# National Taiwan University Semester 2, 2025/2026AY Exchange Students Selection Guidelines

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## National Taiwan University

## Semester 2, 2025/2026AY Exchange Students Selection Schedule

Phase	Date & Time	Details
Announcement of Guidelines	January 2025	
Online Application	From 15 April 2025, 10 AM until 21 April 2025, 4 PM	1. Only the applicants who have submitted their online application and all required documents within
Preliminary Documentation Review & Uploading of Insufficient Documents	Until 24 April 2025, 4 PM	<ul> <li>and an required documents within the designated time frame will be qualified for the preliminary documentation review.</li> <li>2. During the preliminary review, each applicant has at most one (1) chance to re-upload insufficient documents.</li> <li>3. Applicants who fail to complete their online applications (including reuploading all insufficient documents) will be ineligible for selection.</li> <li>4. Students who have completed registration for a college/ department-level exchange program during Semester 2, 2025/2026AY are NOT eligible to apply.</li> </ul>
Selection Scores Release	14 Мау 2025, 4 рм	
First Listing of Preferences	From Scores Release until 19 May 2025, 4 PM	Applicants who have not successfully submitted their list of preferences will forfeit being allocated.
Selection Decisions Release	22 Мау 2025, 4 Рм	

Registration	From Decisions Release until 27 May 2025, 4 PM	Applicants who fail to register within the designated time frame will automatically forfeit their admission/placement.		
Announcement of Available Placements (Second Listing of Preferences)	Ву 29 Мау 2025, 4 рм			
Second Listing of Preferences	From 29 May 2025, 4 Рм until 3 June 2025, 4 Рм	Applicants who have renounced their First Listing of Preferences, have not been assigned a host institution, have declined their admission, and have yet to register for any college/department-level exchange programs of Semester 2, 2025/2026AY are eligible for the Second Listing of Preferences. (Those who have registered for college/department-level exchange programs and will depart for exchange during Semester 2, 2025/2026AY are NOT eligible to participate in the Second Listing of Preferences.)		
Selection Decisions Release	6 June 2025, 4 PM			
Registration	From Decisions Release until 11 June 2025, 4 PMApplicants who fail to register within the designated time frame will automatically forfeit their admission/placement.			

## A. Period of Exchange

Admitted students will depart in Semester 2, 2025/2026AY, for their exchange of one (1) semester or two (2) semesters.

## **B.** Selection Categories

a. Categorized According to the Primary Medium of Instruction of the Host Institution

Category	Country/Region
General	Canada, Brazil, United States of America, Hong Kong, Macau, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore, Thailand, India, Russia, Türkiye, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom, Greece, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa
Japanese	Japan
German	Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg
French	Canada, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland
Korean	South Korea
Spanish	Spain, Chile, Mexico, Colombia
Chinese	Mainland China

#### b. When Choosing a Category, Note That:

- 1. The table above states the selection categories of our host institutions according to their location but does not guarantee that placements will be available.
- 2. Only some of the institutions from the German, French, Korean, and Spanish categories offer courses taught in English as a Medium of Instruction (hereinafter EMI).
- 3. Students who are not nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan, hereinafter R.O.C.) may not select institutions of their home country/region.
- 4. Overseas Chinese students may not select institutions in their country/region of overseas residence.
- 5. Mainland Chinese students may not apply for the Chinese category.
- 6. Some institutions in the Chinese category do not accept students who are not of R.O.C. nationality.

## C. Selection Criteria

Each host institution may have different eligibility criteria. Further details regarding student quotas, requirements (including but not limited to language proficiency, department/graduate institute restrictions, etc.), period of exchange, and other such information will be updated on the <u>List of University-level Exchange Partner Institutions</u> website.

## **D.** Eligibility Criteria

#### a. Applicants Must Meet All of the Following Criteria

#### 1. Enrollment Status

Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at National

Taiwan University (hereinafter NTU).

