



Office of International and Cross-Strait Education

International academic cooperation and exchange has been a driving force in schools throughout Taiwan. To enhance educational exchange worldwide, our team actively promotes international academic cooperation and exchange programs. We strive to improve our international academic ranking, and broaden the mobility and global perspective of our teachers and students through cooperation and exchange between our school's departments and both domestic and international academic institutions. We also devote considerable effort to securing grant funding from the Ministry of Education to support the development of our international exchange programs among the various academic departments at our school.



2016 Tzu Chi Summer Camp, USA

Cooperative-education endeavors with Tzu Chi's overseas affiliates has generated numerous opportunities for students to participate in international exchange. Thus, outstanding students (partially funded) and impoverished outstanding students (fully funded) can experience short-term academic opportunities with our sister schools, or they may join service and learning programs at Tzu Chi's overseas affiliates.



2017 Service Learning, Humanities & Transcultural Program

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The History of the Office of Humanities

In 1991, the Office of Humanities was officially established, and is considered to be the first of its kind. The spirit of humanities is the basis of social harmony. Chinese tradition upholds the spirit of kindness amongst people, and the best way to express loving-kindness is to relieve people from their suffering, and help them when they are in need.

Master Cheng Yen, founder of the school, once said, "Good doctors are living Buddhas, and good nurses are Bodhisattvas." Medical personnel must practice loving kindness, and always attend to patients' needs. The school was first founded as a Nursing College in 1989, with aim to empower students with Tzu Chi humanities spirit, and to instill compassion and love in the young minds.

The Office of Humanities

Tzu Chi humanities spirit is meant to inspire students to do good deeds, and to dedicate themselves to the community. The office consists of Edu-cultural Section and Yide Section.

While The Edu-cultural section conducts educational and cultural activities for both teachers and students, Yide section offers volunteer services to students, and jointly organizes class activities with Ci-cheng Fathers and the Yide Mothers, who are volunteers.

Our Aims

Humanities education is affectionate by nature. It emphasizes on role modeling — teachers and Tzu Chi volunteers inspire students by example. The Office of Humanities strives to care for the students' well being. Our aims are to aspire students to the importance of humanities as they learn to give and share, and widen their perspective in life while servicing others.



Students' Stage Performances



Students play stage drama for children in Malaysia

Office of Humanities

Holistic Education Center

The Holistic Education Center is responsible for overall affairs relevant to general and holistic education at the university. Teachers in the center are divided into three academic sections: Natural Science, the Humanities and Social Science, and Physical Education.

Educational Objectives

In line with Tzu Chi's culture of humanity, the Holistic Education Center is designed to guide students toward becoming wholesome individuals who lead lives of truth, goodness, and beauty through a broad education in the humanities and social science, science, physical education and other subjects in holistic education.

Highlights

The areas of education and student development which the Holistic Education Center seeks to highlight are as follows:

1. The development of "Gratitude, Respect, and Love" as the core philosophy of holistic education classes.
2. The incorporation of the humanities, nature, society, and modern technology into holistic education classes.
3. Facilitating the teaching of aesthetic education.
4. Improving students' English language skills.



Yerko Lorca & Kuan Yin
International Duo Band performance



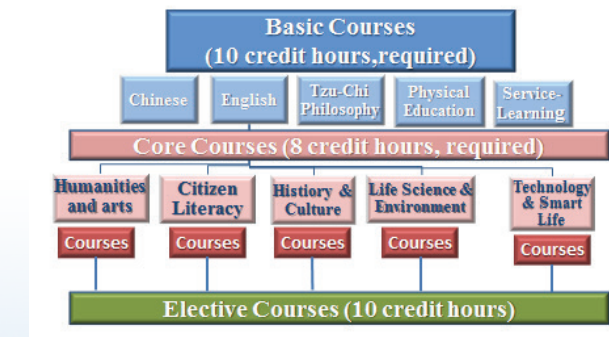
A group of young adults participate in the art of the tea ceremony.



Flower arrangement is a popular class at Tzu Chi.

