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Gastuniversität:	National Taiwan University (NTU)
Gastland:	Taiwan
Studiengang an der Gastuniversität:	International Business
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Themenbereiche:

1. Bewerbung und Auswahlverfahren an der FAU

After being nominated, the FAU will follow the process to get you into the NTU. For me it took some time to apply for the SS25. Until September or October I didn't receive much information from the guest university but the rest of the process was okay although with many steps. I recommend Doing it as early as possible.

2. Bewerbung / Anmeldung an der Gastuniversität

Registering to classes coma a little bit as a hassle. To register for classes you must use a modern platform they have which is very intuitive and shows you a prospective timetable. The in secondary platform you can confirm the registration of the courses. Most courses have a limit of students so the places in the course are given by lottery. If you don't get the place in this lottery though, you may ask the teacher in person on the first day of the class you're interested in to register with you and there's a high chance that as a foreign student they will take you in. They're also very nice to you.

I must also mention that just in case you should register for more classes than you're planning just in case they don't accept more students in your preferred classes. Attend also the online meetings that the university organizes to understand the registration system correctly or you might not be able to register correctly and miss up in much.

Also, as a foreign exchange student, you're actually entitled to register to any course in any college of the Ntu and department unless restrictions apply so feel free to also register to courses that you think could be interesting apart from what you want to get credited.

3. Vorbereitung auf das Auslandsstudium

To get ready to go to Taiwan you need more or less the standard to travel internationally. I must mention the climate is very warm and tropical; humidity is high, temperatures high and it rains a lot so you might want to get ready for it. Apart from that make sure you have all the correct documentation, all NTU letters printed (although you can print them in Taiwan) as well as proper clothing for this weather and that of the countries you will want to visit abroad.

4. Anreise / Visum

You can get the Visa easily in Munich. I got the multiple entry visa but watch out because they will only give you 90 days. After entering the country you have to renew your stay for what I know or you can just leave the country and come back (this last option I recommend, one trip or two is enough)

5. Unterkunftsmöglichkeiten (Wohnheim, privat)

Getting an apartment is neither difficult nor easy. The university offers housing but I heard awful things about those if it's not the Prince House Student Dorms. In the other ones you have to travel more than 40 mins to the university and share a room with another 4 students. I must mention that these shared rooms are extremely cheap (around 500-700€ the entire semester or so) but for what I heard I wouldn't recommend them. There are many websites to find housing: rent 591(local landlords), Home Sweet Home (coliving, kind of expensive but nice), Inn-Taipei (or Inn apartment which are individual studios) and then many more options. I opted to get an individual apartment from Inn apartment although they're a little bit expensive.

As for the zone I would recommend living in, it's Gongguan. The university is located here, it's quite busy but there are many restaurants around. You may want to consider other apartments in close areas to Gongguan with a connection with the Greenline like Taipower Building, Wanlong, Guting or so. Red line also has a great connection to the green line so options in Da'an are also great (and apartments are newer and the place in general is cozier).

6. Einschreibung an der Gastuniversität

It was a bit annoying by the amount of documents you need but they're very clear about what they need. Please do the mandatory medical examination for the registration before coming to Taiwan, you can get a better price probably in Germany or anywhere else than here.

7. Fachliche und administrative Betreuung an der Gastuniversität (International Office, Fachstudienberater, Buddy-Programme, studentische Initiativen, etc.)

In the university the International Office was useful. They helped with all my inquiries and questions in 1-3 days each time I asked and they0re eager to always help. You will also be assigned a buddy which is a local student from the university. Some people complained that their buddies didn't do anything with them but I personally had a wonderful experience with mine and even explored some cities with him. Overall the university ius helpful and the buddy helps also with whatever you may need.

8. Lehrveranstaltungen / Stundenplan an der Gastuniversität

Workload does really depend on your schedule. I personally took only 3 classes which that reward with 3 NTU credits each (1NTU credit = 2 ECTS). Classes with 3 credits usually last 3h each and they're once a week. Some classes have very coursework but in exchange at least mine don't have final exams, only deliverables and presentations. If you do it like me, you can fit your schedule in just 2 days a week. I only had classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays which allowed me to travel a lot and do many different things.

