

1. Is Taiwan safe?

A: The living environment and public safety in Taiwan are very secure, and Taiwanese people are friendly.

2. How is life in Taiwan?

A: Taiwanese people are very friendly, the country is full of delicious food, and the cost of living is relatively affordable.

3. How is Taoyuan?

A: Taoyuan is the city where Taiwan's international airport is located. It takes only 30 minutes to get to Yuan Ze University from the airport. The transportation is convenient, and the living conditions are comfortable. By train, it only takes 40 minutes to reach Taipei.

4. Which part of Taiwan often experiences earthquakes?

A: Taiwan is located at the intersection of tectonic plates, so earthquakes can happen in any city. However, the frequency of earthquakes in Taoyuan, where Yuan Ze University is located, is relatively low.

5. Are typhoons frequent?

A: Typhoons typically occur during the summer, with the most frequent period being from July to September each year.

6. Is the cost of living in Taiwan high?

A: The cost of living differs between the northern and southern regions of Taiwan, with the north being more expensive. Yuan Ze University is in the northern region, and the monthly living cost ranges from 12,000 to 15,000 TWD.

7. Where is Yuan Ze University located?

A: Yuan Ze University is in Zhongli District, Taoyuan City. The campus is close to the train station, Zhongyuan Night Market, Zhongli Night Market, supermarkets, and food hubs, making it a very convenient area.

8. What distinguishes Yuan Ze University? Why choose Yuan Ze University?

A: Key features include:

- (1) Bilingual Teaching Environment: English is used for professional courses, and all colleges offer English-taught undergraduate programs.
- (2) Interdisciplinary Employment Programs: Since 2001, YZU has introduced nine cross-disciplinary employment programs, open for all students to take courses across colleges.
- (3) Industry-Academia Internship Programs: Collaborating with the Far Eastern Group since 2013, YZU offers summer internships (including overseas opportunities) and year-round or half-year industry-academia employment programs. These programs provide seamless pathways from internships to employment.

9. Which countries have the most students at Yuan Ze University?

A: Apart from Taiwanese students, the largest group of international students comes from Vietnam.

10. What are the top colleges or departments at Yuan Ze University?

A: YZU's engineering and information science programs are among the best in Taiwan. The internationalized courses of the College of Management are highly attractive, and interdisciplinary research and industry collaboration are key highlights. For detailed program information, refer to the [YZU website](#).

11. When does the semester start?

A: The start dates vary each semester. The first semester typically begins in September, and the second semester begins in February. Please refer to the YZU [academic calendar](#) for exact dates.

Admission

12. How to apply?

A: Applications are processed online. The timelines for international and overseas Chinese students differ. For more details, check the Global Affairs Office (GAO) website:

- International Students: [Admissions Guide for International Students](#)
- Overseas Chinese Students: [Admissions Guide for Overseas Chinese Students](#)
- Online Application Portal: [YZU Application System](#)

13. What documents are needed for application?

A: Required documents differ for international and overseas Chinese students.

Please refer to the respective guides for details:

- International Students: [Admissions Guide for International Students](#)
- Overseas Chinese Students: [Admissions Guide for Overseas Chinese Students](#)

14. Can vocational high school graduates or diploma holders apply?

A: Please provide proof of diploma for assessment to determine eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

15. Who can provide recommendation letters?

A: Teachers or mentors at your school can write recommendation letters. You can send an email to your recommenders via the application system, or upload signed letters directly to the system.

16. What level of Chinese proficiency (TOCFL/HSK) is required?

A: A minimum of A2 level is required for Chinese proficiency certification.

17. Are IELTS or TOEFL scores required?

A: For Chinese-taught programs, provide A2 Chinese proficiency certification. For English-taught programs, provide B1 English proficiency certification.

18. How to determine if a student is international or overseas Chinese?

A: Overseas Chinese students must have resided overseas for six years or more and hold permanent residency or documents indicating residency status. Overseas Chinese identity is verified by the Overseas Community Affairs Council. Applicants who do not meet these criteria are considered international students.

19. Do overseas students have cheaper tuition?

A: No, tuition fees are the same for all students.

