



Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology
2019 Admission Handbook
For International Students

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Pre-arrival Information

Congratulations on your admission to our school. On behalf of TCUST, we would like to welcome you to join us! You may feel restless and unsettled about journeying overseas to our school. Don't worry. We are here to help and ease your way into the college life and campus. Read this leaflet from cover to cover, start your preparations early, and make contact with us.



1. Download the app "Line" and add OICSE (ID: tcustoicse) to your Friend list. You will be invited to join the Foreign Student Group Chat where you can get to contact other fellows.
2. Make sure that the arrival time of your flight is scheduled within the time and date allotted for pick-up service. It is advisable to book the flight ticket arrive at Taiwan Taoyuan Airport before 03:00pm on October 8. All the travels are at your own expense. Then fill out the pickup request on "2019 Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology Foreign Student Autumn Class Pickup Information" by September 27th at <https://pse.is/HZ4R7>. After you land, make use of the airport free Wifi to contact us right away. Your parents are welcome to escort you here. Please give advance notice to the OICSE for reserving school hostel rooms for your parents. Each parent pays NTD500 per night at the quadruple quarters. The cost chart of the guesthouse is as follows:

Dormitory	Floor	Room No.	Type	Rooms	Cost per capita per night
Zhi-Mei Hall	5~11F	13~22	Bao-rong Quadruple/Single bed	68	NTD\$500

3. Have your certificates of study authenticated.
Non-Malaysian international students shall authenticate their diploma and transcript at the overseas Taiwan Representative Office. For the nearest service points, please refer to the website <https://www.mofa.gov.tw/en/default.html>.
4. The Two-year College of Long-Term Care students shall submit the following documents:
 - (1) Overseas Talent Training Grant Program Contract.
 - (2) Document Declaration for registration.
 - (3) Scholarship Award Letter.

(4) One photocopy of highest education diploma and transcripts authenticated by any R.O.C (Taiwan) overseas commission.

5. Conduct the medical examination.

International students who intend to stay in Taiwan for more than six months are required to complete the “Foreigner Physical Examination” prior to the visa application and conduct “Freshmen Health Check-up” after arrival. The proof of medical examination should be submitted to the Division of Health Service after arrival.

A. For the regulations of the “Foreigner Health Examination,” please refer to the website [Taiwan Centers for Disease Control](#). For details, see [items required for health certificate](#) and [the list of authorized hospitals overseas](#).

B. For information on “[Freshmen Health Check-up](#)”

6. International and overseas Chinese students shall allow at least one month for processing the Resident Visa in advance of arrival.

(1) Required documents

A. See p.5 for details.

B. [Passport Photo](#): 2x2-inch colour photos with white background, taken within 6 months

C. The passport must be valid for at least 6 months and there are blank pages left in it.

D. The proof of medical examination from the hospital should be issued within 3 months.

(2) [Online application form](#): Select **General Visa application** and then **Resident Visa**. After completing the form, print out and sign the form before presenting it in person to the [Taipei representative Office](#) in your country.

International students (Remarks of Visa must be **FS**)



Required documents for resident visa

● Philippines

1. [Online application form](#)
2. [Passport-size photo*2 \(2x1.5inches\)](#)
3. Passport and one photocopy of the passport
4. Birth certificate issued by the National Bureau of Statistics (PSA)
5. Letter of admission and copy
6. Highest academic credentials (diploma and transcript) and a photocopy
7. Proof of medical examination and a photocopy
8. Proof of financial support and a photocopy
9. A Police Clearance Certificate
10. A study plan written in Chinese or in English (including the motivation and purpose of attending school in Taiwan)

Note: A visa interview is required of the applicant. Overseas Chinese students must apply with Distribution Notice issued by the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students or a letter of distribution issued by the Ministry of Education.

