

National Taiwan Normal University Application Information

for GVSU Applicants

1 Home School Approval

All GVSU students who want to earn credit at GVSU for a study abroad program must first apply for home school approval through the OASIS online application system, www.gvsu.edu/oasis.

The study abroad application through the GVSU online system (OASIS) allows students to apply for home school approval to participate in a specific study abroad program. If you change your study abroad program at any time, you must submit a *Study Abroad Change Form*. All programs are subject to approval. **The OASIS application entails:** Conditions of application, essay questions, release of information, faculty references, emergency contacts, risk and release, and a required deposit of \$105.

- **Keep your information updated.** The Padnos International Center refers to the information in OASIS for up-to-date program information, and student contact information. Please let us know if information changes.
- **Message System/connect with other program participants.** Students can easily get in contact with other program participants using the OASIS messaging system.

✓ Study Abroad Orientation

All study abroad participants are required to attend one Study Abroad Pre-Departure Orientation. Students who attend one of these required sessions will be eligible to receive their full deposit refund. We will not refund the deposit to students who do not attend one of the many sessions offered throughout the semester prior to your departure.

✓ Required Documents

Once you are “accepted” to participate in your chosen study abroad program, your OASIS account will give you access to additional information, including required forms.

The documents below are due to PIC by: **AUG 15** (Fall departures); **DEC 15** (Winter departures); **MAY 15** (Summer departures)

All students must submit the following required forms in order to be eligible to receive their deposit refund:

- Flight Itinerary
- Medical insurance
- Passport copy
- Health information

Students who plan to use financial aid to help cover the cost of their study abroad program must submit:

- Expense Form
- Accept the financial aid you plan to use for your semester abroad in MyBanner.

	<p>Students who plan to take course abroad that will fulfill specific degree requirements must submit:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Course Approval Form and/or email confirmation specifying the departmental approval.</p>
<p>✓ Study Abroad Advisors</p>	<p>The Padnos International Center has a number of advisors available to answer question you may have throughout the process.</p> <p>General advising: Stop into 130 LOH to speak with a Peer Advisor or email studyabroad@gvsu.edu.</p> <p>Pre-acceptance advising: Meaghann Myers-Smith, Study Abroad Advisor, myersmea@gvsu.edu.</p> <p>Post-acceptance advising, host university application information, and while you are abroad: Rebecca Hambleton, Director, Study Abroad & International Partnerships, hambletr@gvsu.edu AND Chris Borda, Office Coordinator, Study Abroad, bordac@gvsu.edu.</p>
<p>✓ Financial Aid Guide for Study Abroad</p>	<p>If you plan to use your GVSU financial aid to pay for your study abroad expenses, please review the Financial Aid Guide to Study Abroad available on the PIC website at:</p> <p>www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad, select “Funding”, then select “Funding FAQ’s.”</p>
<p>✓ Course Approval Process</p>	<p>For detailed instructions on securing approval for the courses you want to take abroad, visit:</p> <p>www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad, select “Academics.”</p>
<p>✓ Pre-Departure Checklist</p>	<p>Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad, select “Getting Started”, then select “Step-by-Step Guide”, go to Step 6 for a detailed pre-departure checklist.</p>

2 Host University Application



Once a student has been approved by the Padnos International Center to participate in a partnership program, the student will be invited to begin working on the host university application materials. Students are still subject to approval by the host university and must also complete the required application materials to formally apply for this program. Again, the OASIS application is for the home school approval only.

<p>✓ Required documents</p>	<p>The following documents must be turn in to PIC by:</p> <p>Fall departures: February 20 Winter departures: September 25</p> <p>(Walk-in Hours to turn in your materials will be on September 23, 24, and 25, between 8 am – 5 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One original copy of application form, signed and attach 2 passport-size photos • One letter of recommendation written in English or in Chinese. • A copy of your passport • One copy of a study plan (approx. 800 to 1000 words) written in English or in Chinese. • One copy of English official academic transcripts (for undergraduate or graduate studies) • One copy of student ID or Enrollment certificate
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	http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/oia/index_en.php or http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/oia/stu-ex01.php
✓ Application Timeline	Coming soon!
✓ Course options	http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/oia/multi/english/programs_form1.pdf
✓ Program Costs	http://gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/8EFD9BA4-9DE8-01C5-2D788D2521F353C9/0_ntnu_budget_posted.pdf
✓ Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New international students are given the priority for student housing • Each room is shared by 3-6 students. • Costs vary depending on the dormitory. For one academic year, (September to the end of June) students should expect to pay between NT\$ 10,000 and NT\$ 24,000 (approx.. \$350-800) • utilities is not included • To stay in the residence halls over the summer vacation students must apply and pay separately • Community use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ bathrooms and toilets, washing machines, washers, dryers, clothes lines, lobby, televisions, cafeteria, kiosks, laundry service, barbershop and beauty parlor, ping pong tables and billiard tables. • Each room is furnished with tables, chairs, lamps, beds, telephone, fan • All dormitories are equipped with internet connections • Security system is present in the dorms <p>For questions:</p> <p>Division of Student Housing Affairs, the Office of Student Affairs : 886-2-7734315 or 886-2-23693412</p> <p>http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/oia/multi/english/housing.html</p> <p>http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/oia/index_en.php</p> <p>The residence halls are older facilities, and may lack some of the amenities students are accustomed to here. GVSU students are placed in the same residence halls as their Taiwanese counterparts. Past participants have enjoyed the residence halls due to the ease of meeting so many local NTNU students. GV students can choose to live in a local apartment if they prefer. The cost of a local apartment will be much higher than the on-campus residence halls. In addition, students will be responsible for finding their own accommodations. Some support may be available through the NTNU International Affairs Office, however, the responsibility will be on you to find alternative housing if you do not want to live in the residence halls.</p>