#### 2. Academic Performance

- (1) For undergraduate applicants, a GPA of 2.44 or above or a class rank in the top 50% in 2023/2024AY (as recorded in their class rank certification) is required.
- (2) Applicants who took a leave of absence or participated in an exchange student program in 2023/2024AY may submit their academic records for 2022/2023AY. If an applicant took a leave of absence for one semester, they will be unable to obtain the class rank certification of that academic year (according to the regulations of the Office of Academic Affairs). They shall use the class rank certification of their previous full academic year.
- (3) There is no academic requirement set for graduate applicants.

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Category	Proof of Language Proficiency
General	Official certificates or score reports of TOEFL iBT 79 or above, IELTS (Academic) (hereinafter IELTS) 6.0 or above, or GEPT at least High-Intermediate level; or Proof of proficiency in other languages, such as Portuguese, Hebrew, Malay, Mongolian, Thai, Russian, Turkish, Czech, Italian, Polish, etc.
Japanese	Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) certificate or certificate of result and scores
German	German proficiency test certificates or score reports; or Official certificates or score reports of TOEFL iBT 79 or above, IELTS 6.0 or above, or GEPT at least High-Intermediate level
French	French proficiency test certificates or score reports; or Official certificates or score reports of TOEFL iBT 79 or above, IELTS 6.0 or above, or GEPT at least High-Intermediate level
Korean	Test of Proficiency in Korean (TOPIK) or Korean Language Ability Test (KLAT) certificates or score reports; or Official certificates or score reports of TOEFL iBT 79 or above, IELTS 6.0 or above, or GEPT at least High-Intermediate level
Spanish	Spanish proficiency test certificates or score reports; or Official certificates or score reports of TOEFL iBT 79 or above, IELTS 6.0 or above, or GEPT at least High-Intermediate level
Chinese Please take	No language proficiency requirements <b>*International students must provide a TOCFL or HSK certificate</b> note of the following:
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#### 3. Language Proficiencies

Please take note of the following:

- 1. English proficiency certificates/score reports:
  - (1) Must be of tests taken on or after 1 November 2023.
  - (2) Applicants that have yet to receive their official TOEFL score report or IELTS test report form (printed or PDF) may print the page of their online test results (including the header and the full website URL in the footer), sign their names on the top-right corner, scan, and submit it as a temporary substitute. Applicants must

#### resubmit their official report upon receiving it.

- (3) Applicants who have taken the General English Proficiency Test (GEPT) or Foreign Language Proficiency Test (FLPT) must submit their official certificate or score report, which must include listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- (4) TOEFL MyBest<sup>TM</sup> Scores, IELTS (General Training), IELTS One Skill Retake, TOEIC, or other certifications that are not listed will not be accepted.
- 2. For German, French, Korean, and Spanish categories:
  - (1) Applicants who only speak English but wish to apply to an institution whose primary medium of instruction is German, French, Korean, or Spanish must determine whether the host institution provides sufficient EMI courses.
  - (2) All official German, French, Korean, and Spanish proficiency test certificates or score reports that include listening, speaking, reading, and writing will be accepted.
- **3.** Applicants whose category's language requirement is their mother tongue (excluding Chinese) may provide relevant proof in place of language proficiency certificates. Applicants may also use degree certificates/testamur as proof of language proficiency. However, applicants who wish to do so must inquire NTU Study Abroad, Office of International Affairs (hereinafter NTU Study Abroad) before applying. (Note: It is the applicant's responsibility to check the accepted documents for proof of language proficiency for each exchange university.)
- 4. Do NOT mail proof of language proficiencies to NTU Study Abroad or any potential host institutions.
- 5. The Language Competence and Test Comparison Chart is available on the <u>NTU Study Abroad</u> <u>website</u>.

#### b. Other Criteria and Restrictions

- 1. Students who have participated in university/college/department-level exchange programs during their current degree and with the following conditions are still eligible for application but may only apply to "<u>host institutions that are available for a second student exchange</u>":
  - (1) Applicants who are about to attend, are currently attending, or, due to exceptional circumstances, have terminated an ongoing exchange student program; or
  - (2) Applicants who had completed registration but later renounced their admission.
- 2. The list of host institutions for the second student exchange is available on the NTU Study Abroad website and will be continuously updated until the listing of preferences is completed.
- 3. Students listed as follows are NOT eligible to apply:
  - (1) Students enrolled in an in-service education program; or
  - (2) Students who have completed registration for a college/department-level exchange program and will be attending their program during Semester 2, 2025/2026AY.

