

NTOU MANDARIN LEARNING AND EDUCATION CENTER –BRIDGING PROGRAM BROCHURE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Institution Introduction

The Mandarin Learning and Education Center at National Taiwan Ocean University is a Ministry of Education-approved Mandarin teaching institution with qualifications to recruit international students. It can assist students in applying for Mandarin study visas. In addition, the credits earned at the center can be transferred toward university credits, providing a solid foundation for future academic advancement.

Faculty Team

All instructors at our center hold a Master's or Doctoral degree in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language and possess certification from the Ministry of Education in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language. They are well-qualified to help students from diverse linguistic backgrounds integrate smoothly into the learning environment.

Location

Our center is located in the scenic city of Keelung, nestled between mountains and the sea, between Taipei and New Taipei City. It is only a 30—to 40-minute drive from downtown Taipei, yet the cost of living and accommodation is only about half that of Taipei, making it an affordable and high-quality choice for learning Mandarin.

1. Course Period

- (1.) Spring Semester: February to June each year. It is suitable for students planning to enroll at NTOU in September.
- (2.) Fall Semester: September to January of the following year. It is suitable for students planning to enroll at NTOU in February.

2. Eligibility

- (1.) International Mandarin learners holding a visitor visa for Mandarin study in Taiwan.
- (2.) Foreign nationals already in Taiwan with a valid visa or residence permit visas or residence permits.

3. Suggested Proficiency Level

This program is suitable for students whose Chinese proficiency suits students with Chinese proficiency below the A2 level.

4. Course Structure

(1.) 16 hours per week:

- ◇ 10 hours of Comprehensive Intensive Language Course – covering listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- ◇ 6 hours of Campus Mandarin– focusing on practical language use in daily campus settings.
- ◇ Students who pass the final exam will receive a certificate of completion.

(2.) Intercultural Exchange: On Mondays and Thursdays, native-speaking language partners will join the class for one-on-one study sessions, helping students improve listening and speaking skills through interaction with locals and enhancing cross-cultural communication abilities.

(3.) Sports & Activity Experience: Weekly indoor and outdoor activities are arranged to encourage students to explore the local environment.

** The center reserves the right to adjust, modify, or cancel courses.*

5. Incentive Mechanism

(1.) Credit Transfer: Students who complete the course and pass with a satisfactory grade will receive a certificate of completion. Upon official admission to the university, they may apply for credit transfer of relevant Chinese language courses based on their actual course records.

(2.) Scholarship Applications:

- ◇ Students who complete the course and pass the TOCFL exam at the A2 level may apply for scholarships from universities within the University System of Taipei (including National Taiwan Ocean University).
- ◇ Students who pass the TOCFL exam at the B2 level and officially enroll at the university may receive an Advanced Mandarin Scholarship of NTD 10,000 from the center.

6. Application Method

Please visit our center's official website to download the application form.
(<https://r083.ntou.edu.tw/p/412-1100-10034.php?Lang=en>)

After completing the form, please send it along with the required documents to our center's email: ntouclc@email.ntou.edu.com

❖ **Fall Semester:** The application deadline is May 30. Admission results will be announced by June 20, and admission letters will be sent out by June 30.

❖ **Spring Semester:** The application deadline is October 30. Admission results will be announced by November 20, and admission letters will be sent out by November 30.

8. Course Fees (in New Taiwan Dollars / NTD)

| Item | Fee | Description |
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| Tuition Fee | NTD 36,000 | Full-time NTOU staff, researchers, and their family members are eligible for a 10% discount. |
| Material Fee | Around NTD 1,000 | Actual cost depends on teaching materials used by instructors. |
| Dormitory Fee | Based on NTOU dormitory regulations | Dorm 1: NTD 8,500/semester Dorm 2: NTD 9,100/semester Dorm 3: NTD 9,300/semester Dorm 4: NTD 9,900/semester Mulan Dorm: NTD 14,540/semester |

◇ If you do not require on-campus housing, accommodation costs in Keelung City range from approximately NTD 3,500/month (room to share) to NTD 12,000/month (studio apartment).

◇ Students who officially enroll as degree-seeking students at NTOU after completing the course may apply for a 40% tuition refund with proof of registration.

9. Contact for Course Consultation

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