Soochow University Factsheet

Spring 2025

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Student Number	Approximately 15,000 students
Academic Year Semesters Dates	Fall Semester (August to January, courses start in September)
	Spring Semester (February to July, courses start in February)
Language of Instruction	Chinese / English

Credit Workload per Semester (ECTS Credits)	1 SU credit = 18 hours Approximately 2 ECTS credits = 1 SU credit Exchange students need to take at least 1 credit, but no more than 25 credits in one semester.
Language Requirements	English: CEFR B1 /TOEIC 550/ IELTS 5.0/TOFLE ibt 42 or Home University Certificate Chinese: Online Chinese Proficiency Test will be conducted if students intend to take a Chinese Language course.
Nomination Deadlines	Fall Semester (August to January): March 31 Spring Semester (February to July): September 30 Nomination Form: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1peHcSTxJVJklG0DaqkMcCmAMy1UvbUapUpkqjB4IOmw/edit?usp=sharing
Application Deadlines	Fall Semester (August to January): April 30 Spring Semester (February to July): October 31

Application Required Documents	**STEP 1《On-line Application》**
	
	The below online forms will be open from late September.
	
	Please upload the following documents by October 31.
	
	● **Online application for Spring 2025 Exchange Program**
	  - An official transcript from home university (all prior to the exchange);
	  - A photocopy of passport;
	  - A study plan & Statement of purpose; and
	  - A passport-size colored photo for registration procedure.
	  - Language Proficiency Certificate (if any, not required)
	
	● **Application for on/off campus school dormitory (dormitory is NOT guaranteed)**

	STEP 2《Health certificate submission》 **Please provide an original copy of completed Health Certificate (Valid for 3 months before the entry date) AFTER your application is approved. PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME EMBASSIS ALSO REQUIRE YOUR HEALTH CERTIFICATES BEFORE ISSUING THE VISA.** ● **Stay NOT exceed 180 days:** Health Certificate for Short-Term Students (Form C). ● **Stay OVER 180 days:** Health Certificate for Resident Application. **Required Documents:** 1. Health Certificate for Short-Term Students (Form C)/ Health Certificate for Residence Application 2. Copy of **test results/vaccine records**. Please refer to our website for further details.
Courses of Study	Spring 2025 courses will be available in December 2024. Please refer to previous courses for you reference: http://icae.scu.edu.tw/index.php/en/incoming/int-crcm Course registration will be done online before student's arrival. Instructions will be sent by email later.
Insurance	**Accident Insurance** ● Accident insurance is **MANDATORY** for all incoming exchange students. Students are requested to join and purchase the accident insurance plan in addition to their own insurance from their home country/university offered by SU. ● **Insurance Fee:** NT$ 1,020 for 6 months (NT$170 per month) and will be collected upon orientation. **Health Insurance (Optional)** ● Insurance Fee: NT 500 per month, the content of insurance is in the attachment. [NT 3,000 for 6 months (1 semester) / NT 6,000 for 12 months (2 semesters)] The fee is subject to change according to the Group Insurance Package and contract every semester.

Chinese Language Courses (if applicable)	We offer free 4 credits Chinese language courses for exchange students. (from Beginning to Intermediate) Students will need to do level check if they intend to take the course. If students are beginners, they do not need to take the level check and will be arranged in the beginners class. If students intend to take more Chinese Language courses, they are welcome to register at Chinese Language Center (Tuition Based): http://mandarin.scu.edu.tw/index.php/en/
Accommodation	Students may choose to stay either on/off-campus dorm or rent a studio themselves. Please refer to our website for the most updated price information of dormitories: http://icae.scu.edu.tw/en/in-exchange/facilitating **Dormitory is NOT guaranteed and due to high demands, students are strongly recommended to rent a shared room by themselves.**
Pick-up Service	Only for students who stay in the dorm. Spring Semester 2025 : **Feb. 13th , 2025**
Welcome Day/ Orientation	Spring Semester 2025 : **Feb. 14th , 2025** Further details will be notified later.
Tuition and Fees (if applicable)	Tuition is waived for exchange students. However, some of the courses may require administrative fee (ie. one-on-one tutor class of department of music).
Cost of Living	For reference only. Food: NT $10,000 / month Transportation: NT $1,500 / month Rent: NT $ 8,500-$15,000/ month
Other Costs (phone, books, travelling, etc.)	Depends on individuals. Approximately NT$5,000NT$10000/ month

Buddy Program	We provide Buddy Program service where every exchange student will be paired with at least 1 SU volunteer student. The volunteer students will help exchange students with matters related to studies and daily life, including airport pick-up, assistance in checking in accommodation, courses registration and the other administrative process, help to adjust to the campus life, including transportation, dining map, medical treatment, etc.There is no need for exchange students to sign up for this program as International Affairs Center will automatically assign every accepted exchange student a SU volunteer. The contact information of new coming exchange students will be forwarded to the corresponding volunteer students before the semester begins.
Further Information	Website of Office of International & Cross-Strait Academic Exchange http://icae.scu.edu.tw/en
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