

TKU Guidelines for Admitting Overseas Chinese Students, and Hong Kong and Macau Students Who Come to Taiwan for Individual Admission to Study

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1. This set of guidelines has been established to provide multiple channels for admissions. The procedure for admitting overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students who come to Taiwan to apply for individual admission to study is in accordance with Article 6—1 of Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan and Article 8 of Regulations for Residents of Hong Kong and Macau Who Come to Taiwan to Study.
2. Matters concerning overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students who come to Taiwan to study are to be handled by the TKU Admissions Committee. The admissions committee is formed in accord with the regulations of TKU's Guidelines for Establishing the Admissions Committee.

The admissions committee shall use fair, just and open principles to handle admitting overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students who come to Taiwan to apply for individual admission to study; the committee is responsible for deliberating on the admission regulations, admissions quota, admissions procedures, adopted admissions standards, and other related items of business.

3. What these guidelines call overseas Chinese students indicates students of Chinese descent who were born abroad and have continuously resided abroad up to the present, who lately have continuously resided abroad for six years or longer and who also have acquired overseas permanent residence or overseas long-term residence papers and who have returned to Taiwan to study. The identity of the student must be verified by the overseas Chinese affairs authority.

What these guidelines call Hong Kong and Macau students indicates residents of Hong Kong or Macau who possess documentation of permanent residence status in Hong Kong or Macau, who lately have continuously resided in Hong Kong or Macau or elsewhere abroad six years or longer, who meet the related statutes of Article 4 of the regulations for Hong Kong and Macau, who do not yet have a foreign passport, and who have applied to come to the Taiwan area to study. The identity of the student must be verified by the Ministry of Education.

What the two preceding paragraphs call abroad indicates countries or areas other than mainland China, Hong Kong or Macau.

The verification of overseas Chinese students who have continuously resided abroad mentioned in 'paragraph one' are processed in accord with the regulations of Article 3 and Article 4 of Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan. The verification of Hong

Kong and Macau students who have continuously resided in Hong Kong, Macau or elsewhere abroad mentioned in ‘paragraph two’ are processed in accord with the regulations of Article 3 and Article 4 Regulations for Residents of Hong Kong and Macau Who Come to Taiwan to Study.

After overseas Chinese students and Hong Kong and Macau students have received counseling for coming to Taiwan to study, and if they have stayed in Taiwan less than one year but for some reason voluntarily withdraw from school to return to their overseas place of residence, they must again apply to come to Taiwan to study; re-application is limited to only one time.

The target group of admissions for these guidelines does not include overseas Chinese students from Myanmar or northern Thailand.

4. The qualifications for applying for admission of overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students is as listed below:
 - a) The overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students who have the qualification of graduating from high school may apply to study a TKU bachelor degree program. Those who hold a bachelor degree may apply to study a TKU master degree program. Those who hold a master degree may apply to study a TKU PhD program.
 - b) Those who meet the MOE regulations of an equivalency test for the standard of a bachelor level of education, etc. may use the same level of education equivalence to apply for a TKU bachelor program, master program or PhD program.
 - c) Besides those who have Taiwan overseas school credentials, degree applicants holding overseas school credentials should be handled in accord with the related regulations of Regulations Regarding the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Credentials for Institutions of Higher Education, Regulations for the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Mainland Chinese Institutions of Higher Education, and Regulations for the Assessment and Recognition of Academic Credentials for Hong Kong and Macau Institutions of Higher Education.

The qualifications of the preceding paragraph do not include overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students who have already in Taiwan completed high school, their freshman year of university or National University Preparatory School for Overseas Chinese Students.

5. Those who meet the qualifications shown above should apply every year before the deadline, check the list of items below and make an application to the school for admission:

- a) Admission application form.
- b) Documentation attesting academic achievement and grade transcript:
 - i. Those overseas Chinese students with the qualifications to apply should be processed in accord with the rules of Paragraph 2 Section 1 Article 6 of the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan.
 - ii. Those Hong Kong and Macau students with the qualifications to apply should be processed in accord with the rules of Paragraph 2 Section 2 Article 7 of the Regulations for Residents of Hong Kong and Macau Who Come to Taiwan to Study.
- c) Overseas permanent residence or overseas long-term residence papers, Hong Kong or Macau passport or permanent resident qualification papers, original papers attesting to continuous residence in Hong Kong, Macau or overseas.
- d) Other documents as required by the regulations of each department or institute.

In the circumstance of any documents or papers submitted that are forged, fraudulent, altered, etc., the individuals will have their admission qualifications revoked. Those who are already registered as students will have their student status revoked. In case it is discovered for those who have already graduated, their graduation qualifications will be revoked, and moreover their graduation diploma will be recovered or the record of their graduation will be cancelled.

