

Admission Guidelines

2025 OCAC Language Study Program for Compatriot Youth (Long Distance Learning) – Global Program (Spring Class)

1.Objective

The Overseas Community Affairs Council (OCAC) aims to enhance the Mandarin language skills of overseas compatriot youth who is going to continue the education in Taiwan or have registered for the 2025 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration Overseas Youth Vocational Training Program (OYVTP) Bachelor Degree or 3+4 Vocational Education Program for Overseas Compatriot Students. The Program is also designed to improve the overall language proficiency of the students, including listening, speaking, reading, writing, and text input skills. This enhancement will help them better adapt to studying and living in Taiwan and foster a deeper understanding of Taiwan's diverse culture.

2.Organizer

Overseas Community Affairs Council, Republic of China (TAIWAN)

3.Program Schedule

(1) Class A: From March 1 to April 20, 2025, classes will be held from 08:00 to 10:30 (GMT+8) on Saturdays and Sundays.

(2) Class B: From March 1 to April 20, 2025, classes will be held from 15:00 to 17:30 (GMT+8) on Saturdays and Sundays.

✘Prior to the program, at least once online orientation session will be held to introduce the course schedule, learning assessments, leave policies, completion requirements, program website, and teaching platform. The program also includes lectures covering topics like experience sharing of Taiwan education and the Test of Chinese as Foreign Language (TOCFL).

4.Eligibility

Participants must meet the following criteria:

(1) Overseas compatriot youth aged 14 to under 20 years old (based on the date of birth on the government-issued identity document, with age calculated up to the program's start date). However, for those with supporting documents for application to an Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree, the age limit is extended to 25 years old. For those with supporting documents for applying to the

3+4 Vocational Education Program, the age limit is extended to 22 years old.

- (2) Currently resides overseas, and holds a passport (or an ID document issued by the local government, or a R.O.C., Taiwan passport with Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement).
- (3) Hold an i Compatriot Card issued by the OCAC.
 - Please apply online for the i Compatriot Card in advance: <https://icard.taiwan-world.net/tw/login>.
 - i Compatriot Card service line and email: +886-2-2327-2929; card@ocac.gov.tw.
- (4) Participants must demonstrate a strong willingness to learn Mandarin.

5. Enrollment Quota

- (1) Class A: 45 participants.
- (2) Class B: 46 participants.

6. Application Procedure

- (1) Application deadline: From January 1 to February 3, 2025 (Taiwan time).
- (2) Application method: Please apply on the OCAC's "Overseas Compatriot Affairs Activities Registration System" (website: <http://register.ocac.gov.tw/>) before February 3, 2025.
- (3) Documents to be submitted:
 - A. Application Form (see Annexes 1) along with a recent 1.5-inch bust photo taken within the last 6 months. If the applicant is under 18 years old, the form must be signed by a legal guardian.
 - B. A photocopy of the local government-issued identity document, the valid passport of the country of residence, or a valid Republic of China (TAIWAN) passport and the page of Overseas Compatriot Identity Endorsement.
 - C. Image Consent Form (see Annexes 2).
 - D. Supporting application documents for the Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree or a 3+4 Vocational Education Program (if applicable).

7. Review and Admission Process

- (1) The documents will first be reviewed by the Taipei Economic and Trade Office and Culture Center of Taipei Economic and Cultural, and be ranked according to the supporting documents for applications to the 2025 Academic Year Industry-Academia Collaboration OYVTP Bachelor Degree or a 3+4 Vocational Education Program, and then the order of application submission. The second phase is

reviewed by OCAC. Once approved, successful applicants will be placed in the main list of accepted students. There will also be applicants placed on a waiting list.

If there are vacancies in the first or second week, applicants from the waiting list will be notified and admitted accordingly.

- (2) The OCAC will send letters to the Taipei Economic and Trade Office to notify the applicants of the admission results.

8.Registration Information

Participants must complete online registration and placement test as instructed in the pre-course notification, including the TOCFL-Speedy Screening test and an online oral examination. Those who do not registration within the timeline should notify the OCAC first and seek approval. The additional time for registration is three days.

9.Course Content

- (1) Mandarin courses: The courses are very intensive, progressively improving the participants' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. A real-time, synchronous distance learning format is adopted. The course themes include topics that explore the different aspects of Taiwanese culture.
- (2) Text input and internet application courses: The classes use OCAC “Huayuworld” (www.huayuworld.org) resources and activities, allowing students to learn Mandarin and computer input methods through class activities.
- (3) Lectures on studying in Taiwan: To encourage students to study in Taiwan, outstanding overseas compatriot students from more than two domestic universities are invited to share their experiences of studying in Taiwan, aiming to help overseas compatriot youths understand the channels for studying in Taiwan, as well as the life and environment.
- (4) TOCFL lecture: To encourage students to take the Test of Chinese as Foreign Language (TOCFL), a lecture is held to help students better understand the TOCFL test questions and purpose of the test.

10.Special Features of the Study Program

- (1) Students take the TOCFL-Speedy Screening test and an online oral examination before the start of the courses, so that the program can better tailor to the needs of the students and divide students according to their language proficient levels.
- (2) **Most of the lessons are taught in Mandarin.** Class size is small, with one teacher

teaching less than 10 students.

- (3) Each class is recorded, so that participants can review the lessons.
- (4) After the program finishes, certificates and prizes will be awarded to the top 10% of the students in each class as an encouragement.

11. Matters for Attention

- (1) The cost of the study program will be covered by the OCAC. Participants must comply with all regulations during the training period. If they fail to complete the registration, take the placement test, attend classes on time, or if there are significant violations of the rules, the OCAC reserves the right to dismiss them from the program in accordance with the regulations.**
- (2) It is suggested to use a computer during the online classes. Be sure to prepare a microphone, headset, video camera and other devices to facilitate course interaction.
- (3) Attendance will be recorded for each class. If participants are absent without reason in the first week, they will be disqualified and replaced by an alternate. The same rule applies to any absence in the second week. Weekly attendance records will also be sent to the recommendation institutions to urge students to attend on schedule.**
- (4) If participants are absent from class for any reason, they must apply for leave one day before. Due to force majeure, leave of absence application must be submitted to the teacher or TA before the class ends. The participants who take leave should complete make-up classes before the next class. The total make-up class time should not exceed 8 hours, except in cases of natural disasters or force majeure. Alternates do not count the hours prior to formally participating in the course.
- (5) The learning assessment scores include course attendance (30%), class participation (20%), homework (30%), and final exam (20%). The full score is 100 points and the passing mark is 70 points.
- (6) Participants who attend at least 32 hours of synchronous learning courses (excluding opening and closing ceremonies), complete class placement, final exams and questionnaires, and achieve the passing learning assessment score will receive a digital completion certificate in Mandarin and English, noting the hours of language study. In addition, those who attend at least 15 hours and actively participate in the classes but fail to complete the program will receive a certification of study hours.
- (7) Unless due to force majeure, a student who fails to get the completion certificate or

certification of study hours might not be eligible to register for the next year's program.

12.If there are any doubts about the application requirements, please refer to the Admission Guidelines in Mandarin.