSS for 1 semester or 1 academic year. Exchange-in students are required to be enrolled at their home institution as a full-time student during the entire exchange period.

Except for special circumstances, students who have only Mainland China nationality are advised to choose one semester only.

Exchange students who are ONLY Taiwanese nationals will NOT be accepted for the exchange program.

- **How to Get Nominated?**

Each partner institution has its own selection procedure; please first contact your home institution's international office or coordinator. Applications without nomination will NOT be accepted.

- **Important Dates**

	Nomination deadline	Application deadline
One full year of 2015-2016	April 15th, 2015	May 15th, 2015
Fall term of 2015	April 15th, 2015	May 15th, 2015
Spring term of 2016	October 31st, 2015	November 30th, 2015

- **Academic Calendar**

	Start date	End date
Fall term of 2015	Mid-September	Mid-January
Spring Term of 2016	Late February	Late June

**Important notes:**

- Exact starting and end dates of fall term and spring term will be announced later.
  - One semester in Taiwan lasts for 18 weeks, examination period included.
- **Academic and Language Requirements**  
Our partner institutions entail the guarantee to take care of the selection of students on the basis of their academic records. COSS DOESN'T require Chinese proficiency for exchange-in students. In addition to the regular courses, exchange students can attend NTU's credit-bearing general Chinese course as complementary studies during exchange period.
  - **Fees**  
Tuition fee is waived for inbound exchange students from our partner institutions with tuition waiver agreement. On-campus housing fee and internet access fee are required to be charged for inbound exchange students.

## **Academics**

- **Department of Political Science**
  - Sub-division of Political Theory
  - Sub-division of International Relations
  - Sub-division of Public Administration
- **Department of Economics**
- **Department of Sociology**
- **Department of Social Work**
- **Graduate Institute of National Development**
- **Graduate Institute of Journalism**
- **Graduate Institute of Public Affairs**

### Important notes:

- Level of study should correspond with your level at your home institution. If the grade level is considered differently due to the education system in your country, please ask your coordinator to approve it by sending us an email.

### Course Outline

- Course and description can be found at the following link (<https://nol.ntu.edu.tw/nol/guest/index.php>).
- Courses offered in 2014/2015 can be a reference to what will be offered in 2015/2016.
- Lecturers are normally allotted up to 2 weeks to register students' academic achievement result. It's expected that students can learn their academic achievement online after 3 weeks of the terminal date of final examination week. The official transcript will be automatically mailed to the home institution, as soon as all of the grades are available, approximately 4 weeks following examinations.

### Workload Requirement

- Inbound exchange undergraduate students are required to take a minimum workload of 2 courses or 6 credits per semester. No specific workload is required for inbound exchange graduate students.
- Course modes vary in scope, normally 2 or 3 credits. 1-unit course is normally composed of 1-hour lecturer, 10-minute break included. Typically, 1-credit course meet once a week for a 60-minute lecture over an 18-week long semester.
- Exchange students have the same freedom in course selection as regular students. Courses can be taken at faculties outside College of Social Sciences, as long as students meet the prerequisite(s) and if there are seats available.
- The main language of instruction in NTU is Chinese. There are about 40 courses offered in English by COSS per academic year, others will be taught in Chinese. For those inbound exchange students with average or higher command in Chinese are welcome to take courses taught in Chinese along with our local students. For those inbound exchange students with no or little command of Chinese are recommended to take general Chinese languages courses simultaneously or take courses taught in English.
- Office hour and in-class discussion are welcome to be communicated in English.
- Criteria for assessment may include any one or a combination of the following: attendance, class participation, research papers, research papers, oral presentation, written or take-home examinations, and any other assessment.

- Under special circumstances, when exchange students can't stay until the end of the scheduled examination period, students may inform the instructors at the beginning of the term and see if an alternative exam can be arranged. COSS will be not involved in matters pertaining to individual instructors' decisions on such arrangements.

## Housing

- There are 4 room types provided for exchange-in students: Shui Yuan Suite (NTD 8,800 per month), Single Room (NTD 7,400 per month), Double Room (NTD 4,900 per month), and Triple Room (NTD 4,400 per month). Detailed information can be referred from the [website](#).
- Residents need to additionally pay for the actual amount of air conditioner electricity consumed, and the related charges of laundry.
- 1 NTD  $\simeq$  0.033 USD  $\simeq$  0.024 EUR
- Prince House is the university's newest dormitory, and its management and operation is contracted out.
- Due to the limited number of rooms, the most preferred type of room CAN'T be guaranteed to be available. To choose at least three types of accommodations during online application is advised. NTU's Student Housing Service Division will assign them randomly.
- It's impossible to choose your roommate. Male and female rooms are separate in all the NTU dormitories. According to NTU accommodation regulation, students living on campus are NOT allowed to host others in the dormitory overnight. Please note that there is no dormitory for couples or families.
- Exchange students may also choose to live off-campus in private, independently arranged accommodations; students are responsible for finding their own off-campus housing.

## Insurance

- Please provide a proof of your accidental and medical insurance worth a minimum of NTD 1,000,000 valid for the entire exchange period. Please note that, according to Taiwan's Ministry of Education, inbound exchange students are NOT entitled to the local student insurance plan.
- The proof aforementioned is required for registration procedure. For those who can't hand in any document to prove that insured amount, insurance coverage will be asked to be compulsorily included in NTU's insurance policy.

- If you plan to travel outside Taiwan during the exchange period, please also see that your own plan covers activities outside Taiwan or you acquire additional plans to cover your trips.

## **Buddy Program**

- Each inbound exchange student will be assigned a local buddy. The buddy will assist the exchange student with course selection, settling in on-campus, intercultural understanding and various other matters to help students immerse into their new life in Taiwan during the exchange period.

## **General Chinese Courses**

- All general Chinese courses render academic credits, and are for free.
- The morning and evening classes offer the same content at the same level. The only difference rests in their class time.
- General Chinese Course at NTU doesn't usually award more than three credits; however, your home institution may reevaluate or determine your transfer credits. Results of General language courses will also be shown on the transcript.
- NTU's Enhancing Chinese Courses grant one credit; however, your home institution may reevaluate or determine their own acceptance of transfer credits.
- Your Chinese placement test results will appear on the NTU course selection system one week after the placement test. Please make sure to "confirm" your results on the system as soon as possible. If you would like to add or drop the course, please follow NTU course selection regulations.

## **Other Facilities**

- Exchange students have full access to on-campus resources, including athletic facilities, computing services, library, restaurants, international student support, health center, student clubs and extracurricular activities.
- Exchange students can enjoy preferential rate when purchasing commodities in on-campus shops, and getting general medical treatment from on-campus health center.
- All areas of the campus are equipped with wireless internet access.