

Student Housing Handbook

- We recommend students looking for housing in Taipei to see the house in person, and to obtain sufficient information from the landlord regarding the neighborhood before signing leases. For those visiting Taiwan for the first time, it is recommended that you temporarily stay at the NTNU Hostel/Guest House or a hotel (please refer to the “Short-Term Housing” section below), and take your time in finding suitable housing.
- NTNU is located in the Daan District of Taipei City, so students should look for housing around the Daan District, New Taipei City’s Yonghe District, New Taipei City’s Zhonghe District, or New Taipei City’s Xindian District. Alternatively, students can base their location around the MRT Guting Station and search for housing along the route of the MRT.
- In general, there are two types of housing for rent: individual suites and shared housing. Individual suites have their own bathrooms and utility bills, while in shared housing, several people share a bathroom and utility bill. Rent usually does not cover utilities, and leases usually last for six months to a year. Many apartments near the university offer leases for six months or the length of a semester, with security deposits amounting to one to three months’ rent. The above, however, is general information: details vary depending on the specific case.

Short-Term Housing



NATIONAL TAIWAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY DORMITORY

Address: No. 129, Section 1, Heping E. Road, Taipei City 106
Phone: 886-2-26328420 or 886-2-77345800 or 886-2-77345801
Fax: 886-2-23657293
Website: <http://www.sce.ntnu.edu.tw/dorm.php>



EIGHT ELEPHANTS HOTEL, SHIDA

Address: 1F, No. 6, Alley 4, Lane 48, Jinjiang Street, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100
Phone: 886-2-2368-0301
Website: <http://www.eehotel.com/>



WORLD SCHOLAR HOUSE

Address: 2F, No. 15, Alley 1, Lane 75, Sec. 2, Zhonghua Road, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100
Phone: 886-2-2371-5171
Website: <http://www.worldscholarhouse.com/rooms.html>



TAIPEI'S TEACHER HOSTEL

Address: No. 15, Nanhai Road, Taipei City

Phone: 886-2-2341-0161

Fax: 886-2-2321-9378

Website: <http://www.tth.url.tw/>



HOWARD CIVIL SERVICE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Address: No. 30, Sec. 3, Xinsheng South Road, Taipei City 106

Tel: 886-2-7712-2323

Fax: 886-2-7712-2333

Website: <http://intl-house.howard-hotels.com.tw/>



HSIU CHI HOUSE

Address: No. 16-1, Siyuan Road, Zhongzheng District, Taipei City 100

Telephone: 886-2-23631066

Fax: 886-2-23630789

Website: <http://hsiuchi.prince.com.tw/>



MANGO PUDDING GUEST HOUSE (JAPANESE)

Address: 2F, No. 31, Alley 128, Sec. 3, Luosifu Road, Taipei City 10016

Phone: 886-2-2388-0885

Fax: 886-2-6632-9228

Website: <http://www.taiwan-link.com/stay/index.html>



TAIWAN YOUTH HOSTEL

Address: Apt. 10, 13F, No. 50, Sec. 1, Zhongxiao West Road, Taipei City

Phone: 886-2-2388-0885

Fax: 886-2-6632-9228

Website: <http://www.yh.org.tw/en/index.asp>

Other helpful websites:

- <http://www.hostelworld.com/index.php>
- <http://www.taipeisleep.com/home/about.php> (short-term rentals)

Websites for Renters

- 591 Housing Site: <http://ettoday.591.com.tw/>
- CityNet: <http://www.citynet.com.tw/>
- HouseFun: <http://www.housefun.com.tw/>
- Rakuya Housing Site: <http://happyrent.rakuya.com.tw/>

Safety & Security

➤ **Renting Safety**

1. Be wary of misleading or false advertisements and landlords.
2. Ask fellow classmates, friends or professors who have experience for housing recommendations, or ask them to help you find housing.
3. When viewing a potential space, bring along family members, friends, or classmates. If going alone, make sure doors are always open, especially the front door.
4. Before signing the lease, make sure you are well informed of the neighborhood, safety situation, and habits of previous tenants. Be sure to be aware of the landlord's morality.
5. Be sure to visit the house both in the day and at night. Make sure the location is not too deserted, and that there is adequate lighting on the streets.
6. Security should be the utmost priority, not pricing. There is a higher chance of robbery in the ground floor – if you decide to live on the ground floor, make sure windows and doors are strong and ask the landlord to provide iron grates for both windows and doors.
7. When moving in, change the locks for the front and back doors. It is recommended that you install deadbolt locks.
8. When signing the lease, make sure you are aware of your rights and responsibilities as a tenant (i.e. method of payment, as well as designated party that pays utility bills, telephone bills, repair bills, parking rental, management fee, etc. should all be clearly stated in the lease).
9. Rooftop add-ons may be cheap, but safety and health issues (these spaces are especially hot in the summer) make them a bad option.
10. Make sure to consider transportation details as well as whether or not the space is comfortable.

➤ **Living Safety**

1. Treat your neighbors well during your stay – watch out for each other, and if you are close with them, keep a spare key with them.
2. Get in the habit of always closing and locking doors so that burglars won't seize the opportunity to rob your house.
3. When you are home alone, it is recommended that you turn all the lights on and make loud noises so that it seems like many people are home.
4. We recommend installing phones in either the bedroom or bathroom, with emergency numbers written in an easily visible location nearby.
5. If moving into a newly constructed building, wait until security measures are installed before moving in.
6. Avoid taking the elevator with suspicious-looking individuals late at night. Greet the security guard when entering the building and phone them after you've safely reached your apartment to let them know that you're okay.
7. If strangers knock on your door asking for directions or attempting to talk to you, it is best not to respond.
8. Avoid being alone in a room with an unfamiliar individual of the opposite gender. If left with no choice, invite a neighbor over.
9. If met with any incidents, report them immediately to your advisor or any campus official.
10. When living on your own, make sure to give your address and phone number to both your family and the school, and keep in constant contact with family members.

Off-Campus Housing Important Information

I. Signing the lease

1. Always be sure to ask the landlord for identification, as well as the renter's rights and the apartment's tax and registration documents to verify the landlord's identity and to confirm that he or she is in fact either the owner of the property or the main tenant (in the event that the landlord is the main tenant, request documentation that grants the landlord permission to lease the space).
2. Check the monthly payment date, method of payment, length of lease, and security deposit.
3. Make sure you know what furniture and facilities are provided by the landlord, as well as their original conditions. If conditions are not stellar, take pictures of the furniture as evidence.

4. Check the limitations set by the landlord (i.e. whether or not you can cook, if pets are allowed, etc.).
 5. If the space you are renting is shared with the landlord, make sure you know what rooms and amenities are available to you.
 6. When signing the lease, exchange identification information.
 7. If amendments are to be made to the lease, both parties must sign or stamp their name to prevent future conflict.
 8. After the lease is signed, both parties should receive a copy of the lease.
 9. When leasing a house, look at a lot of different spaces and compare them to find the best possible option.
- II. Term/length of lease: most leases are for six months to a year. Spaces near the university usually are rented for the length of a semester or six months, while housing farther away have leases of a year. Security deposits are generally one to three months' rent.
- III. Agents' commission: usually, the landlord has to pay a month's rent as commission to the renting agent, while the tenant has to pay half a month's rent.

Note: The aforementioned information is for reference only – rules and warnings vary by situation. The university does not have the resources to visit houses with students; it can only afford to provide information such as the above listed.