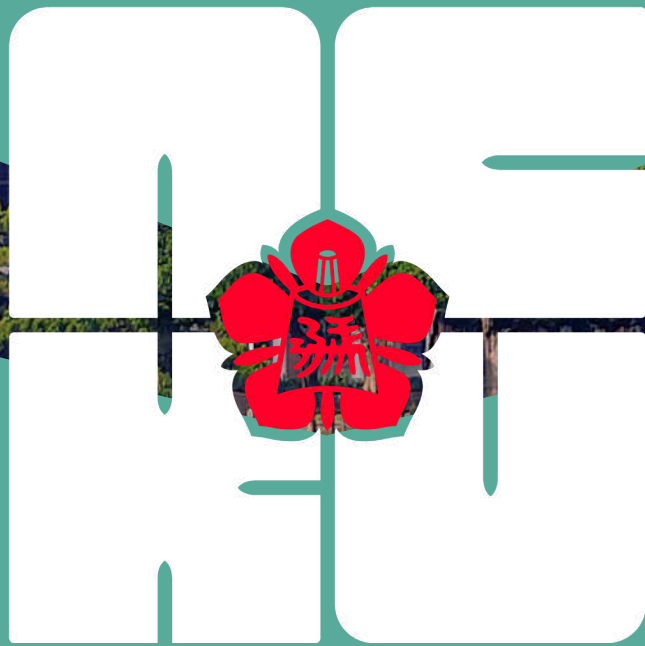


# National Cheng Kung University



國立成功大學



## EXCHANGE PROGRAM



# NCKU, the Top University in Taiwan

National Cheng Kung University (NCKU), founded in 1931, has transformed from a technical college into one of the most established, comprehensive universities in Taiwan. With about 21,000 students and 1,900 faculty members in total, NCKU has continued as a leader in the fields of engineering, science, management and medicine. NCKU has always been dedicated to promoting student mobility and welcomes international exchange students from partner universities worldwide every year.



The Poet | Tian-Sheng Pu, 2009

## Our Strengths

- A top-tier, comprehensive, and research-orientated university in Taiwan
- Focused on global social impacts and responsibilities
- Ranked in the top 48 to 100 globally in civil & structural engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, engineering technology, materials science and mechanical engineering (QS, ARWU, and U.S. News & World Report)
- #1 university in Taiwan in terms of technology transfer
- Strong in academia–industry cooperation, with over 20% of its annual research budget coming from industry

## NCKU Rankings



**#228** 2024 World University Rankings

**#32** 2024 Asia University Rankings



**#24** 2024 Impact Ranking in World

**#2** 2024 Impact Ranking in Asia





# Student Exchange Program

Students currently enrolled at a partner university of NCKU are eligible for the bilateral Student Exchange Program (SEP) at NCKU. At NCKU, international exchange students could enjoy the advantages of studying abroad and experiencing Asian culture, highlighted with Taiwanese hospitality within an educational environment. Students are advised to seek an internal nomination by their home universities for one semester or two on exchange at NCKU. If you are not a student from a partner school, you can still choose to participate in the exchange program at your own expense.

## Annual Application Schedule

Semester for Exchange	Application Deadline	Notification of Acceptance
Fall Semester (Sep-Jan)	Apr 10th	Early Jun
Spring Semester (Feb-Jun)	Oct 15th	Middle Dec

## Free Chinese Language Courses

NCKU encourages international exchange students to understand Chinese culture and people in their own tongue. To facilitate such in-depth understanding, NCKU has sponsored a 2-credit Chinese language course, free of charge. All proficiency levels are available.

## Buddy-Buddy Program

Exchange students may apply to get individual assistance from local students on tasks including dorm check-in, registration, course enrollment, and other essential matters during their exchange periods. Thanks to this program, many students adjust better and faster in their new environment and may make friends for a lifetime.



