

Academic Bulletin for Taiwan: National Taiwan University 2024-25

Introduction

The Academic Bulletin is the CSU International Programs (IP) “catalog” and provides academic information about the program in at the National Taiwan University in Taiwan. This document supersedes the previous bulletin.

CSU IP participants must read this publication in conjunction with the *Academic Guide for CSU IP Participants* (also known as the “*Academic Guide*”). The *Academic Guide* contains academic policies which will be applied to all IP participants while abroad. Topics include but are not limited to CSU Registration, Enrollment Requirements, Minimum/Maximum Unit Load in a Semester, Attendance, Examinations, Assignment of Grades, Grading Symbols, Credit/No Credit Option, Course Withdrawals, and other policies. The *Academic Guide* also contains information on academic planning, how courses get credited to your degree, and the academic reporting process including when to expect your academic report at the end of your studies abroad.

To access the *Academic Guide*, go to our [website](#) and click on the year that pertains to your study abroad period. For general information about the NTU Taiwan Program, refer to the CSU IP website under “[Programs](#)”.

Academic Program Information

CSU IP is affiliated with National Taiwan University (NTU) in Taipei, Taiwan.

All CSU IP students enrolled at NTU are required to take:

- One NTU General Chinese Course each semester.
- NTU courses taught either in English or Chinese.
- 15 units per semester (see paragraph below).

While CSU IP requires that CSU IP students enroll in a minimum of 15 units per semester, it may not be possible for students at NTU to meet this requirement due to variable units assigned to NTU classes. Therefore, students at NTU will be allowed to take a minimum of 14 units per semester without obtaining approval from CSU IP via petition as long as students check with their home CSU campus to ensure that this is allowed, and they will still be able to make progress towards graduation.

Students with intermediate or advanced Chinese language proficiency may take Applied Chinese courses designed specifically to meet the needs of non-native speakers to acquire practical Chinese language skills. Please refer to section entitled NTU General Chinese Courses and NTU Applied Chinese Courses.

All Physical Education courses are one (1) CSU unit. Students are limited to enroll in one Physical Education course per semester.

NTU General Chinese Courses

NTU General Chinese language courses are offered from NTU Graduate Program of Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (NTUTCSL) Department. NTUTCSL was founded, designed, and supported by the collaborative effort of the University Graduate Institute of Linguistics, the College of Liberal Arts, the Department of Chinese Literature and the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. The instructors from the NTUTCSL have outstanding practical Chinese teaching skills and strong academic Chinese teaching research background. The curriculum focuses on international trends and theories with an emphasis on practical approaches.

NTU General Chinese Courses teach Chinese language specifically to international students based on their Chinese level. The General Chinese Course consists of six hours of instruction per week. Each class has 25 to 30 students to ensure that students improve their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Students are placed in classes

based on the placement test result. Enhancing Chinese Course is optional for those who are also enroll in the General Chinese Course. The Enhancing Chinese Course is an intense reinforcement of Chinese using Chinese character, conversational language with focus on pronunciation. The Enhancing Chinese Course consists of four hours of instruction per week. General Chinese and Enhancing Chinese Courses help students to understand and make basic Chinese daily conversation and able to read and write basic Chinese characters.

General Chinese courses are divided into three levels: elementary, intermediate, and advanced. Each level is sub-divided into sub-levels. The book used for the elementary and intermediate level courses is Practical Audio-Visual Chinese, published by Cheng-Chung & Far East Book Co, Taipei, Taiwan. The advanced levels include several courses such as Chinese news study, business conversation, radio drama, Chinese culture, and entry-level classical Chinese.

Students who enroll in elementary general Chinese courses are first placed in PTCSL7908 if they begin their studies in the fall semester; PTCSL7909 if they begin their studies in the spring semester. Students who study for one academic year starting in the fall semester enroll in PTCSL7909 in their second semester. Refer to the table below for course information. Note that information is subject to change every semester. Elementary I, II and III courses are lower division. Intermediate I, II and III courses are upper division and referred to as “Advanced Intermediate” for reporting purposes. Advanced courses are upper division.