Curriculum

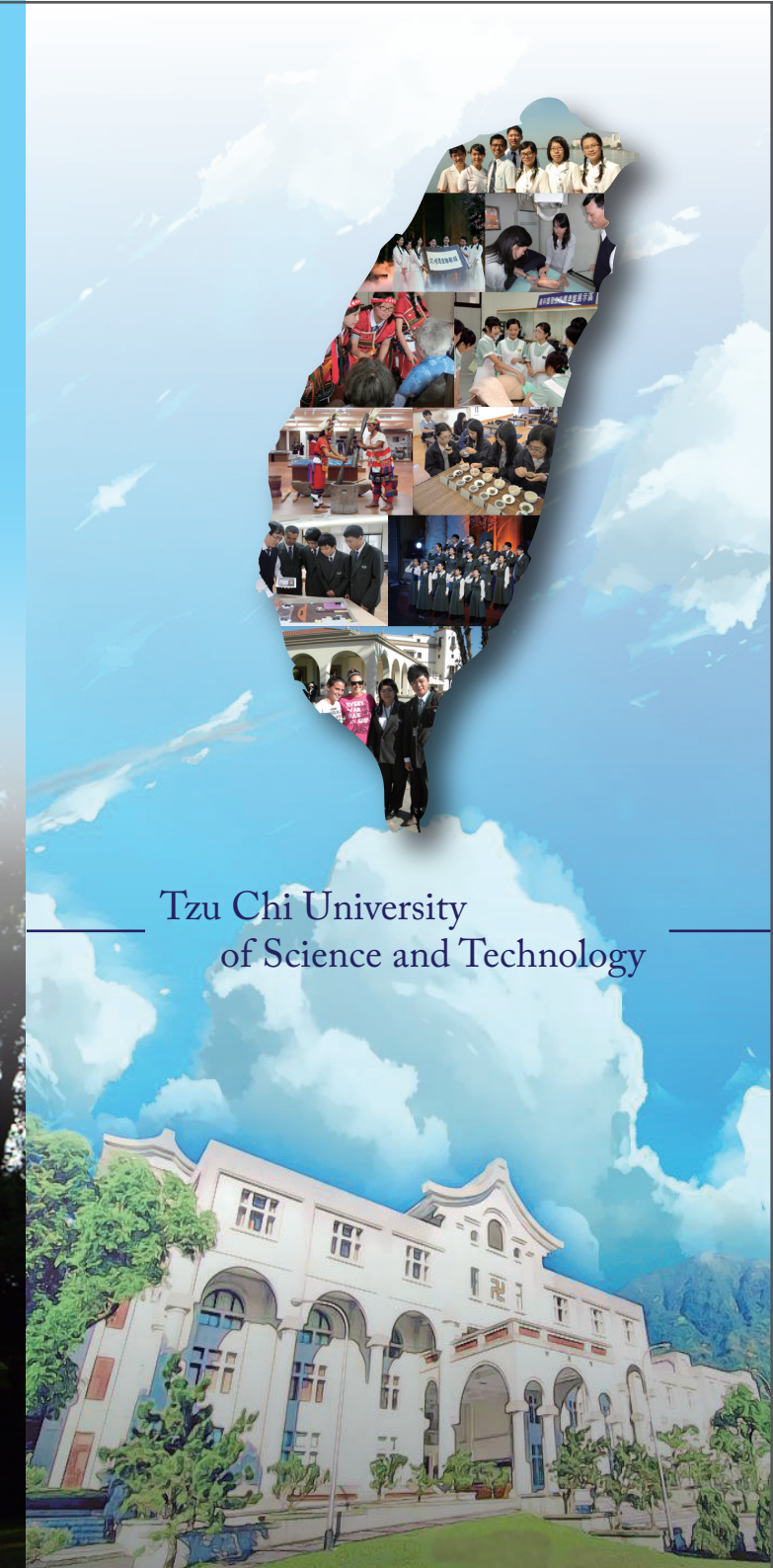
For the curriculum, the Holistic Education Center offers a variety of courses of general and holistic education in terms of Natural Science, the Humanities and Social Science, and Physical Ed.



Specialized Core-Course Classrooms

To ensure students' academic achievement, the Holistic Education Center provides the following specialized classrooms: Art and Calligraphy Classroom, Flower Arrangement Classroom, Tea Ceremony Classroom, Meditation Classroom, Culture Classroom, Chinese Literature Classroom, Aesthetic Education Room, South Audio and Visual Laboratory, Center for Language Education, Self-Access Learning Center, Culture Corner, Reading Room, and Language Studio.

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