The courses I took were: Green Marketing, Global Marketing and Negotiation skills and Judgment and Managerial Decision Making. I would say as all of these courses were easier than those that you can take in the FAU and the teachers were knowledgeable, especially the one from Judgment and Managerial Decision Making, I learned a lot from that class. Yet, there's usually group projects, and activities that require constant work throughout the semester as well as attendance is necessary. It's okay to miss a couple of days and teachers expect that.

9. Sprachkurse an der Gastuniversität (kostenlos, kostenpflichtig)

The university offers great mandarin courses for free! There's just a but that's that you must attend 6h/week and they both have a lot of coursework and some exams which can be annoying. If you like to travel, you may not want to take the Chinese courses. If you don't attend a certain number of classes they may kick you out of the course so if you join, you must be committed. Also I must mention that there are classes available for basically any level of mandarin you may have.

10. Ausstattung der Gastuniversität (Bibliothek, Computerräume, etc.)

The infrastructure in some buildings is generally old but they have a great library, computers, a very big cafeteria to get food from many different restaurants, a great lake and an underwhelming gym but a great pool and tennis courts. I would say the university is prepared for everything

11. Freizeitangebote

There's a lot to do, from travelling all over Taiwan to trying a lot of the food as well as travelling internationally for a fair price. You will not run out of options here. The university also organizes events sometimes and outside of the university there are many other foreigners and nice locals to organize activities with.

12.
Stadt (Sehenswürdigkeiten, Feste, Museen, etc.)

Taipei is big, there are not as many museums to go to as I thought. There are many bars, restaurants and night markets to explore. Malls are also super great and the public transport works really well (the buses not so much though) but the city is a 10/10 for things to do.

13. Alltag (Geld-Abheben, Handy, Jobben)

Be ready with some cash because you will need it. In Taiwan cash is still almost everywhere and many places do not accept cards so I would recommend exchanging euros at the airport with the Bank of Taiwan (it's the national bank and they have great exchange rates!). When you land, please take an SIM from Taiwan Mobile or Chungwa Telecom. I would take the 90 day plan with unlimited data and 4G (there's not much difference between the 4G and 5G speeds here honestly talking). Take the sim the same way as you come though, if you do it a day later, they won't let you take the 90 day plan because of some tourism regulations.

As for important stores, you may want to visit Carrefour or PX mart for supermarkets. Then you have Watsons or Poya for cosmetics, many general toiletries and even some

14. Finanzielles (Lebenshaltungskosten, Stipendien)

The cost of life here is lower than in Germany but not very low for Southeast Asian standards. I usually spend 3€ (in night markets or the uni cafeteria) to 10€ (for like a very good meal) and 20€ (for buffet hot pot or high quality food) for lunch. Buying ingredients in supermarkets isn't very cheap and convenience stores are reasonably priced. Fresh meat and anything related to milk tends to be more expensive too.

Public transport is also priced reasonably although you're going to spend less than in Germany it won't be for much more less. For trains to travel throughout there are certain tickets for students that have great discounts but they're still not very cheap.

Also, you may be eligible also for PROMOS and general stipendium which can also help so watch for the emails of the international office for opportunities to go abroad.

15. Wichtige Ansprechpartner und Links

Contacts will be given directly by the university. The same goes for links and there are many recommendations for housing and such also on their website.

16. Fazit (beste und schlechteste Erfahrung)

My best experience was with the people around here. Both foreigners and locals are extremely friendly in Taiwan in general. They're very helpful and in an extremely good mood.

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s for bad experiences I would say the hygiene standards aren't up to the European level standards but that was to be expected (talking more about food stands as well as some streets but the city is lovely). Although it shocked me than in many buildings you cannot throw toilet paper into the toilet.

17. Sonstiges

Stay active and try to make friends with more people than your own community. As usual, most people join with the people from the same country but that may close doors to a more international perspective and friends.

Vielen Dank für Ihre Unterstützung!