#### **E.** Application Procedures

#### a. Online Application

- 1. Link: studyabroad.ntu.edu.tw/en/exchange-student/how-to-apply/
- 2. Timeline: 15 April 2025, 10 AM to 21 April 2025, 4 PM
- 3. Please take note of the following:

- (1) Applicants' English names should be entered as printed on their passports, as they will be used for admission and visa applications.
- (2) Applicants may only apply for one (1) category and not switch to a different category after submitting their application.
- (3) Applicants are advised to remember their application number and password, as they will need those to log in to the system to make changes to their application or upload documents.
- 4. Required Documents

Document	Requirements	Under- graduate	Graduate
Passport Photo	Please refer to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. <u>go.studyabroad.ntu.edu.tw/photo-guidelines-en</u>	√	~
Student ID Card	Upload a scanned copy of the front side.	✓	✓
Identification Card	Upload a scanned copy of both sides. International/Overseas Chinese students should submit their passport. Mainland Chinese students should submit their Exit & Entry Permit.	~	~
Resume	Resumes should be no longer than two (2) A4 pages, should be written in Chinese or English, and need not adhere to any standard formats.	~	~
Exchange Study Plan	Exchange study plans should be at least 500 words, no longer than two (2) A4 pages, and should be written in Chinese or English.	~	~
Official Transcript	This document can be obtained from the Office of Academic Affairs. Transcripts should include courses taken in the current semester. Year 1 master's students should submit their full bachelor's degree transcripts. Ph.D. students should submit their full master's degree transcripts.	~	~
Class Rank Certification	This document can be obtained from the Office of Academic Affairs.	~	-
Proof of Language Proficiency	As mentioned in pp. 3-4.	~	~
Letter of Recommendation by Mentor/Professor	Once the applicants provide the contact information of their mentor or professor, the system will automatically send an email request, instructing them to compose and upload the letter of recommendation to the system. ( <b>To proceed, applicants should ensure</b> <b>the Letter of Recommendation by</b> <b>Mentor/Professor must have been</b>	-	✓

	uploaded/submitted before the deadline.)		
Department/ Institute Recommendation Form	This form will be automatically generated by the system upon submission of the application form. Please print it out, obtain signatures/stamps from the mentor/professor and department chairman/institute director, and upload a scanned copy.	~	~

- 5. Uploaded scanned documents must be right-side up, in color, clear, and not encrypted.
- 6. Application Fees
  - (1) The application fee is NT\$1,250.
  - (2) Print out the payment form from the system, make the payment by bank remittance, and upload the payment receipt to the system. Payments are non-refundable under any circumstances.
  - (3) Applicants from low-income or middle-to-low-income households may waive their application fees and shall upload relevant government-issued documents in place of the payment receipt.
- 7. Applicants who have uploaded all required documents must click "Agree" to the terms and conditions and submit their complete application within the designated time frame to be eligible for the preliminary documentation review.

#### b. Preliminary Documentation Review & Insufficient Documents

- 1. Deadline: 24 April 2025, 4 PM
- 2. Resume, Exchange Study Plan and Proof of Language Proficiency are NOT open for reupload. The system will notify the applicants of any insufficient documents (more than one (1) document may be requested for reupload). Each applicant will only have one (1) chance to reupload all insufficient documents to the application system in a single submission. Applicants who fail to replace all insufficient documents within the designated timeframe will not be eligible for the selection.
- 3. Applicants must check the results of the preliminary documentation review on the system by 24 April 2025. If corrections are required, please follow the instructions to complete the resubmission as directed.