20. Can I apply with a GED and a 9th-grade level education (Thailand)?

A: Please provide proof of diploma for case-by-case evaluation to determine eligibility.

Scholarships

21. How to apply for scholarships?

A: New students will be evaluated for scholarships based on the academic records provided during application. Starting from the second semester, students must apply independently using their previous semester's transcript.

Current students who meet the scholarship criteria must apply within the designated timeframe. Late submissions will be considered as a waiver of scholarship eligibility. Scholarships are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis.

For detailed guidelines, refer to:

- International Students: [YZU International Student Scholarship Guidelines](#)
- Overseas Chinese Students: [YZU Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship Guidelines](#)
- The application period is announced on the Global Affairs Office (GAO) website – [Scholarships for International Students & Overseas Chinese Student](#).

22. Are scholarships awarded per semester or annually?

A: Scholarships are awarded on a semester basis, and applications must be submitted each semester.

23. What is the estimated scholarship quota?

A: Scholarships cover a percentage of tuition and miscellaneous fees, with funding proportions of 20%, 50%, or 100%. For details, refer to the scholarship guidelines.

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- Overseas Chinese Students: [YZU Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship Guidelines](#)

24. Is it common to receive scholarships?

A: Current students who meet the eligibility criteria typically receive scholarships, while new students are evaluated based on their academic records at the time of application.

25. How to receive a stipend?

A: Stipends are included in the scholarship review process for new students. Results, including stipend eligibility, are announced along with scholarship awards.

26. When and how will students know if they receive a scholarship?

A: Scholarship results are announced at the time of the admission announcement.

27. Do students need to pay all fees upfront to receive a scholarship?

A: Yes, students must pay the semester registration fee within the specified timeframe before receiving the scholarship. Scholarships are typically disbursed about one month after the registration fee deadline.

28. For new students receiving scholarships, how long after registration will they receive the funds?

A: The scholarship is usually disbursed about one month after the registration fee deadline, which varies by semester. Spring semester payments start in January, and fall semester payments start in August.

29. For scholarship recipients with stipends, when will payments begin?

A: Students must pay the semester registration fee within the specified timeframe before receiving the scholarship. Scholarships are typically disbursed about one month after the registration fee deadline.

Tuition

30. What is the tuition fee per semester?

A: Tuition fees vary by college. For details, refer to YZU's [Fee Standards](#).

31. Is there an application fee?

A: There is no application fee for admission.

32. What is the miscellaneous fee?

A: This fee includes administrative operations, campus maintenance, equipment upkeep, and utilities to ensure the campus operates smoothly.

33. How much cash should I prepare for my first arrival in Taiwan?

A: It is recommended to bring between 6,000 and 10,000 TWD in cash.

This amount includes:

- Transportation from the airport to the university (around 700 TWD)
- Health check for new students (around 1,000 TWD)
- ARC application (around 1,000 TWD)
- Initial living expenses.

✂ Ensure to change cash to TWD or USD beforehand, as other currencies may not be exchangeable in Taiwan.

✂ Please ensure that your bank's international cash withdrawal function is activated to avoid being unable to withdraw cash in Taiwan during the initial period.

34. When should tuition fees be paid? Are they combined with dormitory fees?

A: Tuition fees must be paid before the announced deadline. Dormitory fees should also be paid together. Failure to pay dormitory fees may result in losing your dormitory reservation.

35. Are there additional costs upon arrival?

A: It is recommended to bring between 6,000 and 10,000 TWD in cash. Additional costs include transportation from the airport to the university (around 700 TWD), a health check (around 1,000 TWD), and ARC application (around 1,000 TWD), along with initial living expenses.

✂ Ensure to change cash to TWD or USD beforehand, as other currencies may not be exchangeable in Taiwan.

✂ Please ensure that your bank's international cash withdrawal function is activated to avoid being unable to withdraw cash in Taiwan during the initial period.

36. How should tuition fees be paid? Must they be paid before classes start?

A: International payments can be made via credit card, and local payments can also be made at convenience stores. Registration fees must be paid before the semester starts. Students with scholarships or dormitory reservations must complete payments on time to avoid delays in scholarship disbursement or losing your dormitory reservation.