TCUST Academic Calendar in 1st semester 2019-2020

Month	Week	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUG	暑六					1	2	3
	暑七	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	暑八	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	暑九	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	暑十	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
SEP	暑十一	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	一	8	9 Semester begins	10	11	12	13 Moon Festival	14
	二	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	三	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	四	29	30					
OCT	四			1	2	3	4	5
	五	6	7	8	9	10 Double Tenth Day	11 Day off	12
	六	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	七	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	八	27	28	29	30	31		
NOV	八						1	2
	九	3	4 Midterm exam	5 Midterm exam	6 Midterm exam	7 Midterm exam	8 Midterm exam	9
	十	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	十一	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	十二	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
DEC	十三	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Celebration day
	十四	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	十五	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	十六	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	十七	29	30	31				
	十七				1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
2020 JAN	十八	5	6 Final exam	7 Final exam	8 Final exam	9 Final exam	10 Final exam	11 Election day
	寒一	12	13 Winter vacation start	14	15	16	17	18
	寒二	19	20	21	22	23 Day off	24 Chinese New Year	25 Chinese New Year
	寒三	26 Chinese New Year	27 Chinese New Year	28 Chinese New Year	29 Chinese New Year	30	31	
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Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology (TCUST)

Matriculation and Registration Information for International Students

Welcome aboard!

We are pleased to have you as a student of TCUST. In order to make your enrolment as trouble-free as possible, read this leaflet carefully, start your preparations early, and contact us as soon as possible if you have any queries.

1. International students who have been accepted in 2019 fall should check in and register with the school within the time allotted.
2. Registration date: 9am on Tuesday, 03 September 2019 (subject to change; please check the [webpage](#).)
3. Registration venue: @A405 English Corner
 School address: No.880, Sec. 2, Chien-kuo Rd., Hualien City, Taiwan 970
 TEL: 886-(0)3-8572158#2220
4. Registration procedures
 - 4.1 Check in and fill out the registration form.
 - 4.2 Submit all the required documents as follows.

Offices	Items
Registration Division	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. An enrolment ID package (for 2x2-inch passport photos*6 with the name, department, and student ID number written on the back) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Student enrolment form <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Diploma and official transcript (As for the STPM, SPM, or Unified Exam Certificate, authentication is not required while other documents have to be authenticated by Taiwan Representative Office.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4. The consent for processing personal data <input type="checkbox"/> 5. International Student Admission Declaration
Admission Division	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Proof of Financial support or statement that proves applicants' financial capability to study in Taiwan <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Original of admission statement and reply form <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Certificate of Chinese proficiency test

Office of International and Cross- Strait Education (OICSE)	<input type="checkbox"/> 9.Letter of Attorney for the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)*note 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 10.the ARC application form (international student and overseas Chinese); Entry and residence application (Hong Kong and Macau student); Entry and exit permit (Mainland China student) <input type="checkbox"/> 11.One passport-size photo (size: at least 3.2cm from head to chin, with white background) <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Passport & a ready photocopy <input type="checkbox"/> 13.Resident/Entry Visa & a ready photocopy (international student and overseas Chinese) <input type="checkbox"/> 14.Exit & Entry permit (Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China student) <input type="checkbox"/> 15.Original and photocopy of permanent resident card (Hong Kong and Macau student); original & photocopy of Travel Documents (Mainland China student) <input type="checkbox"/> 16.Proof of medical examination requirements from the hospital (Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China student) <input type="checkbox"/> 17.A Police Clearance Certificate (Hong Kong and Macau student of 20 years old and above) <input type="checkbox"/> 18.ARC application fee*Note 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 19.Bedding set costs <input type="checkbox"/> 20.Information for International Students at Tertiary Colleges and Universities
Healthcare Center	<input type="checkbox"/> 21.Proof of medical examination requirements from the hospital (international student and overseas Chinese) <input type="checkbox"/> 22.Vaccination Record (Hong Kong and Macau student)
Dormitory Services Section	<input type="checkbox"/> 23.Application form for school dormitory

Note 1: Once entering Taiwan, international students shall apply for a long-term ARC within 15 days of arrival with a valid resident visa. The OICSE staff will collect the required documents from you and deliver them to the National Immigration Agency for processing. It takes at least 10 workdays.