#### F. Assessments and Announcement of Results

#### a. Scoring Criteria

#### 1. Undergraduate Applicants

- (1) Evaluated according to resume (30%), exchange study plan (30%), and academic performance (40%).
- (2) Your Resume should comprise elements that are beneficial for evaluation, including but not limited to on-campus and off-campus experiences and enrollment status in EMI and other foreign language courses.
- (3) Your Exchange Study Plans should describe motivations for exchange, the study plan, and the intended impact on both the individual and the University.
- (4) Academic performance calculation: Corresponding Score of Class Rank  $\times 80\% + GPA \times 20\%$

Class Rank Percentage (%)	1~5	6~15	16~30	31~50	51~
Corresponding Score	4.30*	4.00	3.75	3.40	3.00

\*For students ranked number one in their class, their Corresponding Score of Class Rank will be 4.30.

#### 2. Graduate Applicants

- (1) Evaluated according to resume (60%) and exchange study plan (40%).
- (2) Resumes should comprise elements that are beneficial for evaluation, including but not limited to academic performance, on-campus and off-campus experiences, enrollment status in EMI and other foreign language courses, research achievements, and academic publications.
- (3) Exchange study plans should describe motivations for exchange, research project/course content, and intended impact on the individual and the University.

#### b. Scoring Criteria

- 1. The Associate Vice President for International Affairs shall be the convener of the selection committee, and each category will have its review committee comprised of NTU faculty.
- 2. Excluding the General and Chinese categories, the selection committee of each category will include a language instructor/professor of the respective language.
- 3. Each committee member will assign a letter grade to each criterion, which will then be converted to a numeric value. The final score will be rounded to the fourth decimal place.
- 4. The final score of each applicant will be derived by taking the average of the grades given by the three (3) selection committee members of each relevant category. If any two (2) grades deviate by more than three (3) grade intervals, the applicant may request a re-evaluation. The convener of the selection committee will conduct a re-evaluation of the applicant's application and determine their final score.
- c. Results Release

Results will be released on the <u>NTU Study Abroad website</u> on 14 May 2025, 4 PM.

## **G. First Listing of Preferences**

#### a. Listing Preferences Online

- 1. Timeline: From Selection Scores Release until 19 May 2025, 4 PM
- 2. Applicants may select up to 30 preferences.
- 3. Please take note of the following:
- (1) Preferences may only be listed within the category chosen. After submitting their list of preferences, applicants may NOT request to make any changes under any circumstances.
- (2) Applicants are advised to look into each institution's departments and courses. NTU Study Abroad cannot provide consultation on selecting departments, courses, or institutions. Suppose the admitted host institution offers no suitable departments, failing enrollment, or lack of course options. In that case, the applicant shall bear full responsibility and not be assigned to a different institution.
- (3) The online preference listing system can only screen certain basic requirements. As the

academic fields of each institution may vary, applicants are advised to research suitable institutions and only to make fully informed choices.

- (4) Domestic students with dual nationalities may only apply in their R.O.C. nationality and, after being admitted, may not apply to the host institution as non-R.O.C. nationality students. Applicants shall bear sole responsibility for any resulting admission complications.
- (5) For institutions with GPA requirements, the average GPA for 2023/2024AY will be used for undergraduate applicants, while the GPA for Semester 1, 2024/2025AY will be used for graduate applicants.
- (6) Applicants should be aware of the differences between an exchange student program and a visiting student program. Visiting student program is a fee-paying program, and participants shall bear the full tuition costs of the host institution.
- 4. Applicants described in D.b.1. (Eligibility Criteria) in this guideline are subject to the following restrictions during their listings of preferences:
  - (1) Applicants may only choose "host institutions available for a second student exchange."
  - (2) Applicants who are about to attend, have completed, are currently attending, or, due to exceptional circumstances, have terminated an ongoing exchange program may NOT select the same host institution.

