

A. Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.

I am currently a finance student. Due to this, I tried my best to choose courses related to my field of study but because of the limitation of the courses they offered for business student at National Chengchi University I only was able to take 2 courses related to finance. In total, I have 4 courses: mandarin, investment, Insurance and risk management, and digital media and E-marketing, each of 3 hours per week. For all courses, attendance plays a big part of our grade.

Course	Format
Mandarin	Assignment, tests, 1 mid-term, final
Investment	2 exams (on in class and one take home)
Insurance and Risk Management	2 in class exams and presentation
Digital Media and E-Marketing	1 presentation and final report

B. The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit the precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.

W/week	Calendar	Date (week)	Scheduled Events					
1	February 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	1(Wed) 2(Thu) 4(Sat) 6(Mon)–8(Wed) 20(Mon)–24(Fri) 20(Mon)–31(Wed) 24(Fri) 27(Mon) 28(Tue)	Semester begins Deadline for submitting grade Adjusted working day due to 2/27 Second Initial course selection Classes begin Application for student loan / change of payment sheet for fee reduction Add-drop period Deadline for tuition & miscellaneous fees payment Adjusted holiday (makeup class will be announced by teacher) 228 Memorial Day (Holiday)					
	2	March 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1(Wed)–10(Fri) 1(Wed)–25(Sat) 2(Thu)–9(Thu) 8(Wed) 20(Mon) 21(Tue)–24(Fri) 27(Mon) 31(Fri)	Graduate students thesis topic application online(preferable time slot) Nccu Career Month <i>Add-drop course requests by teacher's consent</i> Administration meeting First academic affairs conference Application for major change Student advisor workshop Deadline for 2/3 tuition refund				
		3	April 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	3(Mon) 4(Tue) 7(Fri) 7(Fri)–13(Thu) 17(Mon)–21(Fri) 22(Sat) 24(Mon)	Deferred holiday Tomb Sweeping Festival; Children's Day (Holiday) Deadline for credit fee / language facility fee payment Application for undergraduate dorm (academic year 2017) Midterm examination University faculty meeting Application for class withdrawal starts ; Disaster Prevention Day			
			4	May 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	3(Wed) 3(Wed)–4(Thu) 5(Fri) 10(Wed)–16(Tue) 12(Fri) 19(Fri)–20(Sat) 19(Fri)–24(Wed) 20(Sat) 29(Mon) 30(Tue) 31(Wed)	Administration meeting Registration for Summer session I Deadline for class withdrawal & early graduation application Application for summer undergraduate dorm Deadline for 1/3 tuition refund Athletic contests Online application for double majors and/or minors University anniversary & Homecoming Day/ Adjusted working day due to 5/29 Adjusted holiday Dragon boat festival (Holiday) Deadline for application to give up double majors and/or minors		
				5	June 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1(Thu)–30(Fri) 3(Sat) 5(Mon) 5(Mon)–9(Fri) 15(Thu) 16(Fri)–22(Thu) 23(Fri)	Graduate students department transfer application Graduation Second academic affairs conference Application for fee reduction Deadline for leave/withdrawal application ; Oral test application deadline Final examination University faculty meeting ; Summer vacation begins	
					6	July 2017 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	5(Wed)–6(Thu) 31(Mon)	Registration for Summer session II End of semester ; Deadline for submitting grade

As you can see in this calendar, the semester start and finish late (End-February to end-June). If you are planning to do your exchange at the fall semester, you should keep in mind that the fall semester is until mid-January, which will not be beneficial if you are planning in returning to Ottawa for the winter semester. Our Orientation was from 14th to 17th of February. I arrived on the morning of February 13th which I felt was too late, most students came in 3-4 days in advance and had time to take care of the jetlag and get familiar with Taiwan as well as meeting new people. Below is the calendar of the orientation week.

Date	Tuesday, February 14	Wednesday, February 15	Thursday, February 16	Friday, February 17
Event	I-House Orientation	Health Check	Orientation & Cultural Trip	Fire Safety Workshop
Time	15:00 - 17:00	13:30-16:00	8:45 – 21:00	12:40-14:40 / 14:30-16:40 (please just pick one to join)
Location	I-House lobby	Feng-Yu Hall (No. 10 Building in the map)	1st fl. of YiXian Building (No. 5 Building in the map)	3 rd fl. General Building (No. 27 Building in the map)
Remark	Compulsory for i-house residents	↗ Compulsory for all new students.	Compulsory	*Compulsory for i-house and dormitory residents
		↗ If you have done all the required items, please bring the report so that you could exempt from doing again.		
		↗ For student can't make it on 2/15, please go to hospital yourself by 2/28 (more information will be provided in the orientation)		

C. Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.

Usually at your arrival your buddies, usually 2 to 3 assigned local students, will be waiting for you at the airport. The first thing you should do is get an easy card (bus card), it will be ideal to ask your buddies to help activate the student easy card which will give reduction with transportation. Also, on orientation week the National Chengchi University reserve a day for health check which is 700 NTD but if you do not plan to do it at NCCU you should do it prior your arrival to Taiwan. Course registration at NCCU is a different process than at University of Ottawa. For this, you should read carefully the information your coordinator will give you related to the course enrollment. First of all, course selection is not on a first come first serve basis which means you can apply anytime within the 2 days for each round. There is two round for the online registration, you should register to as many courses as possible on the first

round to make sure that you will at least have the minimal credit you will need. If you did not get to the courses that you wanted, you can always try to get in on the second round. If you are still not satisfied with your courses or you couldn't join some classes online, on the first week of school it is possible to do the manual course registration. To do so, you'll need to attend the first class and make the professor sign a form that will be given to you on orientation week and give the signed form to your coordinator. After the 2 round of registration period is over, to drop a course you'll should also do it manually with the professor signature. Below is my school schedule for my 4 courses.