Note 2: The fee NTD1000 for 1 year validity (international student and Mainland China student); NTD500 for 1 year validity (Overseas Chinese student); NTD2600 for three-year validity (Hong Kong and Macau student)

5. Freshman health examination is done collectively by the school with a fee of NTD850.
6. Scholarship Information < <https://reurl.cc/vZa4a> >
7. For International student health insurance, please refer to the webpage < <https://reurl.cc/lxQAv> >
8. To open an account in Chunghwa Postal, the student shall personally present a valid passport, ARC, Student ID card, a corresponding name chop, and cash (a minimum deposit of NTD100 in Chunghwa Postal and Hualien 2nd Credit Cooperative; NTD1,000 in other banks)
9. Traffic information

- Traveling from Taoyuan International Airport to the University :

Travel by railway (Taoyuan International Airport→Hualien)

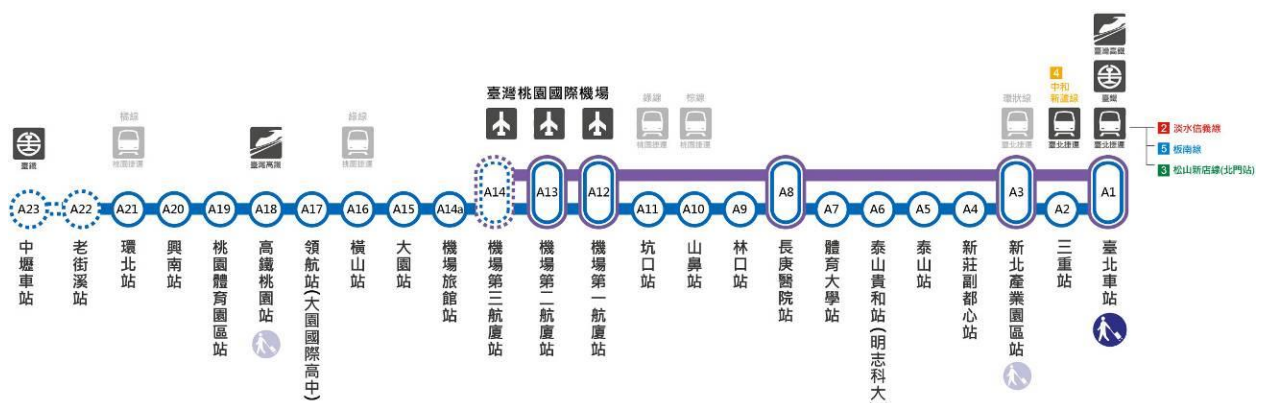
A. First, take the airport MRT [Metro Taoyuan](#) to Taipei Main Station.

*[MRT Map](#)

- Purchase the ticket at the [ticket booth](#). The travel time on the Express Train is roughly 37 minutes and on the Commuter Train around 50 minutes. A one-way ticket costs NT\$160.

Terminal 1: The MRT transfer area is located at B1, A12 platform.

Terminal 2: The MRT transfer area is located at B2, A13 platform





- B. After arriving at Taipei Main Station, travel to Hualien Station by railway.
- Train ticket purchase and collection: Tickets can be purchased beforehand on the [Taiwan Railway Administration English Online Payment System](#). Or you may purchase a ticket at vending machines or the ticket booth on the first floor of Taipei Main Station.
 - Make your way to the platform area located on B1 of Taipei Main Station. Station personnel are available to direct you to your platform.
- C. After arriving in Hualien Station, travel to the University by taxi or [Hualien bus](#).
- The University is near the Hualien Rear Station. The taxi ride takes 10 to 20 minutes from the station, costing roughly NT\$150–200.
 - Hualien Bus No. 202 is available outside Hualien Station. The bus runs to Shui-Yuan, passing by the University gates. The fare is NT\$23. The bus departs from Hualien Station at 06:30 (except weekends), 09:00, and 17:50. For timetables and announcements, please refer to the [Hualien Bus Website](#).

