National Kaohsiung Normal University

Exchange / Dual Degree Program Application

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Kaohsiung City 80201
Taiwan (R.O.C.)

The Programs aims to support the learning mobility of young people with the objective to engage and empower them in building resilience and to become active citizens, and helping them to connect with Taiwanese society.

Applicants must be registered in a higher education institution and enrolled in studies leading to a recognized degree. Your home university must have an inter-institutional agreement with NKNU. Students have to be in a sufficient physical and mental condition for effectively participating in the program. For students in the first cycle, you will need to be at least in the second year of your studies while participate.

Semester Courses	Fall semester: September ~ January Spring semester: February ~ June
Mandarin Language Courses at CLCT	August ~ February February ~ August
Application Deadline of Exchange Program	Nomination: **November 6th** Student Application: **November 13th**
Full Calendar	Mandarin Classes (CLCT): https://chinese-clcts.nknu.edu.tw/zh Academic Semester: https://c.nknu.edu.tw/aca/Page.aspx?PN=28&PClass=A2005&GI=2
Eligibility	1. The applicant should not be of Taiwan nationality. 2. The applicant is physically and mentally in good health and is expected to complete the program successfully.
Faculties	https://w3.nknu.edu.tw/en/academics_en
Courses and Curriculums	https://sso.nknu.edu.tw/Stu/scheduleEnglish.aspx **(select 'Search' to see the course list)**

Office	Office of International Affairs (OIA) 10 Floor, Administration Building(left-wing)
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Language Level for Exchange Program Applicants

Either Chinese or English above Intermediate level is recommended.

Application Procedure:

Nominations must be submitted by the student exchange/dual-degree coordinator at the home institution.

1. **Nomination:** The coordinator must nominate the student using this **Nomination Form**.
2. **Application:** Once the nomination is received, our office will send the official application link directly to the nominated students.

Please Note: Students cannot apply directly as individuals. All applications must originate from an official nomination by a partner institution.

After Applying:

Admissions reviews may take up to one month.

NKNU will notify your home institution of its decision by email.

If you accept an offer of admission, applicants will be issued an Admission Letter for visa application.

If you decline an offer of admission, students will need to notify your home institution and NKNU.

Financial Ability

Prospective exchange/ dual-degree students must have the financial resources that they or a sponsor has sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses during the period of intended study in Taiwan. This includes being able to cover the cost of tuition, books, living expenses and travel.

- **Financial requirements:**

Minimum funds needed for 1 semester: USD 4,000; Minimum funds needed for 2 semesters: USD 8,000.

Required Application Material:

The students should gather all the necessary documents as following and contact the office or person in charge at your home university to submit your application to us.

1. Application Form
2. Chinese Course Application Form
3. One copy of applicant's current official Certificate of Enrollment
4. One copy of applicant's current Transcript in English with full academic records
5. One letter of recommendation written in English or Chinese
6. Photocopy of Passport with a clear passport applicant's FULL bio page (including the signature page).

Other Supporting Documents(optional):

1. CV (optional)
2. English Proficiency Test Certificate (if any)
3. Chinese Proficiency Test Certificate (if any)
4. other Supporting Documents (if any)

Academic Results and Credit Transfer:

1. An official academic transcript will be issued in 1-2 months after completion of the program. The transcript will include course names, results, and the number of credits earned from NKNU.
2. Based on the transcript issued by NKNU, students' home university will determine whether to accept transfer of credits. Students have to consult their home university regarding credit transfer before applying to this program.





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Mandarin Chinese Courses

Center of Language and Cultural Teaching (CLCT)

https://clcts.nknu.edu.tw/CLCT

Location: 1st Floor, Activity Center

Phone: +886 7-7172930 Ext(2603、2604)

E-mail: clcts213@gmail.com

Mandarin courses of all levels are available at Center for Language and Cultural Teaching (CLCT) for people whose first language is not Mandarin. NKNU exchange students can be recommended to **CLCT Mandarin regular group course with tuition waiver** to improve their Mandarin skills and deepen the exchanges to propel understanding of Taiwan culture and community.

※ The higher level / intensive / individual language courses did not fall under the tuition waiver.

