Global Exchange Program

Taoyuan (Taipei), Taiwan
Ming Chuan University

USC’s exchange program in Taiwan is designed to expose students to the life and culture of the Taiwanese people. Taipei is the commercial, governmental, and cultural center of Taiwan. Characterized by its friendly people, Taipei is a modern, high-tech city with a bustling nightlife, museums, ancient temples, and exquisite cuisine. With a total population of six million people, greater Taipei will offer students a unique experience while allowing easy access to other parts of Asia. Only USC undergraduates are eligible to participate on this program.

Students will attend Ming Chuan University’s International College with students from over thirty different countries. The International College campus is located in Taoyuan a 40-minutes drive from Taipei City. The International College was established in 2000, making MCU the first Taiwanese university to offer complete undergraduate programs taught in English. Courses are taught by professors from Taiwan as well as other parts of the world.

As a prerequisite, students must have attained at least sophomore standing prior to attending the program. All courses are taught in English and no foreign language background is required, although some knowledge of Mandarin is encouraged. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to apply.

Courses and Credits
Students typically take four courses and earn 15 U.S. credit hours per semester. Listed below are the subjects offered at MCU’s International College. A full list of courses with descriptions can be found at [http://www.mcu.edu.tw/department/inter-college/college/Web/Program/Schedules.htm](http://www.mcu.edu.tw/department/inter-college/college/Web/Program/Schedules.htm).

Subject Offerings
Applied Information Technology  Management
Electrical Engineering   Mandarin Language
International Business  Mass Communications
Journalism                Tourism

Night Market, Taiwan
Living Arrangements
Student accommodations include on-campus dormitories for females, off-campus dormitories for males, and off-campus apartments for all students. Assistance is provided by the host institution in securing all accommodations. More information on housing can be found at http://www1.mcu.edu.tw/Apps/SB/SB_Site.aspx?PageID=583.

Budgeting
Students who plan to live in university-owned accommodations should expect to pay roughly NT$11,000 – 12,500 per semester. Students wishing to rent an apartment off-campus should expect to pay roughly NT$30,000 – 37,500 per semester. For estimates on other costs, visit this link: http://www1.mcu.edu.tw/Apps/SB/SB_Site.aspx?PageID=583. All costs are estimates and may fluctuate based on the exchange rate. Students pay current USC tuition and technology fees to USC.

Master Calendar
The Fall semester begins in mid-September and runs through mid-January. There is a five-week break before the Spring semester begins mid-February and runs through the end of June. USC students can attend Ming Chuan University during the spring semester. A detailed schedule can be downloaded from: http://www.mcu.edu.tw/department/inter-college/college/Web/index.htm

Insurance
Students studying at Ming Chuan University must purchase the Student Safety Insurance which costs roughly NT$3600 a semester. This is in addition to the required USC insurance. Per university policy, all USC students will be charged emergency medical, evacuation and repatriation insurance for their time abroad.

Orientation
There will be an orientation for all exchange students prior to the start of classes. During orientation, students will be given a brief introduction to student life at Ming Chuan University as well as register for their pre-approved courses.

Excursions
This program does not offer organized excursions. Students do have the opportunity for individual travel.

Extra-Curricular Activities
There are over 100 student run clubs for students to get involved in at Ming Chuan University International College. Clubs range from dancing, film, flower arranging, comic books, tea appreciation, philanthropy, magic, kendo, kendo, kung fu, billiards, and volleyball to name just a few.

Entry Visa
All students must have a valid entry visa in order to study in Taiwan. Students can learn more about the visa process by visiting the Taiwan Consulate in Atlanta’s website at http://www.roc-taiwan.org/US/ATL/mp.asp?mp=17

Footnotes
Visit the Ming Chuan University International College website at http://www.mcu.edu.tw/department/inter-college/college/Web/index.htm. For more information on Taiwan, please visit the Taiwan Tourism Bureau at http://www.taiwantourism.org/.

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