ADD: 880, Sec.2,Chien-kuo Rd.Hualien City, Taiwan 970



Traveling to Hualien by air

A. First, travel to Taipei Songshan Airport by bus.

B. Take a domestic flight from Taipei Songshan Airport to Hualien Airport.

C. Take a taxi to the University.

D. For ticket purchase and travel information, please refer to the websites of [Taipei Songshan Airport](#) and [Hualien Airport](#).

10. University Switchboard: 03-8572158

(1) Registration Division extensions:

Five-year Associate Degree Program: 2318

Four-year Bachelor's Program: 2366

(2) Office of Accounting: 2736, 2321, 2322

(3) Scholarship—Extracurricular Activities Division: 2397

(4) Regulations for Outstanding New Student Scholarships—Admissions Division: 2734

(5) Dormitory—Orientation Affairs: 2317, 2741

(6) Uniform—Procurement Section: 2335, 2580

(7) Healthcare Center: 2417, 2313, 2362

(8) Clothing appearance check—Office of Student Affairs: 2317, 2341

(9) Issues related to the school of foreign students—Office of International and Cross-Strait

Education—General Services Division: 2220, 2221

TCUST Accommodation

The TCUST administration and management of dormitories covers rules and regulations of dormitory life and disciplinary procedures with an aim of helping boarders settle into a healthy routine and maintaining order in the place. Please be well-informed about all the rules and duties and comply accordingly, or offenders might face expulsion from the dormitory.

A. Dormitory Curfew and Access Control

Boarders should clear out of the dormitory from 08:00am to 10:10am on weekdays. During these hours, those who feel unwell can rest at the Division of Health Service while other boarders should go to class or visit the library.

Boarders must not exit the dormitory without permission during 08:00pm-05:00am on Mon-Thu.

B. Evening Roll Calls

Evening roll calls are conducted at 10:00pm on Mon-Thu by the RA (Resident Assistant). The lights are switched off at 11:00pm when the desk lamps, power points, and Internet are cut off with security doors closed during 00:15am-05:00am.

Night self-learning programs are not implemented on Fri-Sun evenings. Boarders without an official permission for an off-campus sleepover must return by 10:30pm. The request for an off-campus sleepover on weekends must be made and duly processed online by 04:00pm every Fri.

Dormitory Facilities

※Girls' dormitory (Zhi-Shan Hall and Zhi-Zhen Hall)

