

## Resources

### Chinese Language Support

The university language center provides the students, staff, and faculty various software and hardware facilities for the use of language teaching and learning. To meet the needs of the international students, the Center has designed a Chinese as a Second Language (CSL) program to offer a variety of Chinese courses, which acquaint foreigners, as well as exchange students at NCYU, with the essence of the Chinese language and culture. The CSL curriculum is designed according to a balanced reading approach that integrates meaningful language and literacy experiences with basic language skills instruction. Integrated courses are provided at three levels (Beginner, Basic, and Intermediate). At Beginner level, we focus on Chinese pronunciation with Hanyu Pinyin, Chinese survival conversation, commonly used words, phrases and sentence patterns. At Basic level includes Chinese pronunciation, practical Chinese conversation, more commonly used words, phrases, sentence patterns, Chinese fairy tales, and stroke practice. The highest level is Intermediate, which includes situational dialogues, analysis of sentence patterns, modern Chinese grammar, and Chinese news and current affairs. Students who are registered as full-time students at NCYU are required to take these courses. From 2011, international students are required to pass “**Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) Beginner Level**” as NCYU graduation requirement.



### Library

The National Chiayi University (NCYU) library system includes four libraries located on the four different campuses. The NCYU libraries offer a wealth of informational and scholarly resources needed by university faculty/staff and students in their teaching, research, and studies; as well as resources to cultivate appreciation for the humanities.

The Lantan library, which houses the Computer Center, was founded in 2006. It is an individual five-floor building with a basement covering a total area of 24,926 square meters. There are 1,000 seats available in this library. The Lantan library holds literary collections, primarily in the fields of science and engineering as well as the natural sciences. The Computer Center is located at the east wing of the new building, covering an area of 3,455 square meters.

The Mingshiung library was founded in 1992, holding collections mainly focusing on education, humanities, and the arts. The area of the Mingshiung library is 8,949 square meters.

The Linsen library was founded in 2001, covering an area of 956 square meters. This library holds resources primarily related to education.

The Hsinming library was founded in 2006, covering an area of 1,071 square meters. The Hsinming library has a collection focusing on business administration and business related resources.

All the NCYU libraries share their resources. The libraries have been entirely computerized and have collections of printed and non-printed materials. They also have connections to electronic publications and on-line databases. Currently the libraries hold over 610,000 books, more than 2,400 printed periodicals, over 23,000

electronic periodicals, over 100 electronic databases, over 23,000 A/V resources, and more than 480,000 microfiche resources. The students and faculty are able to take advantage of all the collections and services provided by the libraries during business hours, as well as obtain access to the rich Chinese and English electronic resources by computer when the libraries are closed.

In order to fully satisfy the needs of the students and faculty, the NCYU libraries provide interlibrary loan services, through which copies of needed resources can be obtained from many colleges and universities along with other academic organizations in Taiwan. Copies of needed resources may also be obtained from abroad with the assistance from the National Science Council. In addition, the NCYU library system has contracts with neighboring colleges and universities along with all of the Teachers Colleges and some other well-known universities in Taiwan, so the students and faculty are able to obtain access to information and resources not currently available in the NCYU libraries.

The library website: [http://www.ncyu.edu.tw/lib\\_eng](http://www.ncyu.edu.tw/lib_eng)

### Computing Facilities

The major missions of the Computer Center are to assist computer teaching and research, to promote the e-Administration, to manage and maintain the campus networks, to provide consulting and services, and to support information education. The Computer Center consists of four divisions. The Information Network Division, the System Design Division, and the Consulting Services Division are located in Lantan Campus, while the Distance Learning Division is located in Minghsiang.

The major computer center facilities include about forty servers, nine personal computer classrooms (four in Lantan Campus, three in Minghsiang Campus, and two in Hsinming Campus), three distance learning rooms, and one computer instruction room. About five hundred sets of Pentium 4 computers in total are provided in these classrooms. All computers are connected to the backbone of the campus network.



The campus network consists of a network backbone through fast network devices such as Gigabit Ethernet switches and routers. Optical fibers are used to link each office, laboratory, and dormitory room outside and inside the campus. In addition, the students outside the campus can connect to TELNET through 23 dial-up telephone lines. Network users can conveniently obtain the network resources inside and outside the campus through the campus network.

## Student Support Services

A number of administrative offices, located on all four campuses, deal with student affairs. The International Students Office is the main agency for dealing with international-student affairs, and the Language Center has the most resources concerning our Chinese language program.

### Extracurricular Activities

In order to foster students' independence, team spirit, and leadership abilities, our university encourages students to participate in extracurricular activities according to their areas of specialization and interest.

There are approximately 113 student associations at our university split into the following eight categories: (1) academic clubs, (2) recreation clubs, (3) art clubs, (4) service organizations, (5) music clubs, (6) sports clubs, (7) social clubs, and (8) department clubs.

Through on-campus exhibitions, public performances, and social services, these student associations receive encouragement and recognition of their accomplishments. On several occasions they have also won national awards. These activities not only create fond memories of one's student years, but also lay a solid foundation for future study and careers.

### Health Care and Counseling

Each campus also has a health center with a professional nursing staff. Students can also get medical assistance from 10 neighboring hospitals that hold contracts with our university.

### Health Insurance for International Students

All students at our university are required to have a health-and-accident insurance policy while registered at the University. There are two stages involved:

- The first four months: You are required to purchase an insurance plan through the contracted company of the University.
- After the first four months: All international students residing in Taiwan for more than four months are required by law to participate in the National Health Insurance (NHI)

### University Counseling Service



The Student Counseling Center (SCC) is staffed by professional counselors and has access to extensive consultation and testing resources to help students find answers to life, study, and career-development questions.

SCC services also include the promotion of work-related education to reinforce service concepts and to strengthen co-ed education so that students can develop healthy interpersonal relationships. The Center has also formed an off-campus life counseling committee to help students solve off-campus issues, such as housing and part-time work.



## Outdoor Adventure

The Physical Educational Center (PEC) provides fun, challenging, and affordable wilderness-based experiences for the National Chiayi University community. Through a variety of workshops and backcountry trips, participants will learn the requisite skills to safely enjoy the outdoors. Whether you want an exciting recreational activity, a chance to learn new skills, the opportunity to meet new people, or simply to take a break from academics, the PEC is for you.

The Climbing Center features two state-of-the-art climbing walls, providing challenges and fun for both beginning and experienced climbers alike. Together, the Lantan Wall and the Mingshiung Wall offer more than 25 different routes for you to test your mettle on. The 2,000 square feet of climbing space has 25 top-rope routes, at least three lead routes, overhangs, cracks, jugs, arêtes, dihedrals, crack climbing, and a roof! All climbing is on a drop-in basis. However, arrangements can be made for special programming. Please call the climbing center at (5) 271-7271 for more information.

The Sport Club program is designed to serve individual interests in different sports and recreational activities. Participation in the program enhances and promotes the element of good sportsmanship, the development of skills, the well-being derived from physical activity, and the social aspect within each sport. If competition is desired, opportunities exist in varying degrees within individual clubs.

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