

# Rapport d'expérience

<b>Informations de bases</b>	Auteur	Feel free to contact me for any questions, baptiste.mouthon@unifr.ch
	Type de mobilité	Convention
	Quand	SA2019, 6 months
	Voie d'études	Master in accounting and Finance
	Niveau pendant le séjour	Master, 2ème année
	Université choisie	National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taipei, Taiwan
<b>Avant le séjour</b>	Inscription	I applied for the « Convention » exchange program from UNIFR, gave all the usual documents (Resume, Cover letter...). NCCU didn't ask for a specific language level.
	Préparation	I looked at some documentaries on YouTube about the country, nothing special. I talked with a student who went there a year before.
	Visa, autres formalités	I applied for a 180 days visa at the Taiwan Embassy in Geneva. It was not really difficult you just need to collect some documents in advance, and you can apply just 2 weeks before to go.
	Arrivée dans le pays d'accueil	I arrived 9 days before the beginning of the class in order to participate to the welcome week organized by "MyRoomAbroad". It was really cool to make friends before to start the university. You can find this event on Facebook some weeks before the beginning of the semester.
<b>Sur place</b>	Impressions générales du séjour	I really like it. Taiwanese people are very friendly, the food is amazing and so cheap. It's a perfect mix between big city, mountains and the ocean. I made so many different activities there (surf, hiking, beach, waterfalls) and the school is really big.
	Logement	I found a room in an apartment with the agency "Zuker" but I think that "Myroomabroad" is more suitable to find a room in Taipei. My flatmates were all Taiwanese and they didn't want to have a social life inside it. So, we didn't really talk, everyone stayed in his room. However, many of my friends used Myroomabroad to find a room in a flat and they were with other exchange students who were more sociable.
	Coûts	The life in Taiwan is cheap especially transports and food. A meal is usually between 2 and 5 CHF and the metro is approximately 0.5CHF for a ride of 30 min. My room was 300CHF for the month in the city center. It's a little bit expensive to drinks alcohol in a bar as there are high fees on alcohol. The price is almost similar than in Switzerland for a beer in a bar. Renting a

scooter costs around 12 CHF for a day. The zoo is only 1CHF and the unlimited 4g for 6 months is around 150CHF.

Université d'accueil :  
Informations générales

The NCCU is one of the best universities of the country with a very big campus including a football stadium and a swimming pool. Many big buildings in which you need to take the lift to go to your classroom. The university is not in the city center you need to take a bus (30 min) or the metro to go there if you live in the center. The campus is a very quiet place as it's almost in the mountain. You can enjoy walking around in a luxuriant forest with a nice river just close to the main building.

Université d'accueil :  
Informations académiques

The registration system for the course is quite different from Switzerland. It's a system with many steps in which you are not sure to get the class if you apply for, as there are too many people applying for it and many department's restrictions. However, the first week you can ask directly the professor and normally they never refuse you to participate to the class. Moreover, the university provides you a buddy or two who are very helpful at the beginning to apply for the courses and all the other academics tasks.

Pays d'accueil

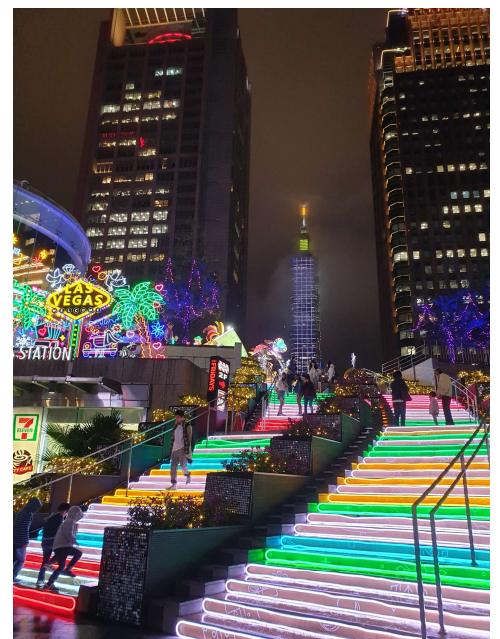
Taiwan is a very clean and safe place. You can let you phone on your towel when you are going to swim in the ocean nobody will steal it. They speak the traditional Chinese and not the simplified one like in mainland China, that's why it's quite difficult to learn it. It's a fabulous place if you like hiking or surfing, there are so many nice spots.

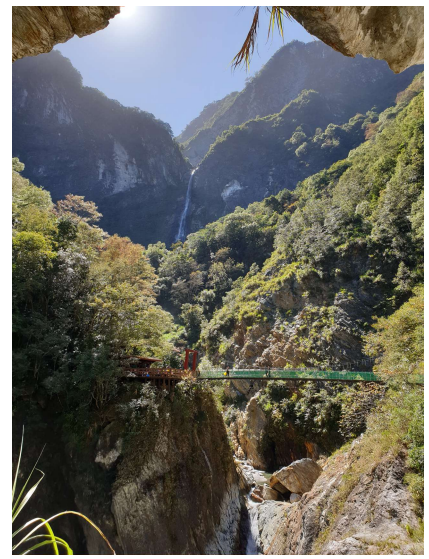
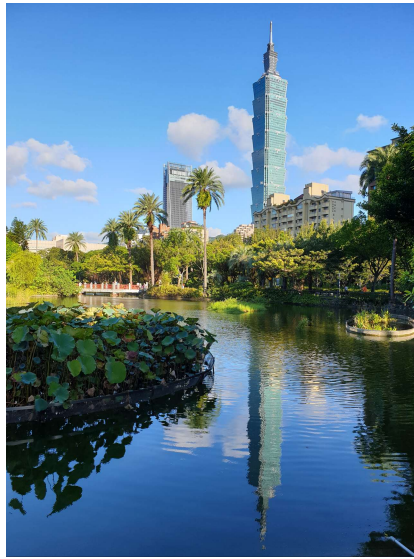
Vie sociale, loisirs

It's easy to make activities with foreign students. Taiwanese people are a little bit shy, but they are always happy when you talk to them. I made a lot of activities with really cool Taiwanese students. As they know the country you have the opportunity to discover many local activities that the tourists don't know.

Informations supplémentaires

Photos  
(vous pouvez télécharger ici des photos si vous le souhaitez)





Commentaires,  
remarques

It's a very nice, safe and clean place to enjoy an exchange semester. You will discover so many new things that you couldn't see elsewhere. Moreover, it's very cheap and you can really enjoy the food. Finally, Taiwan is very close to many wonderful Asian countries (Thailand, Myanmar, Philippines, China) that you can reach by plane for a low price. In my opinion, it's a perfect place to enjoy an exchange semester and have an unforgettable experience.