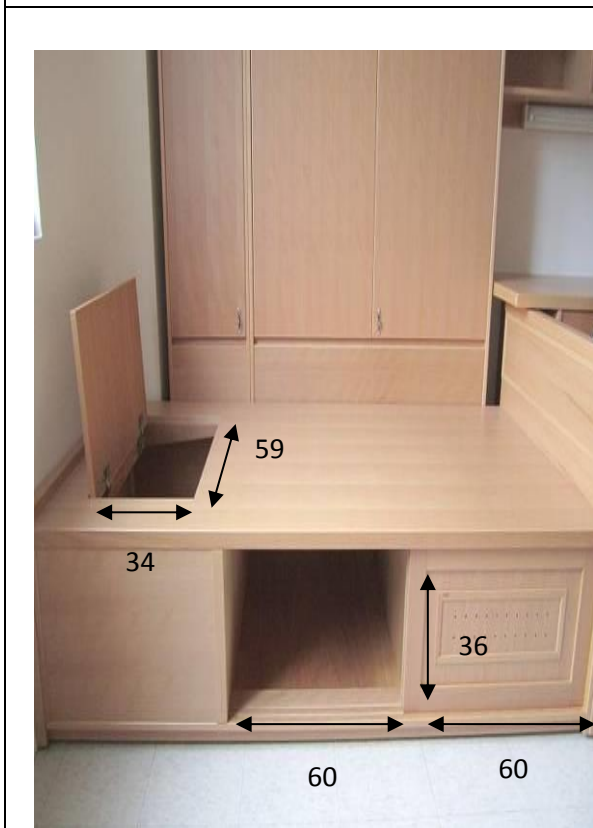
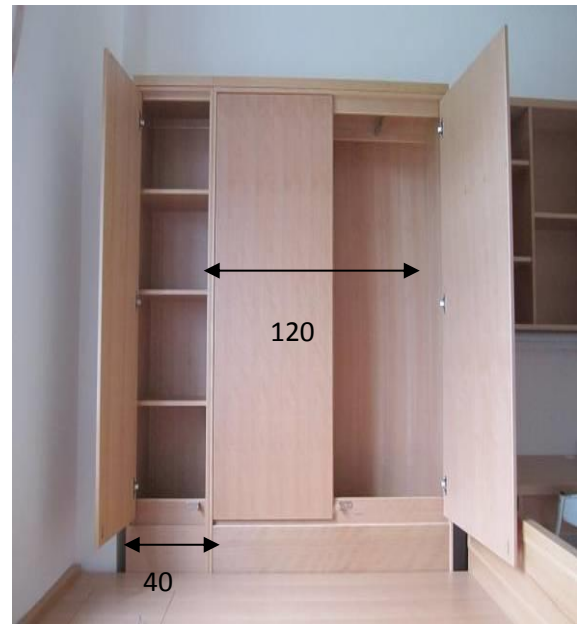
1. \$NTD5,000/per person each semester
2. The quadruple (four-person) suite with shared bathrooms
3. Beds (bunk beds reserved for four-year and two-year nursing students; loft beds for others)
4. Rooms equipped with desks&lamps, chairs, wardrobes, lockers, ceiling fans, Internet, and air-conditioning (air-conditioning is chargeable to the boarders.)
5. Please bring your own padlocks for the locker and desk drawers.

※Boys' dormitory (Zhi-Mei Hall) :

1. \$NTD 6,500 /per person each semester
2. The quadruple (four-person) suite with shared bathrooms
3. Rooms equipped with desks&lamps, chairs, wardrobes, lockers, ceiling fans, Internet, and air-conditioning (air-conditioning is chargeable to the boarders.)
4. Please bring your own padlocks for the locker and desk drawers.

Facilities

Chu-Shan Hall for nursing students



Facilities

Girls' dormitories: Chu-Shan Hall and Chu-Chen Hall



Facilities

Boys' dormitory: Chu-Mei Hall



Ultimate Travel Checklist

Categories	Items
Important documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Flight ticket & itinerary
	<input type="checkbox"/> Passport & a ready photocopy to be submitted to the OICSE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident/Entry Visa & a ready photocopy to be submitted to the OICSE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Admission & a ready copy to be submitted to the OICSE (Present your passport and the letter to an onsite mobile phone service counter at Taoyuan International Airport to purchase a pre-paid SIM card for a student plan.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> One passport-size photo (size: at least 3.2cm from head to chin, with white background) with an e-copy ready be submitted to the OICSE
	<input type="checkbox"/> A Police Clearance Certificate (from Hong Kong and Macau students) to be submitted to the OICSE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Information for International Students at Tertiary Colleges and Universities to be submitted to the OICSE
	Identity cards by nationalities
	<input type="checkbox"/> National identity card of your country and 3 photocopies (from International Student)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Original of Hong Kong or Macau permanent resident identity card & 3 photocopies (from Hong Kong and Macau Student)
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport of country of residence, the ROC passport with endorsement of Overseas Chinese Status, or the permanent resident identity card (original & 3 photocopies from Overseas Chinese Student)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Resident identity card (original & 3 photocopies from Mainland China Student)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diploma and official transcript (The originals will be returned after the registration)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student enrolment form and consent for processing personal data (completed at the Office of Academic Affairs)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 6 bust photos 2x2-inch (ready for the Office of Academic Affairs)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Original of admission statement and reply form (for the Office of Academic Affairs)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Financial support or statement that proves applicants' financial capability to study in Taiwan (ready for the Office of Academic Affairs)	