#### b. Assigning of Host Institution

- 1. In descending order of their scores, applicants of each category will be assigned to their most preferred institution with available placements.
- 2. In the case of a tie (in scores) and the same preferred institution, the placement will be given according to the following:
  - (1) Institutions in Mainland China:
    - Order of listed preference, exchange study plan score, resume score.
- (2) Institutions outside Mainland China:
  - I. Where only one (1) proof of language proficiency is required: According to language proficiency as stated on the certificate provided, order of listed preference, exchange study plan score, resume score.
  - II. Where two (2) or one (1) out of two (2) language proficiencies are required: According to language proficiency as stated on the certificate provided (the primary language of the region of the host institution), order of listed preference, exchange study plan score, and resume score.
- 3. If two (2) or more applicants are tied in the above criteria, the decision will be determined by a draw of lots conducted by the selection committee convener.

#### c. Decisions Release & Registration

- The selection decisions will be announced on the <u>NTU Study Abroad website</u> on 22 May 2025, 4 PM.
- 2. Registration Timeline: From Selection Decisions Release until 27 May 2025, 4 PM
- 3. Registration Procedures: Submit the required documents via the online system.
- 4. Required Documents
  - (1) Student Exchange Confirmation and Parent/Guardian Consent Form:

Print, fill out, sign, and upload the completed form to the system.

- (2) Program fee payment receipt
  - I. The program fee is NT\$2,500.
  - II. Print out the payment form from the system, make the payment by bank remittance, and upload the payment receipt to the system. Payments are non-refundable under any circumstances.
  - III. Applicants from low-income or middle-to-low-income households may waive their application fees and shall upload relevant government-issued documents in place of the payment receipt.

5. Please note:

- (1) Applicants are advised to keep copies of their documents, as submitted documents will not be returned. Students may not withdraw their registration under any circumstances after registration.
- (2) Applicants who have also been admitted to college/department-level exchange programs for Semester 2, 2025/2026AY may only register for one of their admitted programs.
- (3) Applicants who fail to register within the designated time frame will automatically forfeit their admission/placement.

#### d. Declinature of Placement

Applicants may decline their admission by submitting their declinature via the system before 27 May 2025, 4 PM. Applicants will not be able to withdraw their declinature under any circumstances.

#### **H. Second Listing of Preferences**

#### a. Eligibility

Applicants may participate in the Second Listing of Preferences if they have either:

- 1. not completed their First Listing of Preferences; or
- 2. not been assigned a host institution; or
- 3. declined their placement.

Note: Those who have registered for college/department-level exchange programs and will depart for exchange during Semester 2, 2025/2026AY are not eligible to participate in the Second Listing of Preferences.

#### b. Quota

Available placements\* for the Second Listing of Preferences will be announced on the <u>NTU Study</u> <u>Abroad website</u> by 29 May 2025, 4 PM.

\*Remark: The quotas for the first and second listing of preferences are NOT directly related.

#### c. Online Listing of Preferences

- 1. Timeline: From 29 May 2025, 4 PM until 3 June 2025, 4 PM
- 2. Applicants may select up to 30 preferences.
- 3. Applicants may select any institutions they are qualified to apply to and are not restricted to institutions of their initial category. Other notable remarks are as in the First Listing of Preferences.

#### d. Assigning of Host Institutions

- 1. In descending order of their percentile rankings, applicants of each category will be assigned to their most preferred institution with available placements.
- 2. In the case of a tie (in percentile ranking) and the same preferred institution, the placement will be given according to the following:
  - (1) Institutions in Mainland China:

Order of listed preference, exchange study plan score, resume score.

- (2) Institutions outside Mainland China:
  - I. Where only one proof of language proficiency is required: According to language proficiency as stated on the certificate provided, order of listed preference, exchange study plan score, resume score.
  - II. Where two or one out of two language proficiencies are required: According to language proficiency as stated on the certificate provided (the primary language of the region of the host institution), order of listed preference, exchange study plan score, and resume score.
- 3. If two (2) or more applicants are tied in the above criteria, the applicant whose language category matches the institution in question will be prioritized for placement. Where inapplicable, the selection committee convener will make the decision by a draw of lots.

## e. Decisions Release & Registration

- 1. The internal selection decisions will be announced on the <u>NTU Study Abroad website</u> on 6 June 2025, 4 PM
- 2. Registration Timeline: From Selection Decisions Release until 11 June 2025, 4 PM
- 3. Registration Procedures: Submit the required documents via the online system.
- 4. Required documents, program fees, and other notable remarks are as in the First Listing of Preferences.