Course Title	Semester	Course Code	NTU Credit	CSU IP Units	Class Duration
General Chinese: - Elementary I, II and III: Lower Division - Intermediate (Adv. Intermediate) I, II and III: Upper Division - Advanced: Upper Division	Fall	PTCSL7908	3	6	6 hours per week for 17 weeks
	Spring	PTCSL7909	3	6	6 hours per week for 17 weeks
Course Descriptions: https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/upload/files/20161019145943.pdf					
Chinese Enhancing Course (optional course that must be taken concurrently with the General Chinese course): - Elementary I, II and III: Lower Division - Intermediate (Adv. Intermediate) I, II and III: Upper Division - Advanced: Upper Division	Fall	PTCSL7910	1	4	4 hours per week for 17 weeks
	Spring	PTCSL7911	1	4	4 hours per week for 17 weeks
Course Descriptions: https://oia.ntu.edu.tw/upload/files/20161019144445.pdf					

NTU Applied Chinese Courses

NTU offers programs on Mandarin Chinese language training and facilitated research projects. Each semester NTU offers 4-6 Applied Chinese Courses consists of 8-12 hours of instructions per week. NTU Applied Chinese Courses bring in professors who are best in their field of research and include a variety of topics such as Exploring Taiwan, Business Chinese, Chinese Folktales, Chinese Films and Practical Chinese Idioms. Since most of the courses are taught in Chinese, students must have advanced Chinese language proficiency.

Service Learning Option

CSU IP students can enroll in Phys1038/1039 – Service Learning: International Companions for Learning for two units of credit. This is a national program, which provides an opportunity for international students to pair with local children from (mostly countryside) schools to assist with the preparation of lessons and translation. This course involves weekly skyping and fully sponsored trips to the schools. Two official certificates, one by the Ministry of Education and the other by NTU, will be issued to students to recognize their contribution. Fluency in Chinese is not mandatory. This course is lower division.

NTU Courses

All CSU IP students can enroll in regular NTU courses. For courses taught in Chinese, students take their exams and write their papers in Chinese and are reminded that lectures and assignments may be more difficult than expected.

There are currently more than 800 courses taught in English. Courses include cultural, language economics of Asia, Taiwan or East Asian, are designed for international students to enhance their proficiency in Asian culture, literature, and research. These courses are intended to extend students’ interest to the Asian region and gaining insight into the cultural dimensions of Asia. For additional information about regular university courses taught at NTU, refer to the website at <http://nol.ntu.edu.tw/nol/guest/index.php>.

Each NTU course is assigned with a course identification number consisting of a combination of letters and numbers. The letters represent the department code in which the course is offered. For the department abbreviation, refer to the university website at www.aca.ntu.edu.tw/w/acaEN/CDServices_21080409513118027

An inserted letter “E” in the middle of the NTU curriculum Identity number (usually after the third or fourth character) means that the course is taught in English. When there is a “U,” “M,” or “D” in the middle of the characters (usually as the fourth or fifth character), then the course is an undergraduate (upper division), master or doctoral (Ph.D.) course, respectively. Courses designated by a “U” can be taken by undergraduate or graduate students. For undergraduate courses not designed by a “U,” the fifth character will be 1, 2, 3, and so on, and refers to the course level and the group of students for which the course is targeted.

The departmental abbreviation is followed by four digits. The first digit indicates the target students of a course in terms of their year of study. See table below.

NTU Curriculum Numbers	Notes	Course Level
1000-1999	Courses for First-year Students	Lower Division
2000-2999	Courses for Sophomores	
3000-3999	Courses for Juniors	Upper Division
4000-4996	Courses for Seniors	
5000-6999	Upper division courses	
7000-7999	Courses for master’s students	Graduate Level

First and second year courses are generally considered lower division with some exceptions, depending on course content. Third- and fourth year courses are more advanced and considered equivalent to upper division courses with some exceptions, depending on course content.

Undergraduate students are expected to take undergraduate courses while abroad. Students who wish to take a graduate course may do so only in the second semester of their study at NTU, and if approved by their home campus academic advisor, registrar’s office, and in accordance with home campus course enrollment policy. Students are expected to meet course prerequisites and adhere to the same standard of work as required from other students in the graduate course. Students may not exceed one graduate course per semester. Students who take a graduate level course are still expected to meet the enrollment minimum unit requirement of 15 units per semester and meet all course requirements as with any other course taken. Courses, which are offered at the study center as a graduate level course only will be reported as a graduate course to the student’s home CSU campus. Courses that are offered as either an undergraduate or graduate level course will be considered and reported as an undergraduate course in which no petition is necessary. Undergraduate students should exercise caution in taking graduate courses due to course difficulty and the higher standard of work expected from course registrants.

Registration

Students are required to complete their registration in-person after arrival. Typically, in-person registration takes places one week prior to the start of the semester so students must arrive at least one week before the semester begins. For academic dates, refer to NTU’s [academic calendar](#). CSU IP students are required to enroll in a minimum of 14 units, so students are advised to have back-up courses in case some courses are not available.