	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Chinese proficiency test (Applicants from non-Chinese speaking countries have to submit a certificate of Chinese ability to the Office of Academic Affairs. Otherwise, they should take a placement test in language center.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of medical examination from the hospital to be submitted to the Division of Health Service <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination Record (from Hong Kong and Macau students) to be submitted to the Division of Health Service
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory Application Form (completed at the Office of Student Affairs)
Money Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash, Traveler's Cheque, or ATM cards for overseas transactions and withdrawals (ATMs are available at nearby convenience stores.) For the first semester, the total cost of living is NTD110,000, including tuition and miscellaneous fees (NTD45,000), accommodation (5,000 for girls and 6,500 for boys), uniforms (8,000), books, a bedding set, and daily expenses.
Clothes	<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries
	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal medicines
	<input type="checkbox"/> Light clothes for summer (in the temperature range 28 ° C ~ 34 ° C)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm clothes for winter (in temperature range 10 ° C ~ 15 ° C)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Plain shirts and trousers (dressed at orientation)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Three pairs of white socks (You can purchase after arrival.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> White sneakers
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black leather shoes (Male students can purchase after arrival.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> White leather shoes (Female students can purchase after arrival.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoes for nurses (Nursing students are required to purchase after arrival.)
Learning tools	<input type="checkbox"/> Stationeries (You can purchase after arrival.)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Laptop for personal use (You can purchase after arrival.)
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You can shop for daily supplies after arrival at convenience stores or supermarkets. 2. It is hot and humid in summers. But the temperature may come down to 10 degrees in winters in Hualien when heavy coats and sweaters are needed. 3. The electrical voltage and frequency in Taiwan is 110 V and 60 Hz, the same voltage used in United States of America, Canada, and Japan. The plugs with 2 flat parallel prongs are used in Taiwan. Adaptors can be purchased at local hardware stores and supermarkets.

In preparation for studying in Taiwan, you need to apply for a Resident Visa in your country prior to your arrival. For the Visa matters and a preparatory checklist, please refer to the webpage of [Before Arrival](#). As international freshmen, you are entitled to the one-time pick-up service from the Taoyuan Airport at your own expense, or you may access the transportation information at [After Arrival](#) about the journey from the airport to school. Upon your arrival at school, the officers of OICSE are here to assist you in registration, ARC application, and campus life. Please refer to [Get Started at TCUST](#).



Visa Matters



Is it mandatory to get hold of the Resident Visa before arrival? Is it OK to process the Visa application after entering Taiwan?

Yes, you have to obtain the Visa before arrival. For further info regarding Visa application and the health check-up requirements, please refer to [Before Arrival](#). After registration, our OICSE officers will help you apply for the ARC. You should have the required documents ready and submit them accordingly.



What type of visa to be acquired before arrival? A visitor visa or tourist visa?

The resident visa for single entry is prerequisite to the application of the ARC. Visitor or tourist visa-holders are not allowed to be enrolled at our school.



Financial Matters



Is a proof of financial documentation or funds mandatory?

Yes. A foreign student must submit sufficient financial documentation of funds available for study in Taiwan. The proof or financial document can be under the student's name, their parent's, or sponsor's. After arrival, the student should submit it to the Admission Division of Office of Academic Affairs.



Is the cost of living in Taiwan higher than in Malaysia? What are the average monthly expenses for a student?

