

*Fo Guang
University*



Fo Guang University





About Fo-Guang

Fo Guang University is a unique institution of higher learning dedicated to providing a traditional liberal arts education of global outlook in the grand Buddhist spirit. However, students are neither required nor expected to study Buddhism or practice its tenets.

All aspects of the learning environment have been considered in building a new kind of seat of learning in Taiwan where the spirit of humanities-based study and education can flourish and flower.

Yilan-Only a 40-minute bus ride from Taiwan's capital city of Taipei through the "Hsuehshan Tunnel" and an hour by rail from the island's world-famous scenic spot of Taroko Gorge in Hualien.

Founder

Words from the Founder Venerable Master Hsing Yun

Reserving Wisdom For Ourselves, While Providing a University to the World

As one of the greatest educationists in history, the Buddha founded Buddhism a religion that also took on the responsibility of social education. Despite the fact that monasteries from the Tang dynasty carried with them the purposes of a university, their conservatism had caused a lack of connection between them and their period. Moreover, the degeneration of Buddhism did not stop after the Ming and Qing dynasties.

If Chinese Buddhism had been like England, whose universities such as Oxford and Cambridge have seven to eight centuries of tradition; or like the United States's Harvard and Yale Universities with two centuries of tradition; or like Japanese Buddhism, which has Komazawa University and Otani University with two to three centuries of tradition, or even like our own country's Tsing Hua or Fugen University with

nearly a century of tradition, we would be able to undertake the will of the Buddha and glorify his sacred teachings. Nevertheless, while a great deal of time has already passed, it is never too late to act. Thus, establishing Fo Guang University became a mission that could not be delayed.

From as early as 1963, Fo Guang Shan was already running a Buddhist College that spared no efforts into contributing to the development of monastic education for the thirty or forty years that followed. Today, in order to realize the ideal of educating and cultivating talent, and to achieve the objective of furthering the great Buddhist undertakings, we have brought forth our experiences from founding the Buddhist College to establishing an international, fine and beautiful university for humanities and social studies.

History

The Talented on Linmei Mountain A Propitious Home of Excellence

An exquisite forest university filled with a constant flow of vigor, here is an ideal and peaceful environment for self-discovery, and pursuit of knowledge. Our diverse teaching and research facilities, and friendly and close professor-student interactions will provide you with the most ideal place for study.

With the goals of glorifying traditional culture and becoming a model for modernized universities, and with an excellent lineup of professors, this young university will enrich and nurture your critical thinking skills, and enable to you take the first successful step into the world.

Situated in Linmei Village, Chiaohsi Township, Ilan County, Fo Guang University was founded by Venerable Master Hsing Yun founder of Fo Guang Shan Monastery. With the ideal of nurturing talents through education, he established the “ Million-Member Fundraising Campaign,” gathering the kind support and intentions from millions of people and established this university. Covering 57 hectares of land and situated at an altitude of 120-435 meters, the campus faces the beautiful eastward Lanyan Plain with a clear view of Turtle Island lying on the Pacific Ocean. The campus buildings are constructed according to the terrain, and adapt the architectural style of classical Chinese learning academies, while the roadsides are covered with flowers of the four seasons, added with a variety of trees and plants creating exquisite scenery. When covered in a light cloudy mist, you would feel as if in paradise. The University is truly worthy of the title The most beautiful university campus in Taiwan.

Fo Guang University on Linmei Mountain started off as a mountain wasteland and was built with very scarce resources; its establishment embodies the great spirit of eagerness and vigor. The vast field of view of this beautiful university makes a fantastic place for education and research.

Fo Guang first began with the Graduate School, offering Master and Doctoral programs, and gradually progressed towards recruiting undergraduate students, which is an unprecedented approach in the history of Taiwan's education. The undergraduates recruited are also regarded as prospective graduate students for Fo Guang University, where teacher-student interaction are pre-enhanced. Young adults with interests in academic studies will surely receive better care than any other universities.

Although still a young university, Fo Guang pays great attention to historical lineage. By gathering teachers of excellence, their research and teaching experiences will stimulate student's will to learn and pursue knowledge, and also nurture their noble and graceful characters.