It is important to note that course selection will operate on a lottery system, and any restrictions will be outlined within the system.

NTU will distribute detailed information to all accepted students after acceptance to the university.

Academic Calendar

The academic year for CSU IP students at NTU consists of two 18-week semesters. The fall semester normally runs from early September to mid-January. The spring semester usually starts mid-February and ends in late June. Refer to the [NTU Academic Calendar](#).

NTU General Chinese Courses are 17 weeks and usually start one week after the regular NTU semester begins.

Grading and Units

Below is the grade conversion that is used to convert grades earned at the NTU to the CSU.

NTU grade	NTU Grade	CSU grade
90-100	A+	A
85-89	A	A
80-84	A-	A-
77-79	B+	B+
73-76	B	B
70-72	B-	B-
67-69	C+	C+
63-66	C	C
60-62	C-	C-
59 and below	F	F
0	X	WU

The CSU grade of WU (Withdrawal Unauthorized) may be given in some circumstances, e.g., for uncompleted courses, dropping courses without CSU IP permission and unexcused absences. Refer to the *Academic Guide* for additional grade information.

While NTU allows course withdrawals during the semester, CSU IP does not permit this. CSU IP participants must remember that they are CSU students enrolled in a CSU degree through CSU IP and earning CSU academic credits in residence. As such, students must adhere to CSU IP policies. Students who withdraw from courses after the registration period must seek approval to withdraw from courses or courses will be assigned a grade of WU which equivalent to an F for GPA calculation purposes.

Unit Conversion Guidelines

Below are the guidelines, which are used to convert NTU credits to CSU units.

NTU Credit	CSU Semester Unit	CSU Quarter Units
1 credit	1 unit	1.5 units

NTU Course Offerings

For information about regular university courses taught at NTU, visit the NTU website at nol.ntu.edu.tw. For general program information, refer to their [webpage](#) for international students.

To search for courses taught in English, click on this [link](#) and click on “ENGLISH” at the top right corner of the webpage. If the “ENGLISH” prompt does not appear, use a different browser. Note that courses may not be offered or available every semester or every year.

Students who take General Chinese course are required to register for either daytime or evening courses and take the placement test in person. Students can check their assigned course level one week after the placement test.

Below is a listing of some of the colleges and disciplines at NTU. For more information, refer to the following link: <http://www.ntu.edu.tw/english/academics/academics.html>.

College of the Liberal Arts

- Chinese Literatures
- Taiwanese Literatures
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Japanese Language and Literatures
- Linguistics
- Musicology
- History
- Art History
- Philosophy
- Anthropology
- Drama and Theatre
- Translation and Interpretation

College of Science

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Geography
- Psychology
- Oceanography
- Astrophysics
- Mathematics
- Geosciences
- Global Change
- Cosmology and Particle Astrophysics

College of Social Sciences

- Economics
- International Affairs
- Politics Science
- Sociology
- Social Work
- National Development
- Journalism
- Public Affairs
- East Asia Democratic Studies

College of Engineering

- Civil, Chemical, Industrial, Mechanical, Ocean, Materials Science, Environmental, Biomedical & Rehabilitation Engineering
- Engineering Science
- Applied Mechanics
- Building and Planning
- Manufacturing Automation

College of Bioresource and Agriculture

- Agronomy
- Bio-Environmental Systems Engineering
- Agricultural Chemistry
- Plant Pathology and Microbiology
- Forestry and Resource Conservation
- Animal Science
- Agricultural Economics
- Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
- Bio-industry Communication
- Bio-Industrial Mechatronics Engineering & Automation
- Entomology
- Food Science and Technology
- Biotechnology
- Histopathology
- Microbiology
- Plant Medicine

College of Management

- Business Administration
- Accounting
- Finance
- International Business
- Information Management
- Management Marketing

College of Electronic Engineering & Computer Science

- Electrical Engineering
- Computer Science and Information Engineering
- Networking and Multimedia
- Communication Engineering
- Electronics Engineering
- Biomedical Electronics and Bioinformatics
- Communication Research

College of Life Science

- Life Science
- Biochemical Science & Technology
- Zoology
- Plant Biology
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
- Fisheries Science
- Microbiology and Biochemistry
- Genome and Systems Biology
- Fishery Biology

Contact Information

For questions about registration, courses, or the university, email oja@ntu.edu.tw. For questions about CSU IP academic policies or academic program requirements, email csuip@calstate.edu or IPacademics@calstate.edu.