37. Can students request a tuition fee extension if needed?

A: Students may apply for deferred payment; refer to the guidelines for [deferred payment](#).

38. What is the final deadline for tuition fee payment?

A: Payment deadlines vary by semester. Spring semester payments start in January, and fall semester payments start in August.

39. Are university fees calculated annually or per semester?

A: Fees are calculated per semester and must be paid in full each time. Installments are not available.

Dormitory

40. Are overseas students (including International students & Overseas Chinese Students) guaranteed a dormitory? How do I register for dormitory accommodation?

A: If you need a dormitory, follow these steps to secure a bed:

Step 1:

International Students: Confirm your accommodation request by replying to the application system email (Dreamapply).

Overseas Chinese Students: Confirm your accommodation request by replying to the administrator's email (not through Dreamapply).

Step 2: Pay the registration and dormitory fees before the announced deadline.

Step 3: Dormitory beds will only be reserved after payment. Failure to pay will result in losing the reserved bed even though you have already replied to book the dorm.

41. Does the dormitory provide meals?

A: The dormitory does not provide free meals, but there are various restaurants in the dormitory area.

42. How many people are in one dormitory room?

A: Dormitory rooms are shared by four people, with bathrooms and toilets located outside the rooms.

43. Are dormitories separated by gender?

A: Yes, there are separate dormitories for male and female students.

44. Does the dormitory have a curfew?

No, there is no curfew.

45. Are there cafeterias or restaurants inside the dormitory?

A: Yes, there are various restaurants, including cafeterias, in the dormitory area.

46. What is the cost of renting outside the campus?

A: Renting near the university costs between 8,000 and 15,000 TWD per month, depending on the location and facilities. Utilities are charged separately.

47. What is the estimated monthly living cost?

A: The monthly living cost (excluding rent) ranges from 12,000 to 15,000 TWD in northern Taiwan, where Yuan Ze University is located.

48. Is it better to stay in the dormitory or rent a house off-campus?

A: Dormitory living is cheaper and closer to classes, but it requires sharing rooms and facilities. Renting off-campus is more convenient for those who need personal space or wish to cook for themselves.

49. Are utilities such as electricity and water included in the dormitory fee?

A: Yes, utilities like electricity and water are included in the dormitory fee. However, air conditioning fees must be paid separately.

50. Are roommates assigned randomly?

A: Yes, roommates are assigned randomly.

51. Do new students have to stay in the dormitory, or can they arrange their own housing?

A: Staying in the dormitory is optional. Students can rent housing off-campus if they prefer.

52. Can I stay in a hotel with my parents before moving into the dormitory?

A: Yes, but dormitory fees must be paid, and the check-in process completed before the start of the semester to secure your bed.

53. Do we need to walk from the main gate to the dormitory?

A: You can reach the dormitory by taxi, bicycle, electric scooter, or walking.

54. What housing options are available?

A: The dormitory offers four-person rooms with bathrooms and toilets located outside the rooms.

55. How does the registration process for on-campus dormitories work for new students?

A: If you need a dormitory, follow these steps to reserve a bed:

Step 1:

International Students: Confirm your accommodation request by replying to the application system email (Dreamapply).

Overseas Chinese Students: Confirm your accommodation request by replying to the administrator's email (not through Dreamapply).

Step 2: Pay the registration and dormitory fees before the announced deadline.

Step 3: Dormitory beds will only be reserved after payment. Failure to pay will result in losing the reserved bed even though you have already replied to book the dorm.

56. Is it necessary to pay dormitory fees before moving in?

A: Yes, dormitory fees must be paid to confirm your bed reservation. Failure to pay will result in losing the reserved bed even though you have already replied to book the dorm.

57. Is the dormitory contract for one semester or a full academic year?

A: Dormitory contracts are for one academic year, but payments are made per semester and do not include summer or winter vacations. For [dormitory-related inquiries](#).

58. If on-campus housing is fully booked, does the university assist students in finding off-campus housing?

A: The university can provide rental information but does not directly arrange housing.

59. What options are available for students who register late for dormitories?

A: Dormitories accommodate four people per room. To secure a reserved bed, please complete the dormitory registration and payment in advance.

