**Shih Chien University**

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| About partner | About partner | Shih Chien University was founded in 1958. The name ‘Shih Chien’, which in Chinese means ‘practice’, is derived from the beliefs of Wang Yangming, a great Chinese philosopher who said: “Knowledge is the beginning of practice. Doing is the completion of knowing” (1498). Shih Chien University kept this motto in mind while implementing and expanding its educational vision.  Over the years, the institution has evolved from a junior college to a bachelor degree granting institution. In 1997, the institution was promoted to university status. The University has one campus in Taipei and another in Kaohsiung and is home to approximately 15,000 students and 700 faculty and staff. |
|  | About Taipei | Taiwan is a modern, free, democratic society whose people are hardworking, fun loving and friendly. While eagerly embracing the future, the people of Taiwan stay true to their traditional values and ideals.  The capital of Taiwan is Taipei, which is one of the region’s most  dynamic, comfortable and liveable cities. A quick trip on public  transport will take you to tea fields, hot springs, national parks and  colonial towns.  A stay in Taipei wouldn’t be complete without experiencing the  Minnan-style temples, the heritage lanes sprinkled with gourmet cafes,  and the buzzing nightlife. |
|  | Did you know? | Shih Chien University’s Design College was one of the first design colleges in Taiwan to establish an institute dedicated to fashion and communications design. |
| Academic information | Main areas of study | * Fashion & Textiles   **Note:**   * The listed areas of study are not necessarily exhaustive and other fields of study might also be available at the partner institution. Moreover, names for fields of study may be different overseas. * A discipline being listed does not in indicate the suitability of the program, nor does it indicate that the discipline is taught in English. * Approval to study particular subjects at any institution is always at the discretion of the departmental/discipline and faculty advisors at RMIT University and subject to available places at the host institution. |
|  | Language requirements | Programs are taught in English and Mandarin. |
|  | Full time load [Equivalent to 96 RMIT Credit Points] | Courses are usually 3 credits each. |
|  | Link to courses | Department of Fashion Design:  <http://fashion.usc.edu.tw/e/index.asp>  <http://www.oia.usc.edu.tw/en/Curriculum_Fashion.pdf>  <http://fashion.usc.edu.tw/e/curriculum.asp> |
| Living | Accommodation | Exchange students are eligible to apply for accommodation on a first come, first served basis.  \*The rent for each student is NT$20,000 per semester plus the deposit NT$2,000, which must be paid to the Cashier Section (出納組) when the student reports to the University. The deposit is refundable at the end of the semester provided that all checkout procedures are completed.  \* Water, electricity, and gas fees are paid by the University.  For more information go to:  <http://www.oia.usc.edu.tw/en/Regulation%20for%20Exchange%20Student%20Accommodation.pdf> |
|  | Health insurance | Private health insurance is not compulsory, but is recommended.  Note: Please be aware that travel insurance is a compulsory requirement of an exchange program. |
|  | Living cost | A number of external services provide comprehensive overviews of global living costs, for example:   * [www.expatistan.com](http://www.expatistan.com) * [www.numbeo.com](http://www.numbeo.com)   **Note**  RMIT University is not affiliated with any of these page |
| Funding Opportunities | OS-HELP information | [OS-HELP Information page](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help)  <http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/os-help> |
|  | Link to scholarships page? | [All travel scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel)  <<http://www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships/travel>> |
| Useful information | Link to partner exchange page | [http://www.oia.usc.edu.tw/en](http://www.oia.usc.edu.tw/en/) |
|  | Visa | If you are holding a ‘Visiting Visa’while studying in Taiwan as an exchange student, you are only granted a 60 - 90 day stay in the country.  It is important that you renew your ‘Visiting Visa’ prior to the expiration date (at least one to two weeks before). To do this you need to bring your passport, student ID and Verification of Enrolment (provided by the Office of International Affairs) to:  National Immigration Agency(No.15, Guangjhou Street, Taipei City).  Please note that if your visa expires before the new extension is issued, you will be fined by the Taipei Municipal Police Headquarters and will not be allowed to stay in Taiwan.  Please note that immigration requirements are subject to change. For the most updated information go to: <http://www.immigration.gov.tw/mp.asp?mp=2> |