## I. Others

- a. These guidelines are only applicable to university-level exchange programs. College/departmentlevel exchange programs are governed by their respective organizers.
- b. In cases not covered by the By-Laws, they will be discussed and resolved by the selection committee in an official meeting.
- c. The above is a translated version from Chinese. If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the English version and the Chinese version, the Chinese version shall prevail.

## **By-Laws**

#### **1.** Please take note of the following:

- 1.1. Students must attend their exchange/visiting program in Semester 2, 2025/2026AY, and may not request to go to a different host institution. If the student cannot attend within the designated time frame, their placement will be revoked and cannot be reserved.
- 1.2. Being granted a placement only indicates that the student will be nominated by NTU for the exchange student program. The host institution will further evaluate applications. If the applicant is not accepted for exchange by the host institution or cannot obtain a student visa, their placement and scholarship (if any) will be revoked. In such cases, NTU Study Abroad will not advocate for the applicant's admission to other departments or aid with the student's visa application.
- 1.3. If applicants are dissatisfied with their admitted campus, college/department, or semester(s) of exchange/visit, they could consider declining their admission but may not request an alternation of campus, college/department, or semester(s) of exchange/visit.
- 1.4. Applicants allocated a placement shall apply to the host institution within the same student status they used during the selection. Should undergraduate applicants be admitted to graduate programs at NTU, they are not allowed to attend the student exchange program as graduate students. Applicants who applied as Master's students shall attend their exchange/visiting programs as Master's students.
- 1.5. Application requirements and documents may be subject to change by each host institution. Students must accept any changes the host institution makes and may not raise objections.
- 1.6. If the host institution requests to revise the established contract, NTU Study Abroad may discuss such amendments with the institution's admitted students.
- 1.7. Students may participate in a student exchange program at most twice within the time limit for the completion of their degree. The duration of each exchange may be at most two (2) semesters. College/department-level exchange programs are governed by their respective organizers and may have their restrictions.
- 1.8. Exchange/visiting students shall study abroad as non-degree students and not request to obtain academic degrees from the host institutions.
- 1.9. As required by the Implementation Directions Governing National Taiwan University Outgoing Study Abroad Students (Chinese version available only: 國立臺灣大學辦理本校學 生赴境外研修要點), after being admitted, students must pay a program fee of NT\$2,500. Exchange students (including those extending their school year) must pay NTU's full tuition and miscellaneous fees for their exchange student program. Visiting students (including those extending their school year) should pay 1/4 of NTU's full tuition and miscellaneous fees and the full tuition fee of the host institution.
- 1.10. Applicants who have fulfilled graduation requirements and have yet to reach their maximum years of study may apply for an extension of the school year as an outgoing exchange/visiting

student prior to their departure. However, the start of their extension must align with the start of their exchange. In other words, students who will have met the graduation requirements in either semester (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>) may only apply for exchange/visiting programs held in the first semester of their extension and may not attend exchange/visiting programs held in any later semester. A student of a four-year degree program who will have earned all required credits for graduation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of their fourth year may apply for an extension of the school year as an outgoing exchange/visiting student, but their program must begin in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of their fifth year, and may not apply for an exchange/visiting program that starts in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