The cost of living in Hualien is at the medium range. In general, the food price here is higher than in Malaysia. The estimated cost of living for each person is NTD 3000-5000 a month.



What clothes should we wear?

In school, students are required to wear school uniforms, the winter suits of which come with a blazer, a windbreaker, and a vest. You can bring a couple of warm clothing, jackets, and scarves for cold days.



Can we get an education loan for study in the Five-Year Junior College?

Students of Nursing Department can apply for the publicly-funded program. The awardees will gain a full tuition and fees exemption, free dormitory accommodation, free school canteen meals, and a monthly stipend NTD 3000-5000 from the Tzu Chi foundation. Besides, the top 5 exemplary students in the class are selected to receive the scholarship on the basis of outstanding academic achievement. The qualified individuals are awarded NT\$20,000 each semester. The first in class is granted dormitory accommodation and canteen meals for free. After graduating, the awardees will be assigned to work at the Tzu Chi Hospital on the same salary as other nurses. This program is to help those industrious students with financial distress.



The deadlines for application of entrance scholarship and the publicly-funded program?

[Entrance Scholarships for Outstanding New Students](#) is applicable at the time of enrolment. The quota and amount of the scholarship is decided by the Admissions Committee upon review and approval. For details, please refer to the regulations and contact the Admissions Division at the extension 2728.

For further information on [Publicly-funded Program](#), please refer to the regulation and contact the Office of Humanities at 2476.

For other school scholarships, please contact the Student Activity Division at 2397.

For Public Scholarship for Overseas Chinese Students of Financial Difficulties and Merit Scholarship for Overseas Chinese Students, please contact the OICSE at 2221.

For scholarships information, please refer to the webpage of [Scholarships](#).



How to open a savings account?

At the age of 20 or more, foreign students can visit any banks and Chunghwa Post Office to open accounts, apply for an ATM card, and even a credit card as long as you have a guarantor and complied with the financial audit criteria of the bank. Those under the age of 20 can freely open an account at Chunghwa Post Office.

The University collaborates with the Hualien 2nd Credit Cooperative to offer on-site banking services every Tuesday and Friday from 15:00 to 15:30 pm at the Accounting Office, assisted by the commissioner. For detailed information, please refer to the webpage of [Banking](#).



Is there any ATM in school area?

There is an ATM of the Hualien 2nd Credit Cooperation available at the entrance of dormitory area. Another CTBC ATM is located at the 7-11 and one of Taishin International Bank at Family-mart around the corner.



Is HSBC HONGLEONG Bank available in Hualien?

No, but you can withdraw the cash from the CTBC ATM at the 7-11, the interbank transaction fee of which incurs RM15. The CTBC charges NTD100 for exchanging for the NT dollars out of the current rate upon each transaction.



How about tuition and miscellaneous fees, housing, and meals for the first semester?

For the first semester, the lump sum payment is NTD60,000-70,000, including tuition and miscellaneous fees (NTD45,000), accommodation (5,000 for girls and 6,500 for boys), uniforms (8,000), books, and a bedding set. Into the second semester, the fees shall cut down about NTD10,000 less. It's recommended that you reuse the books from the senior fellows and wear the hand-me-down uniforms too.

The breakfast school canteen costs about NTD25, lunch and dinner cost NTD33 respectively at school canteen.



Can we make the payments by credit card?

Can't do, but you can transfer the money overseas ([Overseas transfer information](#)) or carry the cash or traveler's cheques to Taiwan. You may exchange the latter at a bank or post office for NT dollars, and then make payment at the Office of Accounting. The post office converts the major currencies USD, HK, EUR, YEN and RENMINBI for exchange services.



Transport



Can I fly with my guitar to Taiwan?

It is advisable to check it as baggage in a hard-shell case.

The pick-up service at the Taoyuan Airport?