6. When the application for admission of an overseas Chinese student, and Hong Kong or Macau student has been accepted and after verifying each of the sections of the application form have been completed, then it will be submitted to the overseas Chinese affairs authority to vet the identity of the overseas Chinese student or the MOE to verify the identity of the Hong Kong or Macau student. Those who meet the identity requirements of an overseas Chinese student or a Hong Kong or Macau student and who have sought admission through this regulation and who have not sought admission through the Overseas Joint Admissions Board shall be granted admission by this school.
7. The quota of the school for individually admitted overseas Chinese students, or Hong Kong or Macau students should be limited to an additional 10% of the number of students being admitted as determined for that academic year for the daytime classes of the various educational programs deducting the number of overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong Macau students provided by the Overseas Joint Admissions Board as determined for that academic year. If the quota for the Overseas Joint Admissions Board channel has not yet been fully utilized, the leftover amount must be left for further use and must be stipulated in

the general regulations for admitting students. If in the general quota of the number of students admitted as determined for that academic year, there is the circumstance that the number of domestic students is insufficient, then the number of overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students can be used to make up the deficiency.

8. After the admission regulations have been examined and approved by the MOE and after the Student Admissions Committee has deliberated upon and approved the list of departments recruiting students, the duration of study, the number of admitted students, qualifications for application, selection mode, examinee complaint settlement procedure and other related regulations, they are listed in the student admissions brochure and are also publically announced no later than 20 days before the registration for the test begins.

Because of international academic cooperative projects or other exceptional circumstances requiring the establishment of special classes for overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students, and in accord with related regulations for the total development scale of universities and colleges and resource conditions, they are reported to the MOE for approval.

9. After overseas Chinese students and Hong Kong and Macau students have been granted admission, then that academic year in principle is the year of their admission; the procedures of their registration and course selection shall be treated the same as other students in general. If students are unable to come to school to attend classes as scheduled, they must apply to retain their admissions eligibility for one year.
10. If an examinee considers anything in the testing is inappropriate or damages one's rights and if by following regular procedures in the regulations published in the students admissions brochure is still unable to solve the issue, then within 20 days after the test results are publically announced, the test applicant should lodge a formal written complaint with the TKU Admissions Committee including any relevant documents and proof. The Admissions Committee shall due to the examinee's complaint form a complaint settlement group to investigate and handle the case.

An examinee can appeal only one time. The results of the appeal settlement shall within 20 days be formally mailed to the complainant by the Admissions Committee.

11. The *TKU Guidelines on the Handling of Admissions Appeals* are outlined separately.
12. Overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students must apply for various scholarships according to the associated regulations of the MOE's related scholarships and the grants and scholarships area of the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of International and Cross-Straits Affairs.

13. As overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students need to access information about such matters as retaining admissions qualifications, transferring to another school, transferring to another department, temporarily deferring one's schooling, permanently withdrawing from school, and other student rights, schoolwork, life counseling, they should check with the TKU Study Regulations and other related rules and stipulations to learn how to handle them.
14. When overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students graduate, permanently withdraw from school, or their temporary deferring of schooling lapses and they do not continue with their education, their student status as overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students will be suspended.

After admission to the school if overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students must permanently withdraw from school due to behavior, academic failure, or the determination of sentencing for committing a criminal act, they cannot again apply for admission using these guidelines. If any violate these guidelines and are discovered in truth to have done so, they will have their admission qualifications cancelled or their student status revoked.

15. Every year before November 30th, the school will respectively list the already registered freshman students and those students who have not yet reported to the school to register to the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Immigration Agency of the Ministry of the Interior, the overseas Chinese affairs authority and the Ministry of Education. If overseas Chinese students, and Hong Kong and Macau students graduate, temporarily defer their schooling, permanently withdraw from school, or change or lose their student status, the school will immediately notify the appropriate authorities.

Those students in the previous paragraph who establish a household registry in Taiwan, should immediately notify the government of the national level city, county (city) locality where the student is registered. Males who have already reached the draft age starting from January 1st of the year of their 19th birthday should attend to the related regulations and stipulations in accord with the Act of Military Service System.

16. If these guidelines have any outstanding issues, users should check with the Regulations Regarding Study and Counseling Assistance for Overseas Chinese Students in Taiwan, Regulations for Residents of Hong Kong and Macau Who Come to Taiwan to Study, *TKU Study Regulations*, and related regulations to learn how to handle them.
17. This set of guidelines will take effect on the date of its publication upon being passed in an Admissions Committee meeting and after being submitted to the MOE for approval. The same applies to any later amendments made.