Fo Guang was established with humanities as the main focus, so as to actualize the learned and accomplished humanistic education in traditional learning academies, and to blend into the developing trend of worldwide universities. In terms of being a modern university, Fo Guang aims for a multi-disciplinary development that covers humanities, sciences and technology. We believe that academic study abilities, learned and accomplished characters, added with cross-domain experiences, will contribute in preparing for advanced learning in graduate schools, as well as entry into chosen careers. Furthermore, these will become the students' first step onto the world stage.



Development and Features /Honors

Beginning in 1993 with seven years that followed in cultivating a mountain wasteland with very scarce resources, Fo Guang University was officially established. Starting as Fo Guang College of Humanities and Sciences, today it has thirteen departments and institutes in the undergraduate college and graduate school. Under the dedication of the Board of Directors, former and current Presidents, faculty and students, the University has won great recognition, passed the Ministry of Education's strict assessments, and was upgraded to Fo Guang University as of August 1, 2006.

In terms of development, the University intends to strive towards becoming a small-scale but fine university that acts as home to a multi-disciplinary foundation including fields of humanities, social science, physical science, and life science.

In the future, the university plans to establish departments and institutes in other fields such as mathematics, physics, life science and engineering science, so as to enable a balanced development, exchanges and collaboration between various academic fields, and also to provide students with an even more complete education environment.

The University will continue to recruit world-class professors, implement curriculum goals, enrich teaching and research resources, enhance students' learning, and counseling qualities. By continually improving teaching qualities and constructing a fine campus environment, Fo Guang University will become a true university of excellence.



Academic Colleges

School	Department / Institute	Bachelor Degree	Master Degree	Doctorate Degree
College of Humanities	Department of Chinese Literature and Application	★	★	★
	Department of History	★	★	
	Department of Foreign Languages and Cultures	★	★	
College of Creativity and Technology	Department of Cultural Assets and Reinvention	★	★	
	Department of Communication	★	★	
	Department of Product and Media Design	★	★	
	Department of Applied Informatics	★	★	
College of Social Sciences and Management	Department of Sociology	★	★	
	Department of Psychology	★	★	
	Department of Public Affairs	★	★	
	Department of Management	★	★	
	Department of Applied Economics	★	★	
College of LOHAS Industry	Department of Future Studies and LOHAS Industry	★	★	
	Department of Health and Creative Vegetarian Science	★		
College of Buddhist Studies	Department of Buddhist Studies	★	★	★



Language Instruction Center

Fo Guang features the Chinese Language Instruction Center, which is dedicated to serving the needs of non-native speakers of Chinese from all over the world seeking an education in Chinese language and culture. An experienced faculty and comprehensively planned curriculum provide students with a keen interest in Chinese language, thinking, customs and culture with the requisite training and guidance to speak effectively.



Curriculum

Summer Intensive Program (8 weeks)

Make the most of your summer break with a carefully crafted term to boost Chinese language skills while providing a broad and intense cultural experience.

Each week consists of four days of classes, four hours of language instruction per class day (one hour of one-on-one instruction, three hours of instruction in four - to six-student classes), along with one school-wide hour of hands on, direct involvement in two of the traditional Chinese arts - calligraphy and tai-chi-chuan (taught on alternating days). Long three-day weekends provide ample opportunity to travel around Taiwan or enjoy Yilan's many water sports or cultural activities. Two weekends will feature school-arranged off-campus group outings, promising a summer filled with a rich mix of training and growth for mind and body.

Tuition for summer intensive program is US\$2,500 (including insurance fee, proficiency test and two school-arranged off-campus trips). A check for the application fee of US\$50 must be submitted by the application deadline with all application materials.