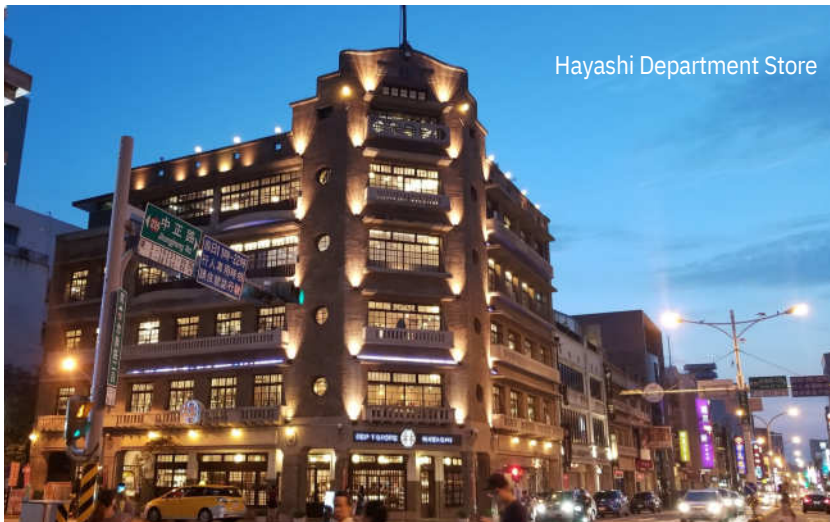




Chikan Tower

## Tainan

Tainan, the oldest city in Taiwan, is selected by CNN as one of the must-visit city in 2024. With its 400-year history, Tainan is well woven into the fabric of rich culture and historical anecdotes. The huge variety of local food also made Tainan well-known as the food capital of Taiwan. The heritage sites and historical streets could guide you to witness Tainan's irreplaceable status in Taiwan's history.



Hayashi Department Store



Mango Shaved Ice



Jing Zhai Jiao Tile Paved Salt Fields



## Must Do in Tainan

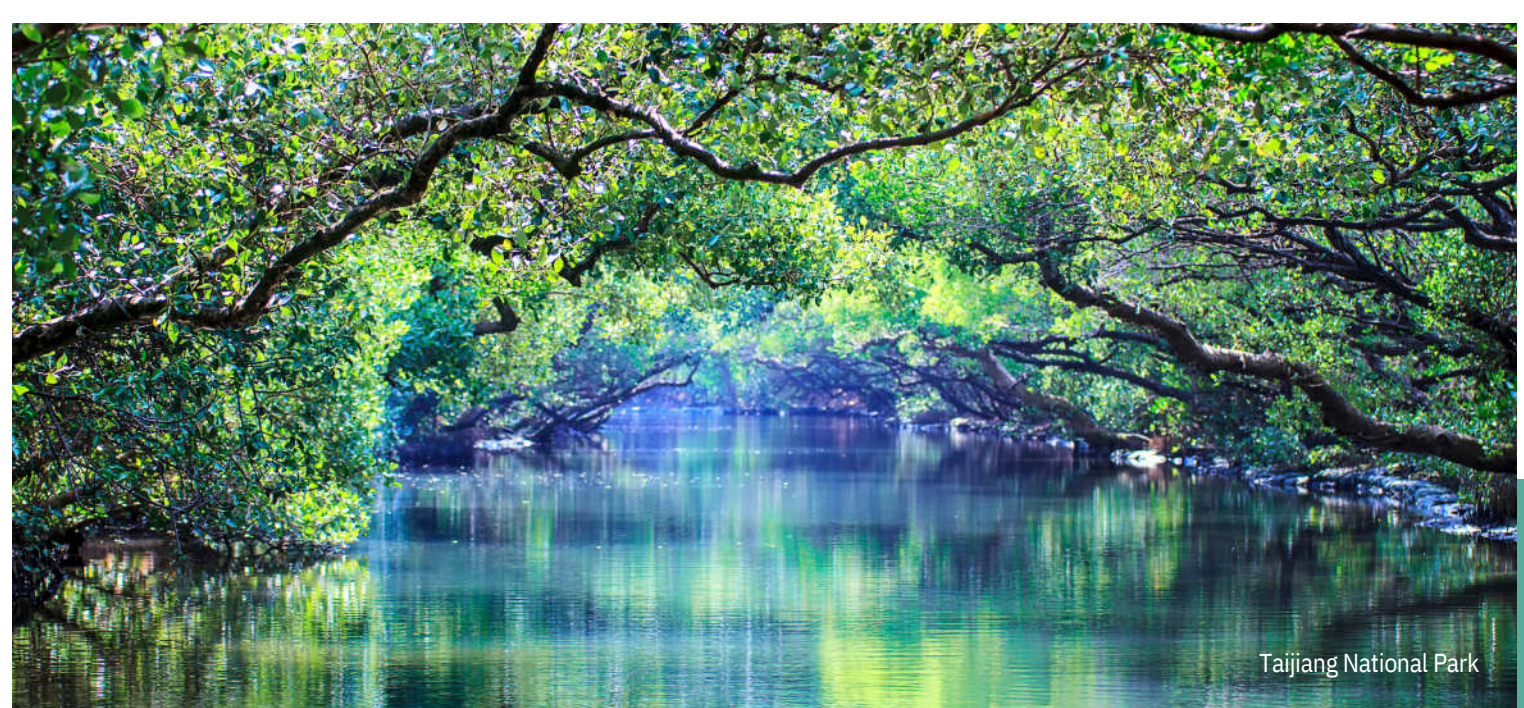
- Savoring a diverse array of local delicacies.
- exploring historical landmarks, appreciating the beauty of traditional architecture, and delving into local history and culture.
- Embarking on a journey through rich wetland ecosystems experiencing local cultural festivals, and witnessing the vibrant celebrations of the region.
- Immersing oneself in the ancient art of salt production, visiting Taiwan's oldest existing salt fields, and marveling at the picturesque landscapes they offer.
- Indulging in seafood and fruits produced locally, this adventure promises a multifaceted exploration of the unique flavors and traditions of the area.