60. Does the dormitory provide bedding?

A: No, bedding is not provided. Students must prepare themselves or purchase their own on campus or at nearby stores.

YZU Program

61. Is the International Foundation Program (1+4 program) suitable for everyone?

A: The International Foundation Program (1+4 program) is designed for students who want to focus on learning Chinese but currently lack sufficient proficiency. Students spend one year studying Chinese intensively and must pass the TOCFL exam at an A2 level by the end of the first summer vacation to progress to university studies. Failure to meet the requirement will result in being sent back to their home country.

62. What if students in the International Foundation Program (1+4 program) want to transfer to an English program after completing the first year?

A: After successfully advancing to the second year, students may transfer to another program, but the options are limited to departments within the International Foundation Program.

63. Can exams in Chinese programs be answered in English?

A: The language for answering exams is determined by the course teacher. Please confirm with the instructor.

ARC & Work

64. Can students have a part-time job?

A: Yes, students can work part-time after obtaining a work permit. Weekly working hours must not exceed 20 hours.

65. Does the university assist in finding part-time jobs?

A: The university does not directly help students find part-time jobs, but job opportunities on campus are occasionally available and shared via student emails. Students should check their emails regularly or inquire about campus jobs.

66. Is it easy to find part-time jobs?

A: Finding part-time jobs is generally not too difficult.

67. How can students find part-time jobs?

A: Students can find jobs through referrals, directly applying at stores, or using online job platforms.

68. Are there part-time jobs on campus?

A: Occasionally, the university offers part-time job opportunities, which are shared via student emails.

69. Does the university provide internship programs?

A: Yes, Yuan Ze University offers corporate internship opportunities annually. Students are encouraged to check with their department office for application deadlines.

70. Is it easy to find a job after graduation?

A: This varies depending on the individual. Internship opportunities, job fairs, and early networking in one's field can increase the chances of securing employment before graduation.

71. Does the university help students find jobs?

A: The university doesn't directly find jobs for students but provides job information and hosts annual job fairs where companies recruit on campus.

72. Does the university assist international students in applying for ARC and work permits?

A: The university helps new students apply for their first ARC. Students must handle renewals independently. Work permits are also applied for independently. If you fail to apply for an extension of your ARC in advance and incur a fine, please pay the penalty yourself.

For details on the fine regulations, please refer to the National Immigration Agency's website:

<https://www.immigration.gov.tw/5475/>

※ Penalty standards for foreigners overstaying their permitted duration are as follows:

Overstay of 10 days or less: NT\$10,000 fine.

Overstay of 11 to 30 days: NT\$20,000 fine.

Overstay of 31 to 60 days: NT\$30,000 fine.

Overstay of 61 to 90 days: NT\$40,000 fine.

Overstay of more than 91 days: NT\$50,000 fine.

73. What agencies can help with visa applications?

A: Yuan Ze University does not collaborate with any external agencies, organizations, or individuals for visa applications.

74. When will students receive their ARC?

A: If all required documents are provided, the Global Affairs Office (GAO) will assist in applying for the ARC within 30 days of arrival. The time required for processing depends on the National Immigration Agency.

75. How soon after applying for an ARC can students leave the country?

A: Students can leave Taiwan anytime after receiving their ARC. However, for National Health Insurance (NHI) eligibility, students can only leave Taiwan once within the first six months, and the duration of their trip must not exceed 30 days.

76. What documents are needed for ARC application?

A:

1. ARC application form.
2. One recent passport-sized photo (same specifications as passport photos).
3. Original and photocopies of the passport and resident visa (original returned after verification).
4. Proof of study (enrollment certificate).
5. Authorization letter if someone else submits the application on behalf of the student.
6. Proof of current residence.

77. Can students independently handle ARC and work permit applications?

A: Yes, students may apply independently.

Insurance

78. Can students use their own insurance before enrolling in NHI?

A: Before students are eligible for National Health Insurance (NHI), the university will enroll new students in an insurance plan specifically for international or overseas Chinese students.

79. Why is NHI more expensive than private insurance?

A: NHI offers broader coverage than private insurance. For example, NHI subsidizes medical expenses comprehensively. To achieve similar benefits with private insurance, the premiums would be higher than those for NHI.

