

Truman State University J-1 Exchange Visitor Pre-Arrival Information for Taiwan at Truman Program

Welcome to the Taiwan at Truman summer exchange program! The staff at the Institute for Academic Outreach looks forward to meeting you. Before you arrive in the United States, there is some important information you should know. Please sign and date at the bottom of this document to confirm that you have read it.

A flat tuition rate for the program will be charged to Zen Del High School, which will pay these fees to Truman State University. At no time will participants be asked to pay their own tuition or fees directly to Truman State University. Zen Del High School may collect the cost of participation from Zen Del Students, on their behalf.

- 1. Purpose of the Exchange Visitor Program** – The Exchange Visitor Program fosters global understanding through educational and cultural exchanges. All exchange visitors are expected to return to their home country upon completion of their program in order to share their exchange experiences.
- 2. Program activities** – Participants in the Taiwan at Truman program are engaged in activities designed to improve their understanding of the English language and American culture. Participants will be engaged in roughly 5 hours of intensive English language instruction each day (Monday-Friday). Participants will also enjoy various activities designed to improve their ability to interact with native English speakers, such as games, conversation groups, and social gatherings. Participants will visit museums, sites of cultural and historical significance, and commercial centers. Weekend activities will be focused primarily on visits to such sites as well as interactions with everyday Americans.
- 3. Cultural goals and components of the program** – Participants will be working to improve their knowledge of academic and cultural settings in the United States. While participants already have a basic understanding of English, attendance at English courses will improve their academic fluency in an English context. Courses are taught by American professors where participants can improve their communicative English. Additional interactions with program staff, American youth, and others will help broaden participants understanding of American life and the use of English in everyday activities.
- 4. Travel to and entry into the United States** – (e.g., procedures to be followed by exchange visitors and accompanying spouses and dependents in paying SEVIS fees and obtaining visas for entry to the United States, including the information and documentation needed for the interview; travel arrangements to the United States, and what to expect at the port of entry, including the necessity of having and presenting travel documents at the port of entry); Once Truman State University has received your application and a copy of your passport, the University will provide you

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with a DS-2019 form. This document is extremely important. You must have it to acquire your J-1 visa and you must carry it with you to gain entry into the United States. The DS-2019 cannot be sent electronically and is only available through hard copy. The SEVIS fee and other visa expenses must be paid by you or Zen Del High School.

5. **Arrival notification requirements** – (e.g., procedures that exchange visitors, spouses and dependents are to follow upon entry into the United States in reporting their arrival to the sponsor and reporting to the location of their program); Exchange visitors participating in Taiwan at Truman will travel with one or more chaperones assigned by Zen Del High School, who will assist them in entering the United States and providing translation services. All program participants will be met by Truman staff, including Mandarin-speaking staff, upon arrival at Kansas City International Airport.
6. **Insurance costs** – Exchange Visitors are required to have health insurance. You will be automatically enrolled in health insurance by Taiwan at Truman. The cost is approximately \$25 per week and the cost of insurance is included in your program tuition.
7. **Health care and insurance** – Health insurance costing approximately \$25 per week will be provided through the Lewer agency. Exchange visitors who require medical care during their stay will pay \$15 for a visit to the student health center, \$20 for a visit to a local clinic, and \$50 for a visit to the emergency room. Medical charges will be covered, except for charges related to dental and vision issues. For more information, visit lewermark.com/Truman. The cost for health insurance is included in your program tuition.
8. **Housing** – When on campus, you will be housed in West Campus Suites, a university residence hall on the campus of Truman State University. Participants will be housed with a roommate. Bathrooms are shared among several students living in the same suite. Free laundry facilities are available on site. All meals are included in the cost of housing. When off campus, participants will be housed in hotels and provided a meal allowance. The costs of all housing and meals are included in your program tuition.
9. **Other cost** – Other costs the Exchange Visitor might incur include personal shopping, desired meals in addition to what is already provided, possible replacement of damaged items, etc.
10. **Fees** – The Exchange Visitor is not responsible for any fees above the flat tuition rate charged to all participants.

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11. **Employment information** – J-1 exchange program participants are permitted to work on campus. However, the nature of the Taiwan at Truman program does not include sufficient time to work. Program participants will receive meals and housing. Employment during your stay at Truman State University is not required as all of your required expenses are covered by the flat tuition rate charged to all participants.
12. **Home-country physical presence requirement** – Participants of the Taiwan at Truman Program are NOT subject to the home-country physical presence requirement;
13. **Other conditions** – All Exchange Visitors are expected to follow the laws of the United States, the State of Missouri, the rules and regulations of Truman State University and the Taiwan at Truman Program. Rules are provided to all students and their parents as a separate document and participants and their parents must sign a waiver acknowledging receipt and review of these rules.
14. **Other information** – General information about the Taiwan at Truman program, the Truman State University campus, and daily activities at the Academy, can be located at <http://tiacademies.truman.edu/kirk-language-institute/taiwan-at-truman/>

Name of Exchange Visitor

Signature

Date

Name of Translator
(if applicable)

Translator's Signature

Date