- 1.11. Students are responsible for their accommodation, visa, air tickets, transport, course selection, transcripts, credit transfer, insurance, and other personal matters. Students are advised to purchase all relevant insurance (including health insurance, casualty insurance, overseas emergency assistance, etc.) prior to their departure. When the host institution provides additional insurance, students may purchase it after arriving at the destination. NTU Study Abroad or the host institution reserves the right to revoke the admissions of uninsured students.
- 1.12. Students who graduate or take a leave of absence after obtaining a placement and before the completion of their exchange/visit shall forfeit their exchange/visiting student status and their scholarship. Students shall return the scholarship money received thus far (or as specified in the scholarship regulations). Students may only complete their graduation or leave of absence procedures if they have obtained approval from NTU Study Abroad. Matters due to unavoidable or compelling circumstances shall be addressed individually and at the discretion of NTU Study Abroad.
- 1.13. Draftees shall complete their short-term exit permit application procedures before departure, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. They must return to Taiwan promptly upon completing their exchange/visiting program and are not permitted to extend their stay abroad. Any violations will result in penalties as per NTU regulations, and students will be held legally responsible for any further infractions.
- 1.14. Students may only request early termination of their exchange/visiting programs under unavoidable or compelling circumstances. Both the host institution and NTU Study Abroad must agree upon early terminations. Students may not return to Taiwan on their own accord.
- 1.15. Upon completion of the program, students should promptly return to NTU to continue their degree program or carry out graduation procedures. They are not permitted to extend the duration of their exchange or visit on their own accord. Any violations will result in penalties in accordance with NTU's regulations, and students will be held legally responsible for any further infractions.
- 1.16. In the event of natural disasters, war, strikes, turmoil, epidemics, or other unavoidable circumstances beyond the control of NTU Study Abroad that result in the failure or delay of an exchange or visit, NTU Study Abroad reserves the right to address such matters as it deems appropriate.

## 2. Penalties

- 2.1. According to the Implementation Directions Governing National Taiwan University Outgoing Study Abroad Students (Chinese version available only: 國立臺灣大學辦理本校學生赴境外 研修要點), students that renounce their admission after submitting their Exchange Student Confirmation Form and paying the program fee will be penalized NT\$5,000, which will go towards NTU's University Development Fund. Students forced to renounce due to unavoidable circumstances may have their penalty waived shall provide relevant proof. This regulation does not apply to students admitted to visiting student programs.
- 2.2. Students who renounce their admission due to any of the following reasons are subject to the above regulations:
  - i. Preference towards college/department-level exchange programs or other programs; or
  - ii. Dissatisfaction towards admitted campus, college, department, or semester(s) of exchange; or
  - iii. Other personal matters (including but not limited to graduation, pursuit of a graduate degree, receiving an overseas university/job offer, work/internship, etc.)

## 3. Scholarships

- 3.1. All scholarship opportunities are subject to change by their respective benefactors and are not under the control of NTU. If, under any circumstances, the student cannot obtain the scholarship they had applied for, NTU Study Abroad has no obligation to advocate for the student's scholarship opportunities. The benefits provided by each scholarship for the current year may differ from the previous years. As the particulars for each scholarship have yet to be announced, students are advised to refer to their respective websites for the latest updates. For relevant information, refer to the Exchange Student Scholarships section on the NTU Study Abroad website (go.studyabroad.ntu.edu.tw/exchange-scholarships-en)
- 3.2. Exchange students will be granted a full waiver of the host institution's tuition fees but shall bear the costs of all personal expenses. NTU Study Abroad does not guarantee scholarships or provide financial assistance.
- 3.3. The timeline of the decisions for the admissions of each host institution and each scholarship is not under the control of NTU. Being offered a scholarship does not guarantee admission to the host institution. If a scholarship awardee is not admitted or renounces their university-level exchange student placement and chooses to attend other programs, their scholarship offer will be immediately revoked.
- 3.4. Students from low-income or middle-to-low-income households, with valid proof, admitted to their host institution will be given priority for scholarship applications.
- 3.5. Students going on their second exchange student program in their current degree may NOT apply for scholarships sponsored by NTU.
- 3.6. As stated in the Taiwan Scholarship Program Guidelines, recipients of the Taiwan Scholarship who attend an exchange/visiting program will have their scholarship revoked and will not be able to retain the still unused part of their Taiwan Scholarship or have the award period

extended for them to be able to resume receiving the original scholarship when they return to Taiwan.

- 3.7. If, under any circumstances, the student exchange program is terminated, the student's scholarship will be immediately revoked and may not be reserved.
- 3.8. Scholarship/Grant recipients are expected to fulfill their obligations as required by their respective benefactors.