Other Questions

80. Can students participate in exchange programs?

A: Yes, as long as the chosen program meets the exchange requirements.

81. How does the university assist with transportation from the airport to the campus?

A: The Global Affairs Office (GAO) organizes airport pick-up services each semester (fees apply). Students who wish to use the pick-up service must arrive in Taiwan within the designated timeframe. Those arriving outside this period must arrange their own transportation to Yuan Ze University.

✂Pick-up Registration: Before the semester begins, the coordinator will send an email with details about the pick-up schedule and inquire if you wish to use the service.

82. Can students use their current insurance?

A: YZU enrolls all new students in insurance plans for international or overseas Chinese students. If you wish to use insurance from your home country, please consult your insurance provider directly.

83. Can master's degree graduates pursue another master's degree?

A: Yes, you can.

84. Is airport pick-up available only on specific dates?

A: Yes, the airport pick-up service is only available on designated dates and times.

✂Pick-up Registration: Before the semester begins, the coordinator will send an email with details about the pick-up schedule and inquire if you wish to use the service.

85. Please provide details about the airport pick-up service.

A: Before the semester begins, the coordinator will email information about the pick-up schedule and ask if you need the service. Make sure to respond within the specified timeframe.

86. What is the easiest way to get to the university from Taoyuan Airport? Will someone from the university be there to pick us up?

A: The easiest way to get to Yuan Ze University is by taxi, costing approximately 600–700 TWD. Tell the driver to go to the "Yuan Ze University dormitory area." The university also offers a paid pick-up service during designated times. Students arriving outside this period should arrange their own transportation.

✂Pick-up Registration: The coordinator will send an email before the semester begins with details about the service please reply within the deadline.

87. Are halal food options available on or near campus?

A: Vegetarian options are available.

88. When can students pay tuition fees? Will we receive our student ID soon?

A: For the spring semester, tuition fees are usually payable starting in January, and for the fall semester, they are payable starting in August. Student IDs are issued after the semester begins and once payment is completed.

89. Is it acceptable to arrive late or after orientation?

A: If visa-related issues cause delays, notify the coordinator in advance; otherwise, admission may be canceled. For personal reasons, students must still inform the coordinator and arrive within the first week of classes otherwise, admission may be canceled too.

90. What items should students bring to Taiwan upon arrival?

A: Ensure you bring all necessary documents for entering Taiwan. To avoid overweight luggage, consider bringing a small selection of clothing, shoes, personal medications, and essential electronics. Items like toiletries can be purchased near the campus.

91. Are there steps or recommendations for opening a bank account?

A: Since scholarships are deposited directly into the student's personal account, students are advised to open a postal bank account in Taiwan after arrival. This account can also be used for receiving part-time job salaries.

92. What else should students prepare before departure?

A: Ensure all required documents and items listed in the acceptance letter are packed.

93. How can students register for courses? Is there a specific deadline?

A: International students will receive an academic calendar with the course registration dates upon receiving their admission letter. Overseas Chinese students will be notified via email and should follow the dates in the new student handbook.

- Academic Calendar: [YZU Calendar](#)
- New Student Handbook: [New Student Guide](#)

94. Are there orientation programs for new international students?

A: Yes, orientation sessions are held for both international and overseas Chinese students before the semester begins.

95. What student organizations are available, especially those focusing on cultural exchange or international networking?

A: YZU has diverse student organizations, including country-specific clubs where seniors assist newcomers with initial challenges. There are also interest-based clubs open to everyone.

96. Does YZU provide academic or personal support for international students?

A: For academic issues, consult your college. For personal concerns, reach out to teachers, friends, or GAO staff.

✂ We kindly ask for your understanding that we are unable to provide private financial assistance.

97. Are there resources for adjusting to life in Taiwan, such as local guides or language classes?

A: The university requires international students to take 10 credits of Mandarin courses and offers Mandarin-speaking activities and language training. GAO also organizes cultural events each semester to help students practice Mandarin and adjust to local life.

98. Is there flexibility in the arrival date? What is the earliest or latest date for arrival?

A: Students must inform the coordinator in advance and arrive within the first week of classes to avoid cancellation of admission.