The OICSE will arrange a one-time pickup service for International students from Taoyuan International Airport direct to the University. For the designated date and hour of pickup, please refer to the Airport Pickup Information on page 2 of the Admission Handbook you received. If you wish to make use of the service, please plan your arrival date and time accordingly and notify the OICSE of your flight schedule. All travel fees are at your own expenses. It costs NTD1000 from Taoyuan Airport to Hualien.

How many kgs for luggage allowance?

Generally speaking, 20kgs are allowed for the check-in baggage and 7kgs for the carry-on. Please check with your airliner.



Housing

Do we need to buy the bedding before arrival?

International freshmen can order bedding pack online before arrival by filling out the form of [Pickup Request](#) and make payment at the OICSE after arrival.

Can we ship the luggage to the dormitory?

Sure, but the dormitory only provides you with some storage space temporarily. Do not ship anything valuable or fragile. And follow the instructions:

1. Fill the form (download, p.34) and post it on the side of the box for quick retrieval.
2. Clam your luggage and pick it up at the recreation room after arrival.

Is it ok to come to school without chaperones? Do the parents have to come along at enrolment?

Sure. You can travel by yourself. Your parents can tag along, but they are not needed at the time of enrolment.

Can we check into school dormitory right after arrival? How about the housing arrangement for parents?

The students shall check into the dormitory upon arrival. Always give advance notice to the OICSE for reserving school hostel rooms for your parents. Each parent pays NTD 400 per night at 5-persons quarters and NTD500 for the quadruple quarters.



What is the difference between permanent address and mailing address?

In Taiwan, the permanent address refers to the one on your identification card; the mailing address is your current residence.



Study Matters



Do we need to buy a laptop or printer?

Some courses require the use of computers. There are computers and printers for public use in the school library and labs.



As a foreign student with the upper secondary level diploma (Form 5), how many extra credits do I have to take?

The Form 5 students have to take 12 credits extra, equivalent to 4 to 6 courses of general education during their 4 school years. That's to say, the foresaid students need a minimum of 140 credits before graduation.



What departments are there in your school?

[Nursing Department](#)

Founded in 1989, the Department currently offers 3 separate curriculums of nursing education: the Five-Year Junior College, the Two-Year Senior College, and the Four-Year College, with an enrollment of approximately 1,800 nursing students. Our overall goal is to prepare students to be humanity-oriented nursing professionals who infuse a spirit of loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, and equanimity into their practices.

[Department of Marketing and Distribution Management](#)

Our goal is to nourish both humane and professional talents in students, with special emphasis on sincerity, integrity, faith, and honesty. The first-year courses include general coursework in social and human sciences. Guidance courses, such as Marketing & Distribution Management and the Fundamentals of Accounting are introduced in the second year of study; specialized courses like Consumer Behavior and Customer Relationship Management are offered in the third and fourth years.

[Information Technology and Management Department](#)

The Department aims to cultivate the minds of the highly skilled professionals to be ethical, innovative, and practical. To meet the industry demand, we focus on such subjects as 3D Virtual Reality Multimedia, iCloud Network Applications, Information Security, Smart Mobile

Applications, and E-Business. We also encourage students to pursue a second specialty in information technology and nurture their professional ethics and teamwork skills with the support of the Tzu Chi affiliates.

[Department of Health Administration](#)

As a health care administrator, you may manage a single department or an entire health care facility. To facilitate clinical services and make effective decisions, you must understand basic business principles and demonstrate strong leadership. With experience and an advanced degree, you will likely move to executive management positions in charge of facilities and equipment valued at millions of dollars, as well as hundreds of employees.

[Department of Medical Imaging and Radiological Science](#)

The Department and the Institute provide innovative programs of an interdisciplinary core curriculum and ongoing clinical experience in radiological sciences. Upon completion of a bachelor's degree, students shall qualify for certification of the Taiwanese Registry of Radiological Technologists, a prerequisite for radiology technicians to work in hospitals and medical laboratories, and that of radiation protection technologists and medical physicists.