<p>✓ Program Dates/Calendar</p>	<p>Mandarin Training Center : http://140.122.110.12/mtcweb/index.php?option=com_guoyu&task=show_information&id=100&menuid=107&lang=en General Academic Calendar http://www.ntnu.edu.tw/oia/index_en.php</p>
<p>✓ Partner University Contacts</p>	<p>Office of International Affairs – Tel: 886-2-7734-1271 intlntnu@gmail.com Ms. Nicole Hsiung nicolekuma@ntnu.edu.tw</p>

3 Travel Resources



Become a WELL-INFORMED traveler! Research you host country before you leave, and avoid going abroad unaware and unprepared. **It is up to YOU, the participant, to research and educate yourself before you leave.**

Visit: www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad, select “Before You Go.”

<p>✓ Visa Information/link to consulate/timeline for application</p>	<p>Students applying to study at NTNU for more than 90 days will be required to apply for a resident visa. The application instructions can be obtained online at: http://www.taiwanembassy.org/US/CHI/lp.asp?ctNode=2529&CtUnit=62&BaseDSD=7&mp=27 Questions about the application procedures should be directed to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago (TECO) at (312) 616-0100 or www.tecochicago.org. Students are advised to apply for their visa to Taiwan within the 90 days prior to departure. It is recommended that you apply as soon as you have all of the required documents necessary for the visa application.</p>
<p>✓ Flights/Arrival City/Travel to host institution</p>	<p>Students will fly into Taipei Taoyuan International Airport. From the airport, students can choose to take a taxi to Taipei City or a bus. A taxi will cost around 1200 TWD or around \$40 USD. Arrival instructions will be provided by NTNU prior to your departure.</p>
<p>✓ CDC Report/WHO</p>	<p>All study abroad students are strongly encouraged to carefully review the CDC report for the country they plan to study in. The CDC report provides information on required and recommended immunizations, health and safety advice, and packing tips. Visit: www.cdc.gov The World Health Organization (WHO) offers extensive information on health topics, critical health situations, statistics, world health reports, country-specific information for travelers. Visit: www.who.org</p>
<p>✓ State Department Travel Information</p>	<p>All GVSU study abroad students are required to register their trip with the US State Department through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. Visit: http://travel.state.gov for details.</p>

4 Safety and Security

Concerns about safety and security are very common among study abroad students and their families. PIC offers a pre-departure orientation, online resources, and individual support to students who have concerns about safety in another country.

✓ Resources for emergency situations

<http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/health-safety-538.htm>

✓ Reporting an incident

If you experience an incident abroad, please contact Rebecca Hambleton, hambletr@gvsu.edu to file a report on the incident. When you file a report, every effort will be made to connect you with resources that are available to you if you.

Other important campus resources that are available to GVSU students in need of assistance with a critical incident:

- **Women's Center**, http://www.gvsu.edu/women_cen/
- **Counseling Center**, <http://www.gvsu.edu/counsel/>

5 Cultural Adjustment

Attitude is EVERYTHING!

You will get out of this experience what you put into it.

✓ Culture guides

PIC offers a variety of country-specific resources that you can explore. Visit our website at: www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad. Enter your program into the search engine on our main page. Once you get to the main program page with information about Kingston University, you can select "Additional Information." This section contains a variety of resources you may find helpful in your pre-departure planning.

✓ Returning home

<http://magazine.lifeafterstudyabroad.com/contents>

Many students indicate that returning home from study abroad is far more of an adjustment than the initial adjustment to the host country. Students have a variety of experiences upon their return home. PIC offers a welcome back event that brings study abroad students together to share what they learned abroad, and to connect about the challenges of returning home after adapting to a different culture for many weeks or months. This event offers a career planning component to help you think about how to articulate to future employers what you learned through your experiences abroad and how this will help you in your career development.

Visit the PIC website for information about adjusting to life back home after study abroad!