※ Those eligible for any scholarships in Taiwan did not fall under the tuition waiver.

Quarter System Schedule

CLCT use the Quarter System Schedule which consists of four 12-week sessions: Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer. **The quarter system has different start and end dates from regular academic classes, and will run on a different scheme with the general semester.** Please download the full CLCT schedule from the website (https://chinese-clcts.nknu.edu.tw/zh)for more information.

★CLCT courses will end later than the semester schedule, students have the option to **end** their exchange program based on the semester or until CLCT courses are completed, however, they **must follow visa validity or extend their visa if possible.**

Courses info

1. Time: Morning class (9:00-12:00) or Afternoon class (13:30-16:30).

   ★Morning or afternoon classes, will depends on CLCT's assignment. Generally, the exchange students are arranged to the afternoon class except that there is only morning class.)
2. Hours: 15 hours per week of learning (3 hours per day)
3. Placement Test: Before the class, there will be a placement test to recognize the students' language levels.

Certificates

★ CLCT is not a credit-granting institution and does not grant credits.

(1) Students may apply to CLCT for the record of attendance to certify his/her attendance hours.

(2) Exchange students may apply to CLCT for a certificate of Transcript. The Transcript lists the student's comprehensive score in the four abilities of listening, speaking, reading and writing, but does not provide the individual scores of the four abilities.

Average Estimated Cost, Fees and Expenses

Tuition	**Waived for exchange students.**
Health Exam	NT $600 - 1,100
Dormitory	NT $450 - $1,000 / **Initial Deposit** NT $8,000 - $11,000 / **4 months** NT $4,000 - $5,500 / **summer vacation or winter break**★ **(**It is expected that CLCT Mandarin courses will end later than the semester schedule, so students who decide to complete CLCT Mandarin courses will have to extend their dormitory stay and pay an additional fee, which ranges from NT $4,000 to $5,500 for summer vacation or winter break.) ◆ 4 - 6 students (undergraduate) or 1 - 2 students(graduate) shared room. ◆ A dormitory deposit for approximate NT 750 will be collected upon your arrival. ◆ Broadband Internet is included in the rent. ◆ Air-conditioning fee is not included in the rent. ◆ Bedding sets aren't included in your fees, so you'll need to budget and pay for them. You can bring your own bedding or purchase them nearby our school when arriving, the average cost is NTD 1,000~3,000 ◆ Housing for winter break or summer vacation: students apply in accordance with the dormitories' announcements and pay for the fees during each semester. The students may be asked to move to different room during summer vacation or winter break based on the room availability.
Student Group Health Insurance (mandatory)	NT $3,000 / **semester (first 6 month)** All international students **shall have** health insurance in accordance with R.O.C. health regulations and pay for the fee. This insurance is offered for students who are not yet eligible to join National Health Insurance(NHI).
National Health Insurance(NHI)	NT $826 / **month (after 6 month)** All international students with an ARC and have met the 6-month minimum residency requirement **must have** National Health Insurance 全民健保 (NHI).
Text Books	NT $3,000 - $5,000 / **semester**
Food	NT $10,000 - $13,000 / month
Local Transportation	NT $1,000 - $3,000 / month
Other Expenses	such as supplies, telecom service, travel, social activities, etc. are varied based on your personal circumstance.

Note

The fees mentioned above are used for reference only.
NKNU reserves the right to amend related fees.

Visa

Students are required to apply for a visa at their local Taiwan (ROC) diplomatic mission (embassy or consulate) in their home country before entering Taiwan. For the visa application, students will need the "letter of admission" from NKNU, which will be issued by email or post. For any other documents or proof that might be required for obtaining a visa, students need to directly check the details with the local embassy officials.

Insurance

1. **Before coming to NKNU,**
   all incoming students should purchase insurance in their countries of origin which could cover all the medical expenses and expenses while having accident overseas, the **minimum period** of insurance should be from the day of departure heading to Taiwan and last for **one month**, which is **before the Student Group Health Insurance becomes available.**

2. **After coming to NKNU,**
   all international students shall have health insurance in accordance with R.O.C. health regulations and pay for the fee. The Group Foreign Students Health Insurance is highly suggested for all international students. This insurance program is offered for international students who are not yet eligible to join National Health Insurance (NHI). The fee is NTD 500 per month.

