BÜRO FÜR INTERNATIONALE BEZIEHUNGEN
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
Fachbereich Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften | WiSo

Fachbereich Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften Nürnberg
FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg

Erfahrungsbericht Auslandsstudium

Die Erfahrungsberichte werden von Studierenden verfasst und spiegeln nicht die Meinung der Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg wider. Jeder Bericht wird vor der Veröffentlichung* geprüft. Die Universität behält sich das Recht zur Kürzung vor.

Angaben zum Auslandsaufenthalt	
Studiengang an der WiSo:	IIS
Gastuniversität:	National Taiwan University
Gastland:	Taiwan
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	
Aufenthaltszeitraum (*Semester und Jahr*):	WS 2022/23
Darf der Bericht veröffentlicht werden?*	(**Nicht**zutreffendes löschen) JA

*Veröffentlichung unter: http://ib.wiso.fau.de/outgo/partneruniversitaeten/

Bei Fragen in Bezug auf den Datenschutz möchten wir Sie auf die Webseite des Datenschutzbeauftragten der FAU verweisen (https://www.fau.de/fau/leitung-und-gremien/gremien-und-beauftragte/beauftragte/datenschutzbeauftragter/) oder auf deren Email-Adresse (datenschutzbeauftragter@fau.de)

Schildern Sie Ihre persönlichen Erfahrungen und Eindrücke von Ihrem Auslandsaufenthalt. Bitte halten Sie sich dabei an eine Regel: Seien Sie fair!

- nur eigene Erfahrungen und Eindrücke beschreiben
- keine Unterstellungen, Spekulationen oder Gerüchte
- keine Verallgemeinerungen
- Kritik sachlich, konkret und konstruktiv formulieren
- keine Beleidigungen

Verwendung von Bildern: Falls Sie in Ihren Bericht Bilder einfügen wollen, verwenden Sie bitte ausschließlich Bilder, die Sie selbst fotografiert haben und auf denen keine Personen abgebildet sind. Aufgrund urheberrechtlicher Bestimmungen müssen wir Bilder, die diesen Vorgaben nicht entsprechen, aus dem Bericht entfernen.

The application process at NTU was quite easy. After I had been placed by FAU, I received a link to an application system where I had to upload my documents (transcript of records etc.). I received answer from them in June for the upcoming winter semester. Because it was not sure whether I could enter the country due to covid regulations, I had to wait until end of July until I got the certificate of admission which I needed in order to apply for the visa. This was very late, as the semester start is in early September for the winter semester, but it all worked out quite well in the end.

I applied for the visa at the Vertretung Taipehs in Deutschland (München). I had to send them my passport and got it back with my visa two days later. That was super quick!

I got a room in Yuantong Dormitory. It's always 4 bed rooms which I was sceptical about in the beginning. Luckily, in the end, it turned out to be a very good experrience, my roommates were nice (one Belgian and one guy from Hongkong). Also, it's a great way of making new friends there! Most of my best friends lived in the dorm and we spent lots of evenings together in the common area.

Registering for the courses is a pain. There are several rounds in which you can apply for the courses and if you are lucky, you get into the courses straightaway. If not (what is very common), you need to go to the first lecture of the professor and get a registration code there which you can use to register for the course. Also, you should try sending the professor an email and asking for a registration code. Most of the times, you can easily join courses via those codes in the first week of the lecture period.

I definitely recommend travelling around the island (which is half the size of Bavaria) on the weekends! Distances are not so far, so you can easily visit many places just on a two/three day trip over the weekends.
Get a credit card which doesn't charge you an extra fee for withdrawing money in a foreign currency! Otherwise you keep wasting money which you could otherwise use for travelling ;)

Because there was a personnel change in the international office, communication before the start of the exchange semester was very bad. Almost no emails got answered. On site, it was a lot better, especially after a new person was responsible for the exchanges with european universities.

Living outside of dorms is quite expensive (450-500 EUR) for a room in a shared flat. So, try out a dorm which is super cheap (700 EUR for the whole semester)! Food is cheaper than in Germany I would say. You will not cook at home. Taiwanese people almost always eat outside :)

If you are interested into experiencing an asian country for one semester, I can definitely recommend going to Taiwan! As of 2022, I myself would not worry too much about the political risks. In Taiwan, people have lived with the threat of an invasion from Mainland China for decades. Of course, things might dynamically change, but as of 2022, this topic doesn't influence daily life in Taiwan. People live their lives and from my experience, it didn't affect the lives of the international students in any way. I think it's definitely worth it experiencing this country and it's interesting history. It offers a great way of broadening your perspective and not only seeing this conflict from a western perspective.