A. About Application

Q1. What is the address we can send our applications to? (Is it sufficient to send have an address label in English or do we need Chinese) Do we need the Print out label in the admission brochure?
A1. The address you send your application to can be found on the bottom of first page of your application form. Just write the address in English will be fine, but if you worry that the mail won’t be delivered correctly, then you may consider writing the Chinese address too.

Q2. If we have no personal contact to a person in Taiwan, whose address are we supposed to mention in the application form?
A2. Just leave it blank and we’ll you don’t have a contact person in Taiwan.

Q3. Believing that the study abroad at NCCU will be very fruitful, is there a possibility to extend the stay from one semester to two?
A3. Of course, but you’ll need to first consult your school whether that’s OK or not. If they approve, please provide OIC with the official document to extend your stay at NCCU.

Q4. Which costs will incur for the stay (accommodation, admission, visa etc.)?
A4. All fees other than application fee and regular tuition fee

B. About Visa

Q1. I’m gonna apply for student’s visa to Taiwan, how is the Visa procedure going to be? Any documents/ health check etc. we need for applying for a student’s Visa?
A1. When you’re applying for a visitor/resident visa to Taiwan in your home country, you will need our letter of admission which will be sent to you after you’re officially admitted.

Q2. I’m an exchange student and if I enter Taiwan with a visitor visa and I’m going to change it to resident visa here in Taiwan, what should I do?
A2. For exchange student, if you’re going to apply for a resident visa, you will need the following documents before going to the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) to apply.
   1). Official letter to MOFA and Immigration Agency (will be issued by OIC)
   2). Enrollment Certificate (after completing the payment, go apply for it at Registration Section)
   4). Passport
   5). Health Certificate (issued within the past three months by one of the designated local hospitals in Taiwan [list attached])
   6). Application Fee at NT$3,000 (subject to change)


C. About Housing/Dormitory

Q1. What is the standard procedure concerning on-campus housing?
A1. In the pre-arrival package OIC’ll send you, there’s an application form introducing the dorm. Since you are coming to NCCU as an exchange student, we guarantee you a dormitory, but please remember to return the dorm application form to confirm with us.
Q2. Do we have to live on campus?
A2. No, you don’t.

Q3. What would the on-campus accommodation look like? Do the prices in the admission brochure apply or have there been any changes?
A3. For pictures of our dorm, you can refer to this website: http://osa.nccu.edu.tw/gallery/album435.
For detailed intro to NCCU dormitory, please refer to http://osa.nccu.edu.tw/en/modules/tinyd7/
Please note the fee for the dormitory is subject to change annually.

Q4. Could we get support in case we have to look for accommodation off campus?
A4. If you want to live off campus, OIC is only able to provide you with the info of off-campus accommodation but not help you in finding one. However, if you are to study at NCCU during the fall semester, there will be volunteers available in the Chinese Language Center to assist you in searching the off-campus accommodation. Please contact Ms. Danielle Chang in CLC during the summer vacation (July~early September) at danielle@nccu.edu.tw

D. About Courses
Q1. Is the Chinese program still for free (contract arrangement??) How are we placed in advanced courses? Which courses are available? Are their courses for beginners (in English)??
A1. According to our agreement with University Bremen, Mandarin program is not free. Chinese Language Center will hold a placement test if you’d like to take Mandarin classes. We have courses for beginners, but not taught in English. For more info concerning Mandarin courses, please refer to Chinese Language Center’s website: http://mandarin.nccu.edu.tw/english/ or contact Ms. Danielle Chang at danielle@nccu.edu.tw

Q2. Where can we find the school calendar of academic year 2008/09?
A2. The school calendar is now available online: http://www.nccu.edu.tw/english/ and you can always refer to the NCCU main web page of English version for the most up-to-date one.

Q3. How should I select the courses online?
A3. The coordinator for incoming exchange student matters will email you the link for online course selecting along with your student ID # and default password a week before course selecting starts. Please refer to OIC’s website, under what you can study for list of courses offered this semester as a reference first.

Q4. If a student wants to take only one Chinese language course, and the rest of their courses are regular English-taught semester courses, what would the fee be? From the CLC website, I can only see costs for students taking a full semester of only language courses?
A4. CLC has 4 3-month terms of Mandarin classes a year, which are divided into regular Mandarin class (3 hrs a day; 15 hrs a week) and special Mandarin class (6 hrs a week with a class period of only 10 weeks; suitable for beginners). If your students would like to take the regular NCCU English-taught courses and in the meantime taking Mandarin classes in CLC, we (OIC) now offer Mandarin Studies Scholarship exclusively for our exchange students (Regulations and the application form). The scholarship shall waive students' tuition fees of Mandarin classes for one term (3 months).
Q5. I’m an undergraduate student, and my major only offers a few English-taught courses, so can I take IMTS and IMCS courses?
A5. IMTS and IMCS are master’s program for on-the-job people, and student will have to pay the credit fee at NT$5,500 per credit in order to take IMTS/IMCS courses.

Q6. How many credits can I get from taking Mandarin classes in the Chinese Language Center?
A6. The Mandarin classes in CLC are non-credit extension language courses; therefore student will not be able to receive any credits. CLC will offer the transcript, and it is for student’s home university to decide whether to transfer the scores or the class hours taken into credits or not. Please consult your university first.

E. About Insurance

Q1. If staying longer than the semester (and more than six month) goes (after January) for an internship and therefore applying for a resident visa. Do we have to join National Health Insurance even have an private travelers insurance back home?
A1. Yes, you do. The travelers insurance only covers your medical expenses during the period after your arrival and before you join the National Health Insurance Program. In addition, if you’ve applied for resident visa, you will need to apply for the ARC (Alien Resident Certificate) within15 days, and once you have the ARC, you’re required to take out National Health Insurance.

Q2. Is the student’s safety insurance at NCCU mandatory?
A2. Yes, the safety insurance of NT$147 is mandatory for all the students at NCCU.

F. About Arrival Date

Q1. Regarding the academic calendar, when would you recommend students arrive and depart each semester? For example, the academic calendar says that courses begin on February 23, 2009, but I’m assuming students should arrive before that. Will housing open on a certain day, and that’s when students should arrive? Do you know what the last day the students will have housing is?
A1. Spring semester of 2009 will start on Feb. 23, and students are recommended to arrive 7~10 days earlier. The dormitory will become available on February 2 and close on June 30. If students have to stay longer, then application for summer housing shall be submitted during April 30~May 6, 2009.

Q2. Generally speaking, when should I arrive at NCCU as I have to book my air ticket ahead of time?
A2. Generally speaking, exchange students are recommended to arrive at NCCU 7~10 days earlier, but it still depends on when the dormitory will be available. Please note that on your Letter of Admission, the official dormitory move-in date will be clearly stated. If you need to move in early due to the early-started Mandarin classes, please inform us in advance. Student Housing Service Section will charge NT$150 per day for moving in before the officially scheduled date.