Tainan Confucius Temple



Beehive Fireworks Festival



Taijiang National Park



# Student Voices

## Adam Hamara



Slovak



Taiwan is very nice country. I would recommend to anyone to at least try the culture, food, habits. The nature is great, local people are very nice too. When it comes to solving general issues with any NCKU department I was very pleased and happy with their determination and customer service.

## Annika Schafer



Austria



Having the opportunity to delve into the captivating world of Mandarin and learn the Chinese language during my stay was simply fantastic. It not only expanded my language skills but also forged a deeper connection to the culture and people in Taiwan. On a professional level, studying in Taiwan's academic environment provided me with unique insights into different fields, significantly contributing to my overall academic growth. Particularly in the smaller and more intimate learning groups, especially in design courses, I experienced cooperative learning and developed a deeper understanding of my field.

## Stella Rotter



Germany



I would say that studying abroad in Taiwan has made me more confident as well as it has improved my Chinese skills. I got a better understanding of the daily life of Taiwanese students which helps me settle in better here, as well as it might help me help a Taiwanese student to settle in in my home country if they would e.g. do an exchange program there. This is because I now have a better understanding of what might seem strange to them in my home country.

## Theo Couard



France



The NCKU campus feels more friendly to me, with its great presence of nature and different generation of people. In NCKU, the relation between students and their teachers is more casual. Furthermore, in the ICID department, everyone is English proficient, which helps a lot when you want to communicate. During my exchange, I represented both my school and my country. One event was called "The campus link". It was interesting because they were several people from around the world presenting their schools as well. We discussed about our thoughts on Taiwan, our surprises (positive ones). But more importantly, it was the opportunity to discuss with TW students.

# Academic Resources for Exchange Students

## English-Taught Courses

Courses are primarily taught in Chinese at NCKU. However, a substantial portion of courses taught at the graduate level is in English. The total of 751 English-taught courses have been offered across the 11 colleges and 85 departments.

## Course Enrollment Policy

The host departments usually guarantee their exchange students with the opportunity to enroll in courses chosen by the students. In addition, students are allowed to take courses outside of their host departments and at different levels.



Find out more NCKU departments here



Cheng Kung Archway  
"Seek the Truth, Toil for Good"

## Accommodation and Living Expenses\*

**On-campus dormitory** | About NTD 15,730 / semester\*\* (≈USD 560/≈EUR 450)

**Off-campus housing** | NTD 5,000-9,000 / month (≈USD 170-300 /≈EUR 150-270)

**Living expenses** | NTD 10,000-15,000 / month (meals, transportation, etc. ≈USD 330 /≈EUR 300)

**Textbooks** | Varies.

**Estimated expenses in total** | **NTD \$50,000-NTD \$60,000 /semester (≈USD 2,000 /≈EUR 1,790)**

\*\* All fees are estimated and subjected to change.