3. **After obtaining an ARC and have met the 6-month minimum residency requirement in Taiwan,**
   all international must have National Health Insurance 全民健保 (NHI).

On-campus Dormitory

Each exchange students will be **directly reserved** an on- campus dormitory room space; the room type depends on the availability of rooms. **Those students who decided NOT to stay at NKNU dormitories will need to inform NKNU OIA two weeks before the semester start.**

Students must purchase their own mattress, pillows and blankets, and will be responsible for paying rent and utility fees, along with an initial deposit. When students move out, after the final check, if the flat was clean and undamaged, the deposit fee will be refunded.

Appliances:
Some public facilities in the dormitory

Bed stock, wardrobe, desk and chair, bookshelf, storage rack, free WIFI network, Coin/Card Operated Washers, Dryers & Laundry Equipment (washing machine, dryer), public leisure equipment (fitness equipment, Chunghwa Telecom MOD), reading space, etc.

What to bring:

Some of the basic items you might want to add to your list are:

Quilts, duvets, mattresses (sheets), pillows, slippers, linens, washbasins, hangers, toiletries, toilet paper, desk lamps, rags, computers, electric fans, hair dryer, Reusable grocery bags, Reusable water bottle, umbrella, charger, etc. (In addition, a small refrigerator below 91 liters can be placed in each bedroom), other electrical appliances cannot be used, nor can they be installed privately.

- More info about dormitory and dormitory photos please refer to https://sso.nknu.edu.tw/Services/Web/Default.aspx?cWebIdx=595&cMenuId=507

Health Exam

1 to 2 months prior to traveling to Taiwan, students are required to undergo mandatory medical examinations in their country. The original results/proofs report will be required to submit to the NKNU health section during enrollment.

In order to avoid requiring an additional make-up health check after arriving NKNU, the student shall keep a copy of their original exam results and proofs in advance. If the original report is required for a Taiwan visa application, the student will alternately submit the scanned copy to NKNU.

Arrive to our Campus

From the spring semester 2025 onward, airport pickup will NOT be provided.
Students can easily get to our campus with very affordable prices and schedule using public transport (e.g. with Taiwan high speed rail, train, MRT, LRT, etc.) Each exchange student will also be assigned a student buddy, who will be able to help the incoming students and meet the m on campus or at a public transport station.

Buddy Support

NKNU will assign each exchange student a student buddy, and NKNU will provide your buddy with your contact email, who will then contact you by email prior to your travel to Taiwan. They will also assist with the first steps after your arrival, and getting to know Kaohsiung and our University.

Important Schedule for Fall Exchange 2026

• 2026 November 6th	Nomination Deadline
• 2026 November 13th	Application Deadline
• 2026 December 2nd	Acceptance Result Release
• 2026 December 9th	Admission Letter Issuance
• 2027 February 20th	Suggested Arrival Date to NKNU★
• 2027 February 22nd	Enrollment and Semester Class Begins
• 2027 February 26nd	Deadline for new students to check-in to CLCT ★
• 2027 February 22nd - March 3rd	Course Registration
• 2027 March 2nd	CLCT Class Begins
• 2027 June 25th	Semester Class Ends
• 2027 June 25th	Termination of occupancy of semester in NKNU dormitory
• 2027 June 27th	Beginning of summer vacation occupancy in dormitory
• 2027 May (TBD)	CLCT Class Ends
• 2027 May 14th	The latest date for deregistration from NKNU for Spring Exchange students

★ For students enrolling from **Spring semester,**

please note that the CLCT Mandarin course will ends later than academic semester schedule. In connection with this, if students wish to complete all the classes at CLCT that will conclude in late August, they may need to extend their stay in the on-campus dormitory and pay for rent through the summer vacation.

★ For students enrolling from **Fall semester,**

please note that in spite of the CLCT Mandarin course schedule begins earlier than semester schedule, students who apply for CLCT courses will be asked to arrive in Taiwan in late August for the placement tests and related procedures.