Visa Instructions EAP Taiwan

Non-U.S. Citizens
- Contact the Taipei Economic and Culture Office (TECO) now to determine your visa requirements.
- Contact the U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services for information on re-entering the U.S.

U.S. Citizens
- **Summer only students:** American citizens are granted a 90 day visa-free entry. You do not need to apply for a visa.
- **Semester only students:** you will apply for a multi-entry **visitor visa**.
  - Valid for up to 180 days.
  - Multi-entry allows for international travel while you are in Taiwan.
  - You cannot change from a single-entry to multi-entry visitor visa in Taiwan.
  - The visitor visa is only valid for entry into Taiwan within two months from the date of issue. Do not apply too early. If you apply by mail, allow at least 3 weeks. If you apply in person at TECO, it usually takes 2-3 business days.
- **Year students:** you will apply for a **resident visa**.
  - Long-term visa for more than 180 days.
  - Take the [Health Certificate](#) to apply for the resident visa.
  - Within 15 days of receiving a resident visa, you must apply for an Alien Residence Card (ARC) at the National Immigration Agency. The ARC is valid for the duration of your studies.
  - If you TECO grants you a visitor visa, you can change to a resident visa in Taiwan.

An extension of a **visitor visa** or **resident visa** can be done in Taiwan with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At that time you will need to present another **Health Certificate** to local immigration. This can be done in Taiwan or at your UCEAP Health Clearance appointment.

You may obtain visa information and requirements from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Offices (TECO) in either Los Angeles or San Francisco.

☐ **1) Passport:** It must be signed on the identification page and valid for at least 6 months from the time of application for the visa.

☐ **2) Visa Application Form:** Apply for a multiple entry visitor visa. Addresses:
National Taiwan University, 1 Sec 4 Roosevelt Rd, Taipei, Taiwan 10617. Telephone: 886-2-3366-2007 National Taiwan Normal University Mandarin Training Center, 162 Hoping East Road, Sec. 1 Taipei, Taiwan, ROC Telephone: 886-2-7734-5130

☐ **3) Travel Itinerary or Photocopy of Airline Tickets.**

☐ **4) Acceptance letter:** This will be sent to you by our office. Retain a copy for your records.

☐ **5) Visa Fee:** $160.00. Cash, cashier’s checks, and money orders are accepted. The resident visa requires more documents for application (health document).

☐ **6) Return Air Bill** (only if applying by mail): If you are not able to apply in-person, you may apply via FedEx. Enclose a self-addressed air bill. The FedEx envelopes will be provided from TECO.

☐ **7) Two 2x2 passport-type photos**
8) Health Certificate (only for NTU year students):

Year students are required to apply for Resident Visa, which requires another Health Certificate issued by the Centre for Disease Control, Ministry of Health and Welfare, R.O.C.

Incoming students can complete the Health Certificate Form in one of the following ways:

1. You may take one health exam and complete both forms together in your home country, one for NTU online application and the other for Resident Visa application. Note that for visa application, the Health Certificates issued by foreign hospitals must be authenticated by an R.O.C (Taiwan) overseas mission.

2. If you cannot complete the health exam in your home country, you can take the exam after you arrive in Taiwan by entering on Visitor Visa. However, beware that you are still requested to submit NTU Health Exam Form as part of your online application. To change into Resident Visa, the Health Certificate should be issued within 3 months by one of the local hospital designated by the Centre for Disease Control. Note that NTU Hospital is not included. Also, note that you must not let your Visitor Visa expire before completing the Resident Visa application process. (See the list of hospitals allowed to execute health examination for foreign exchange students)

For questions about the visa application process, contact TECO.