

Ming Chuan University Taipei or Taoyuan, Taiwan

The academic year or one-semester exchange program at Ming Chuan University (MCU) is designed to expose students to Taiwanese people and their culture. The university is for students who are interested in professional studies (taught in English) and the Mandarin language. Ming Chuan has two campuses, one in the capital city of Taipei and one about 40 minutes from Taipei in Taoyuan. The student's course of study will determine at which campus they study.

Semester Dates

Fall: mid-September - mid January
Spring: mid-February - end June

Application Deadlines

Oct 1 for Spring study
Mar 1 for Full Academic Year study

Location Facts

Taoyuan is a high-tech, modernized city with tons of museums and temples to visit, as well as an active nightlife and delicious selection of traditional Asian food. The lifestyle is described as casual with a pleasant climate all year round. Ming Chuan's Taoyuan campus is a short 40 minute commute to Taipei City.

Taipei is a bustling capital city full of life and activity. It is the political, economic, and cultural center of Taiwan. Taipei has one of the best public transportation systems in the world, making it very easy for a visitor to explore. Hot springs, hiking, festivals and parks are things the Taiwanese and visitors alike enjoy.

For **Taiwan map** and other information: <http://geology.com/world/taiwan-satellite-image.shtml>

Academics

Winthrop students are required to take a full-time course load when at Ming Chuan University. They are also required to be in good academic standing and have already completed at least one year of their program of study. Courses in English are offered in the following programs: international business management, journalism and mass communications, applied information technology, travel & tourism, and teaching Chinese as a second language. The courses chosen will determine the campus a student will attend.

Mandarin language courses at all levels are also available.

For more courses: http://www1.mcu.edu.tw/Apps/SB/SB_Site.aspx?PageID=16

Language of Instruction: English

Eligibility:

- * At least one year of program of study completed (sophomore status and above)
- * Minimum 2.5 GPA

Housing and Meals: Students live in on- or off-campus dormitories with other students. Ming Chuan will make necessary arrangements for housing for all exchange students. Room and board are to be paid by the students to MCU on arrival. Students typically live in rooms of 4-6 students with shared kitchen and laundry facilities. Female dormitories are on-campus and male dormitories are a short walk from campus.

Arrival and Orientation: Exchange students will be met at the airport and will be assisted into settling into on-campus housing. Orientation will follow with a brief introduction to life as an international student at MCU.

Costs: Amounts are in US dollars. Some costs may be approximate due to the changes value of the US dollar against international currencies. Checked items (√) are billed by and paid to Winthrop University for the semester abroad at the current rate for that semester.

200	Study Abroad Application Fee
325	Study Abroad Participation Fee
√	Tuition
500	On-campus housing per semester
700	Meals
150	Books/Academic Supplies
1200	Personal Spending Money
1200	R/T Transportation to Location
135	Passport
30	Residence visa (obtained in US)
90	Residence certificate (obtained in Taiwan)
120	National Health Insurance (required)
40/month	CISI International Health Insurance (optional)

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