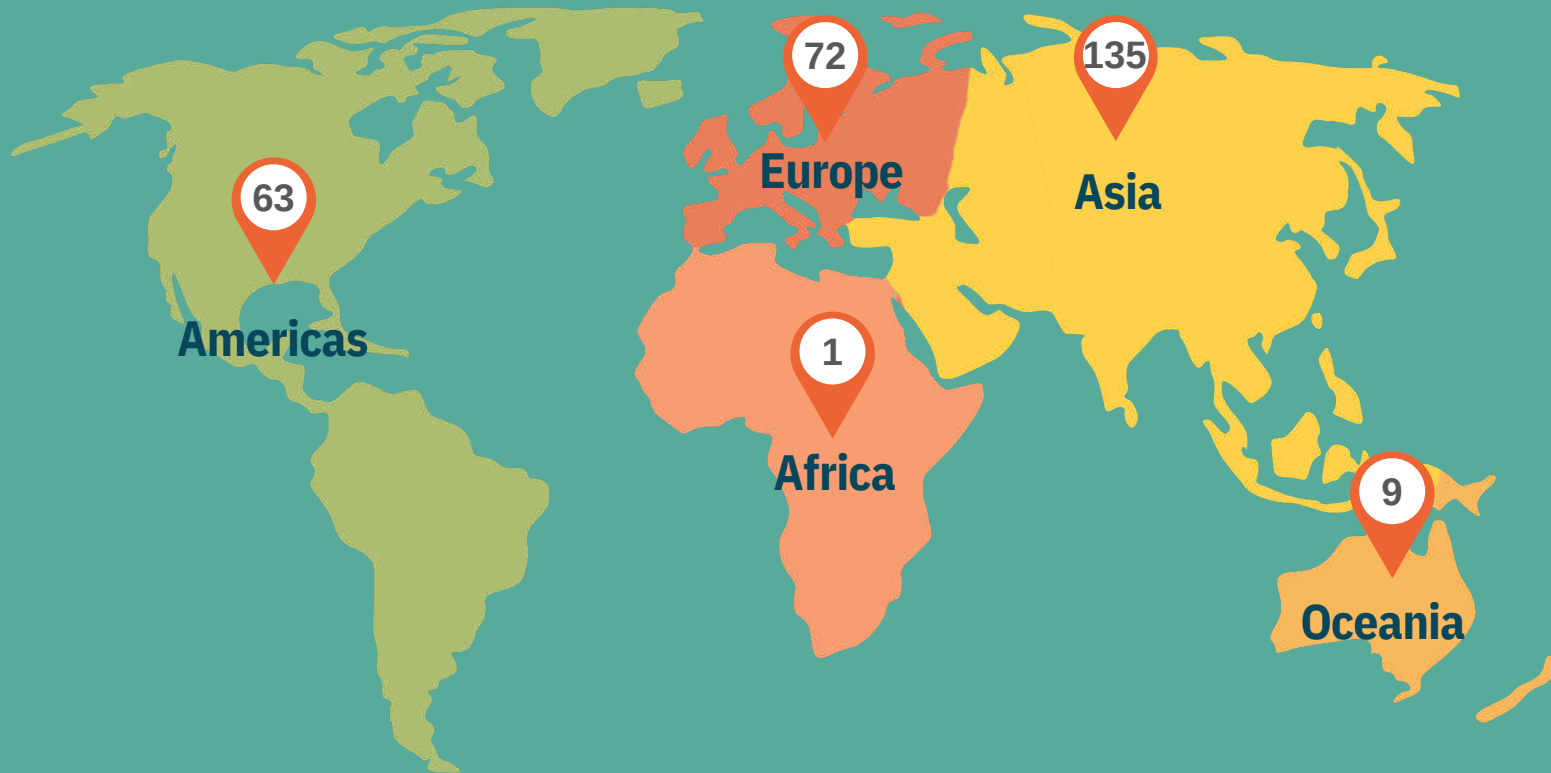
\*\* NCKU provides on-campus dormitories for exchange students. Room availability is not guaranteed due to changes in demand each year. NCKU will advise you on off-campus accommodations upon request.

# NCKU Partners

NCKU has worldwide partnerships in our student exchange program, including 11 Asian countries, 14 European countries, 3 American countries, 1 South African country and 1 Oceanian country.



## Number of Institutions



**484** Agreements  
**281** Institutions  
**44** Countries

**277** University-level agreement  
**53** Double degree agreement

## Come Explore NCKU, Tainan, Taiwan!

NCKU offers the best academic resources available for higher education in Tainan and Taiwan. Education, friendship, gourmet food culture, and shopping – all that one may hope from an exchange experience can be found here.

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