Exchange Scheme with the National Chengchi University
College of Commerce (NCCU)

Where is CNCCU?

Established in 1927 – Chengchi is a national co-education research university with over 16,000 students and is regarded as one of Asia’s most prestigious centres for humanities and social sciences. Although only 30 minutes from Taipei city centre, Wenshan District is popular for those who want to escape the city bustle as it is surrounded by mountains that are home to tea plantations, orchards and bamboo groves.

Who can go?

- **Four places** will be made available to York Undergraduate Management School students in 2020/21.
- **New for 2020/21** – students from Management can apply for an additional year to be taken after their second year.
- The credit replacement year is also available to Business and Management students.
- If you are interested in taking part then please contact Dr Fernando Fastoso: fernando.fastoso@york.ac.uk to discuss this opportunity.

Courses

- Students are expected to take a full course load over the academic year, which consists of **12 credits per semester** (four 3-credit courses)/ **24 credits over the full academic year**. All credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- Students are allowed to take courses offered by other colleges, not just the College of Commerce.
- Courses are offered in English and Chinese Mandarin, students are expected to find courses taught in English unless they are fluent in Mandarin. Previous courses from last year can be found in the catalogue here and can be used as a guide.
- However, not all courses may be available in each semester and some may be restricted. You should check the university’s scheduling for a directory of courses available in the following academic year.
- Students will also have the option to take a Chinese Mandarin language class.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade conversion tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants. Grades will only be converted for credit replacement students.
- University of York staff can access Grade Conversion Tables here: york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/accepted/#tab-5
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how grades will be converted on your return to York. Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on credit-replacing exchange.
Costs

Due to our inability to know of any future changes, these costs are simply a guide based on previous years. Therefore, costs may vary due to personal circumstance, exchange rates and/or other reasons.

- Tuition Fees: Students will pay no tuition fees to the National Chengchi University and in 2019/20 their University of York fees were reduced to 15% of the full academic fee.
- Visas: For more information about the visa application process see the section below. There are three stages to the Taiwan student visa process, each carrying their own cost. The first stage is a Visitor Visa application which costs approx. NTD$800, secondly students staying for the academic year must apply for a Resident Visa which is approx. NTD$2,200. The final application is for the Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) which has a fee of approx. NTD$1,000. For up to date information see the government web pages
- Medical insurance: All exchange students are required to pay for Students Safety Insurance, which is a fee of NTD$126 per semester. After 6 months of continuous residency in Taiwan, students are then required to join the National Health Insurance, costing NTD$4494 per semester.
- Additional costs to consider: Flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities).

Financial Assistance

- York Futures Scholarship new for 2019/20. Support for personal and professional development. Funding of up to £6000 available to students applying to study abroad in 2020/21. There are two rounds of applications for this funding, Autumn Term and Easter Vacation/start of Summer Term. We recommend that you apply for the first round of funding to secure this before you have received confirmation of your study abroad place. For more information please see the following web pages: york.ac.uk/students/work-volunteering-careers/skills/work-experience/yfs/

Visa

Please be aware that Centre for Global Programmes staff are not qualified to offer consultations or in-depth advice regarding visa applications. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes. Therefore if you do have any further questions about the process of applying for your visa you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly. The information below is intended as guidance only and unless otherwise stated applies only to UK citizens without exceptional circumstances.

- A letter of admission will be sent out to the University of York by the June prior to your study beginning in the autumn term. Once you have the letter of admission from NCCU, please go to the R.O.C. Representative Office to apply for a 60-days or 90-days visitor visa.
- If you plan to travel to other countries during your stay in Taiwan, you should apply for a multiple entry visa; otherwise, you just need to apply for a single entry one. You can NOT change your single visa to multiple one in Taiwan since visas are only processed in the R.O.C Representative Office abroad. More details will be enclosed in the acceptance package. Within 15 days of the student reaching Taiwan, if they are staying for the full academic year, they will need to apply for a Residents Visa and then an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC). The ARC needs to be applied for 15 days after arrival or the day after their Residents visa was issued to them.
- For more information on the Visa application process, fees and penalties, follow this link: nccu.edu.tw/files/11-1000-164.php?Lang=en

Where will I live?

On-Campus Housing:

- Students can apply for on-campus accommodation but a place cannot be guaranteed and there are services to help find off-campus accommodation. For more information on both, follow this link: incoming.iep.nccu.edu.tw/node/71.
- On-Campus Housing: On-campus accommodation is limited but dormitories are available with Double and Multiple bedrooms, prices ranging from US$400-800 per semester (4.5 months). Students can apply online with their housing preferences, you will be informed if you were successful by late July.
Off-Campus Housing:

- **I-House** is an international house situated within 5 minutes walking distance of the university campus. Single and double rooms are available with prices ranging from US$1,300-1,800 per semester. More information here.
- The University also offers an online service showing properties/rooms for rent off-campus. The majority of landlords, however, only speak Mandarin. The university runs a **Buddy System**, so when contacting a landlord, it is advised to ask your buddy to help with the language barrier. Students are advised to arrive 2-3 weeks before the start of the semester, allowing time to find permanent accommodation. Outside campus accommodation US$300-600 per month for a suite.

*Is it the right choice for me?*

- When thinking about choosing your destination for studying abroad please look through the **Considerations Checklist** on our web pages.
- This will help you find the best opportunity for your degree and personal circumstances.

*What’s it like to study there?*

“For me, one of the big differences was the teaching style here in Taiwan. They seem to be focused on intensive 3 hour long classes (with a couple of 10 minute breaks in between) and they are very much trying to prepare students for exams. The exam process here is different compared to the UK. In the UK, where we may have exams during January and towards the end of the year, at NCCU they have multiple exams throughout each semester. The idea of true midterm exams was new to me and in some classes I have already had 3 exams for them within 3 months!”

“Overall, it has been a fun experience to fully understand the Taiwanese way of learning and I have enjoyed being a part of it.”

**Daniel, Management Student, Year Abroad, 2016/17**

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*Useful web links*

- CNCCU Main Website
- CNCCU Study Abroad and Exchange
- CNCCU Visa Information
- CNCCU Fact Sheet
- Global Graduates
- Foreign Commonwealth Office Advice
- Taipei Tourist Information
- Alternative accommodation site
- Cost of living Comparison Site
- Alternative cost of living comparison site

*Please note: The websites listed here are not intended to represent a comprehensive list. The Centre for Global Programmes cannot be held responsible for the content of external websites.*
All information included in these guidelines correct at time of printing, October 2019.

Students are responsible for researching their own exchanges and making sure that they have considered all costs and the compatibility of the overseas programme to their own degree, in discussion with their departments and supervisors. The Centre for Global Programmes are here to offer support.