## 4. Dormitories

#### 4.1. NTU Dormitories

- i. Students should complete the procedures for reserving or withdrawing dormitory accommodation prior to their departure. They must not reserve their bed space in the NTU dormitories during their exchange/visit. Any violations will be handled by the Student Housing Service Division as deemed fit. Reservation of dormitory accommodation does not apply to students extending their school year.
- ii. After applying for and reserving dormitory accommodation, students will not need to bear the accommodation fees during their exchange/visit. Upon returning to Taiwan, they will reserve the right to be allocated a dormitory bed space and do not need to participate in the dormitory draw.
- iii. Reservation of dormitory accommodation only reserves the right to be allocated a bed space in the dormitories. Upon returning to NTU, students may not request to be assigned to their initial dormitory or bed space.

#### 4.2. Host Institution Dormitories

- i. This program does not guarantee placements in on-campus dormitories, and the host institutions have no obligations to guarantee on-campus housing.
- ii. Students will be responsible for registering their on-campus accommodation with the host institution. NTU Study Abroad has no obligation to advocate for on-campus housing for the students. Students not allocated to a dormitory must find their off-campus housing.
- iii. Certain host institutions may offer accommodation fee waivers. However, such arrangements are subject to policy changes, and NTU does not guarantee that the students will receive such waivers. Should the host institution decide to cancel accommodation fee waivers, the students shall bear the accommodation fees. Under such circumstances, the students may not raise any objections, and NTU Study Abroad has no obligation to advocate for the student's waiver of accommodation fees.

## 5. Course Selection, Credits, and Course Records Regulations

- 5.1. Students are required to abide by the host institution's regulations. Besides, courses taken by students shall be recorded after returning to NTU in accordance with NTU's <u>University</u> <u>Regulations</u>. Undergraduate students shall abide by Article 19.1, whereas graduate students shall abide by Article 78.1.
- 5.2. Credits earned at the host institution are not guaranteed transferable to NTU. Suppose the difference in policies results in a partial loss of credits. In that case, NTU Study Abroad cannot

issue any relevant documentation and has no obligation to advocate for the student's full credit transfer. Note that this may fail to meet graduation requirements.

- 5.3. Credits taken in institutions in Mainland China that the MOE does not recognize cannot be transferred unless otherwise specified.
- 5.4. Undergraduate students who will meet graduation requirements after transferring the credits taken abroad should complete their credit transfer procedures (by the first Friday of the new semester) to be included in the class ranking.
- 5.5. According to the regulations outlined in NTU's <u>Implementation Directions for Areas of</u> <u>Specialization</u>, students who take courses at host institutions may have those courses recognized as part of their area of specialization, subject to the approval of the relevant department. However, the number of credits from these courses shall not exceed half of the total credits required for the specialization.
- 5.6. Matters not covered will be handled in accordance with the regulations issued by the Office of Academic Affairs.

## 6. Visiting Student Program

- 6.1. Students shall bear all costs of their visiting student program, including full tuition of their host institution.
- 6.2. Any remaining placements after the selection process will be available for application through NTU Study Abroad on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visiting students not admitted through the selection are NOT eligible for scholarships or grants issued by NTU.

## 7. Exchange/Visiting Student Responsibilities and Obligations

- 7.1. Upon completion of registration, applicants will be considered a student of the host institution and should respect their regulations. Students should refrain from being involved in any misconduct that may negatively affect the reputation of the host institution and NTU. Students involved in any violations will face consequences from both institutions and shall be reported to the NTU Student Reward/Reprimand Committee.
- 7.2. Where the student has already consented to publish their exchange reports upon submission, NTU Study Abroad shall be granted permission to use said materials in relevant campaigns without requiring further consent.
- 7.3. Students should stay in close contact with NTU while studying abroad and be aware of their safety.
- 7.4. During their studies abroad, students are obligated to help promote NTU and actively participate in relevant events held by the host institution, such as exchange student education fairs or information sessions.
- 7.5. After returning to NTU from their exchange, students are obligated, until graduation, to provide relevant information and consultation to fellow students preparing to go for an exchange/visiting program.

## 8. Others

8.1. The above is a translated version from Chinese. If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the English version and the Chinese version, the Chinese version shall prevail.