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
0810~0900			Investments[3.00] (綜合 270104)
0910~1000		Risk Management and Insurance[3.00] (寶來科技廳)	
1010~1100			
1110~1200			
1210~1300			
1310~1400		Digital Media and E- Marketing[3.00] (商館 260306)	
1410~1500			
1510~1600			
1610~1700	Mandarin Course-Part- time Basic Mandarin[3.00] (商館 260315)		
1710~1800			
1810~1900			

D. Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).

Expenses	NTD	CAD (rate Of 22.3)
Airplane tickets (one way)	18 955	850
Housing (double room)	38 250	1 715.25
Health Check	700	31.39
Transportation	2 500	112.11
Telephone	350	15.70
Laundry	160	7.17
Food	25 000	1 121.08
Vacation/trip (kenting, Hualien, Vietnam)	20 070	900
Textbooks (for 2 textbooks)	2 000	89.69
Total	107 985	4 842.39

The table above represents my expenses for 2 months in Taiwan. The price for the city bus is usually 15 NTD for every trip but with the student bus card it's 12 NTD which is around 0.54 CAD\$. The transportation system in Taiwan also differ from the ones in Canada. For the city bus, they can either ask to pay on boarding or pay when leaving the bus and sometime both. You might enter the bus and you'll be ask to pay on boarding and after a certain distance the sign will change which mean you'll also have

to pay when leaving the bus. While getting on the bus you should always pay attention at the sign to know when to pay. Telephone plan in Taiwan is not expensive compare to Canada, they have a lot of good deals for international students. The plan that I had was 350 NTD for 2GB of data, 100 minutes of calling and 50 free texts. After using all of your data it is possible to renew them at any 7-Eleven (which is the most popular convenience store), to add 8GB it is 1000 NTD which is around 44.84 CAD\$. There is a lot of other deals for telephone plan, for example they have a plan for 20 GB and unlimited data for 4 months. Meals are usually inexpensive depending where you're eating, it can varies from 60 to 300 NTD (around 2.69 to 13.45 CAD\$) and for the most expensive restaurant it can varies from 300 to 650 NTD.

E. Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).

I did not apply for any visa before coming to Taiwan. For Canadians (and other nationality), we have 90 days visa free and with the possibility to get visa exempt in Taiwan, which means extend your staying for another 90 days. But, if you are planning to go outside the country within your 90 days of visa free finished, you won't have to do any visa at the airport coming back to Taiwan they will extend your staying for you for another 90 days. As explained above, before the first round of the course enrollment you'll need to read carefully and fully understand the process so you won't have any problem while enrolling for classes. Also, before your arrival to Taiwan you should do your health check if you are not planning on doing it in Taiwan.

F. Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.

I live at the I-House which is an accommodation offered by the university for only international students. It's 5 minutes by walk from the university, the address is No.17, Ln. 112, Sec. 2, Xiuming Rd., Wenshan Dist., Taipei City 116, Taiwan. For the I-house you can either chose to live in a single room or double with a roommate. The pricing for the single room is 58 500 NTD and for the double 38 250 NTD for the whole semester. Also, a lot of different social events are held and this help you to meet a lot of international students. NCCU also offer dorm for international students which is around 500 NTD for the whole semester and the room are composed of 4 students per room and a common bathroom on each floor. But I recommend students to choose the I-house instead of the dorm. First of all, every month there's offer cleaning services in your room and they warn you the day before. They also offer different social activities which made it easier to make new friends. There is also a study room and a TV room on the lobby and they offer a 24 hours front desk service. But in both the I-house and the dorms, you won't be able to cook.

G. Work term (if applicable).

Not applicable.

H. Other comments or recommendations.

First thing to note, always keep your receipts since they can be used as a lottery ticket. Every two months the lottery numbers are drawn and if the last 3 digits match, you can potentially win. You should also know that you can have tax refund if you spend over a minimum amount in one single purchase.

Also, I recommend you to enroll your class only on Monday and Tuesday because most of the break/vacation is on those two days. This will make you have a ten days' vacation and give you more time to explore Taiwan or other countries. If you are planning to travel a lot, you should keep a good amount of money on your bank account and you can always do withdrawal at any ATMs. Also, the 7-Eleven ATM usually charge you 100 NTD for every withdrawal, because of this I recommend withdrawing your money at any banks. You should also know how much your bank is charging you. For the housing, I strongly recommend the I-house. It might be more expensive than the dorm but for the service it is worth it. But there is also a lot of different houses/apartment close to the school that I heard was good accommodation for exchange students. Lastly, I recommend for exchange student to take the part time mandarin courses the class help you a lot to go around Taiwan.

I. Add a description of about five to seven sentences summarizing your experience.

Taiwan is a small country where you can go everywhere either by bus, train or boat. Even though Taiwan was not my first choice, I am so glad being able to study there. Taiwanese are one of the nicest people that I ever met, hitchhiking is also possible I did it many times and never have any problem. My friends were able to hitchhike from Kenting to Taipei which is around a 6 hours trip. Taiwan has beautiful scenery and beaches, you should definitely include yourself in every different trip that students will offer. I also recommend to spend more time with people that are willing to travel or visit many places.