

Why Taiwan & Getting to Know Taiwan

Why Taiwan

Taiwan is an ideal place for international students who want to learn Mandarin Chinese, also called Mandarin, Huayu, Guoyu, Hanyu, Putonghua, and Zhongwen in Chinese-speaking communities around the world, and Modern Standard Chinese. Taiwan is also an ideal place to learn to read and write Chinese characters, something that will enable you to communicate, in writing, with people who speak other Chinese dialects. The traditional character forms are still used in Taiwan. Learning these is essential for any student who plans to become a translator and they allow you to more fully appreciate the Chinese language, across the centuries.

There are 52 Chinese Language Centers located at colleges and universities throughout Taiwan, offering classes year-round. The instruction and teaching materials are top-notch and designed to help students achieve their language goals. Outside of class, students will have innumerable opportunities to practice reading Chinese characters and speaking Mandarin with the friendly citizens of Taiwan.

General Information about Taiwan

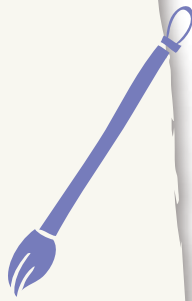
Official name	Republic of China
Geographic location	Eastern Asia, off southeastern coast of mainland China and north of the Philippines
Climate	Subtropical (mean temperature 18°C in winter, 28°C in summer)
Official language	Mandarin (with traditional Chinese character system)
Capital city	Taipei City
National currency	New Taiwan Dollars (NT\$ or TWD)
Time zone	UTC +8 hours
Country telephone code	+886
Electricity	AC 110V / 60 Hz

* For more information, please go on the website of the Executive Yuan, the Republic of China (<https://goo.gl/dHedzX>)

10 Reasons for Learning Chinese in Taiwan



1. Learn Traditional Chinese Characters
2. 52 Government-approved Centers for Teaching Chinese
3. A Perfect Place to Learn Chinese
4. A Repository of Chinese Culture
5. Available Scholarships
6. A Free Democratic Society
7. Easy to Reach, A Great Place to Travel
8. High Standard of Living
9. Test of Chinese as Foreign Language (TOCFL)
10. Work While You Study



Tuition

52 Chinese Language Centers in Taiwan provide varies type of courses, tuition fee also varies from every center. The following is a brief summary of tuition fees:

	TOTAL HOURS	TUITION FEE
Regular Course	180 hours or more	TWD 18,300-43,500 (about USD 590-USD 1,400)
Intensive Summer Course	80-240 hours	TWD 12,000-65,000 (about USD 387-USD 2,100)

(USD 1 ≙ TWD 31)

Scholarships

Huayu Enrichment Scholarships

The Ministry of Education (MOE) established the MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (MOE HES) to enhance exchanges between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and countries designated by the MOE by encouraging foreign students to study Mandarin in Taiwan and to deepen their understanding of Taiwan's cultural and social developments.

Application date	February 1 to March 31 (subject to change)
Details	1. Duration: two months (summer courses), three months, six months, nine months, or 12 months 2. Monthly stipend of TWD 25,000 (~USD 810) 3. For recipients from countries designated by the MOE as eligible

* For more information, please visit TAFS website at <http://tafs.moe.gov.tw> or contact your nearest representative office directly (<https://goo.gl/ga2YFs>)

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Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL)

Introduction

The Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) is a standardized language proficiency test developed for non-native speakers of Chinese. It has already served test takers from over 60 countries. The new version of the TOCFL has three proficiency bands: Band A, Band B, and Band C. Each band is divided into two levels making a total of six levels: Levels 1 to Level 6. The items on the test of each level are 50 multiple-choice items, to be answered in 60 minutes. The table below sets out the indicative number of course hours spent learning Chinese, and the size of the vocabulary base of words (ci) learnt appropriate for each test level. Test-takers can choose the level that best suits their Chinese Language proficiency and learning background.

TEST RESULT	LEARNING HOURS (in Chinese speaking country)	LEARNING HOURS (in non-Chinese speaking country)	VOCABULARY BASE
Test Level: Band A			
Level 1 (A1)	120-240 hours	240-480 hours	500 words
Level 2 (A2)	240-360 hours	480-720 hours	1,000 words
Test Level: Band B			
Level 3 (B1)	360-480 hours	720-960 hours	2,500 words
Level 4 (B2)	480-960 hours	960-1,920 hours	5,000 words
Test Level: Band C			
Level 5 (C1)	960-1,920 hours	1,920-3,840 hours	8,000 words
Level 6 (C2)	More than 1,920 hours	More than 3,840 hours	8,000 words

* A vocabulary list for each level can be found online at <http://www.sc-top.org.tw/english/download.php>



Purpose

The TOCFL certificate can serve as evidence of Chinese proficiency for:

1. Applying for a Taiwan Scholarship
2. International students applying for academic programs at colleges and universities in Taiwan
3. Overseas Chinese Students applying for university admission in Taiwan through the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students (UECOCS)
4. Employment applications which require proof of Chinese language proficiency
5. Obtaining bonus points under the new appraisal system for Overseas Chinese and international students who want to remain in Taiwan to work

TOCFL Testing Overseas

The Steering Committee for the Test of Proficiency-Huayu (SC-TOP) started to provide overseas test services in 2006 to meet the demands of numerous international learners of Chinese. Candidates can now choose to take the TOCFL tests in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the U.K., the U.S.A., and Vietnam.

* For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.sc-top.org.tw/english/oversea.php>

TOCFL Testing in Taiwan

TOCFL formal test schedule	http://www.sc-top.org.tw/english/eng_index.php#
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