Academic Year Program (16 weeks each term)

The regular academic year consists of two terms (Autumn/ Spring) of classes, four hours a day, five days a week, each term for 16 weeks. Monday through Thursday classes will consist of one hour per day of one-on-one language instruction and three hours of language instruction in classes of four to six students in size. Friday classes will consist of two hours of school-wide lecture/ discussion classes on topics in Chinese society and culture. The other two hours of classes on Fridays will consist of hands-on participatory involvement in developing the skills of many of the Chinese fine arts, such as calligraphy, tea ceremonies, cooking, carving chops, and tai-chi-chuan. Extracurricular activities arranged by the Center will include cultural and social activities, scenic views and sports (to mark specific holidays or just for fun).

Tuition for this program is US\$4,000 **per term** (including insurance fee, proficiency test and social activities). A check for the application fee of US\$50 must be submitted by the application deadline with all application materials.

Flexible Hours Program

This program is designed for students who require flexible learning arrangements (available during the 16-week Autumn and Spring terms, as well as the 8-week Summer term). Students may take a minimum of 4 hours to a maximum of 20 hours per week of language instruction in one-on-one classes or classes of six to eight students in size. Tuition for the flexible hours program is US\$7 per hour for group classes, and US\$17 per hour for requested one-on-one classes. An initial application fee of US\$50 (including proficiency test) must be submitted by the application deadline along with all application materials.



Life on Campus

Accommodation

Students can apply to live in the university dormitory. There are both two-person and four-person rooms available. All rooms have a bathroom and washing area. The cost for a two-person room is NTD 6,600 per term and a four-person room costs NTD 5,500 per term. This cost covers the water and electricity fees. If you are not interested in staying in the dorms but want instead to stay in closer contact with the people of Yilan County, you have the option of renting a house or an apartment in Yilan City...On average, a ten square meter apartment can cost NTD 1,000 to 2,000 a month.



The newly opened Fo Guang University Million Education Sponsors Memorial Hall, also named the FGU Guesthouse, is equipped with 80 guestrooms, two restaurants, a meeting room, and a laundromat, with a maximum capacity of 160 visitors at a rate of NTD2,000 to NTD3,000 per room per night.

Transportation

13 scheduled bus runs between Jiaushi Railway Station, Yilan City Campus, and Fo Guang University are accessible to students and teaching staff daily.

Restaurants

Equipped with a cafeteria, noodle shop, convenience store, cafe and fruit store to provide for the daily needs of faculty members. Vending machines selling drinks and instant noodles are also available.

Book Store

Managed by Tonsan Bookshop based in Taipei, the store provides services in placing orders on textbooks and display of new publications to enable teachers and students access to first hand publication despite the remote campus location.

Sports Facilities

Outdoor sports facilities include basketball courts, volleyball courts and an archery range, while indoor facilities including table-tennis rooms, billiards tables and a weight training room are available. The new gymnasium (Hui-en-guan), once completed, will provide teachers and students substantially large indoor activity arrears. Situated on the Linmei mountain area with beautiful scenery and plenty of fresh air, the campus paths and roads are ideal locations for hiking and jogging.



Library

Digital Library

- ◆ Wireless Internet Access provided within the library.
- ◆ Omnibearing digital academic research information available.
- ◆ High-standard audio-visual rooms for individuals, pairs, small and large groups.

Inter-Library Loan Services

In order to promote academic research and literature exchange, abide by the principle of resource sharing, and enable users greater access to other libraries, inter-library loan services have been established to enhance exchange of library collections and information.

Wang Yun-wu Memorial Room

A collection of Wang Yun-wu's works and thread-bound versions, journals, newspaper and related information can be found within this room, most of which are pre-70's literary information, a very precious collection of the library.

User-Friendly Reading Environment

In addition to a rich collection of publications and digital facilities, the library also provides flexible reading areas including reading desks, Chinese-styled reading desks, and couch areas so as to enable professors and students to comfortably relax while researching and studying within the library.



International Student Admission

I. Applicants are required to submit, between February 1 and April 30 (Fall semester) October 15 and November 15 (Spring semester) each year, the following documents directly to the Admission and Registration Section of the Office of Academic Affairs of Fo Guang University.

II. Guidelines for International Students Applying to FGU

FREE DOWNLOAD:

http://www.fgu.edu.tw/newpage/fguwebs/webs/newuser/index.php?pd_id=6686&typenum=209&PageNum_pageset=0

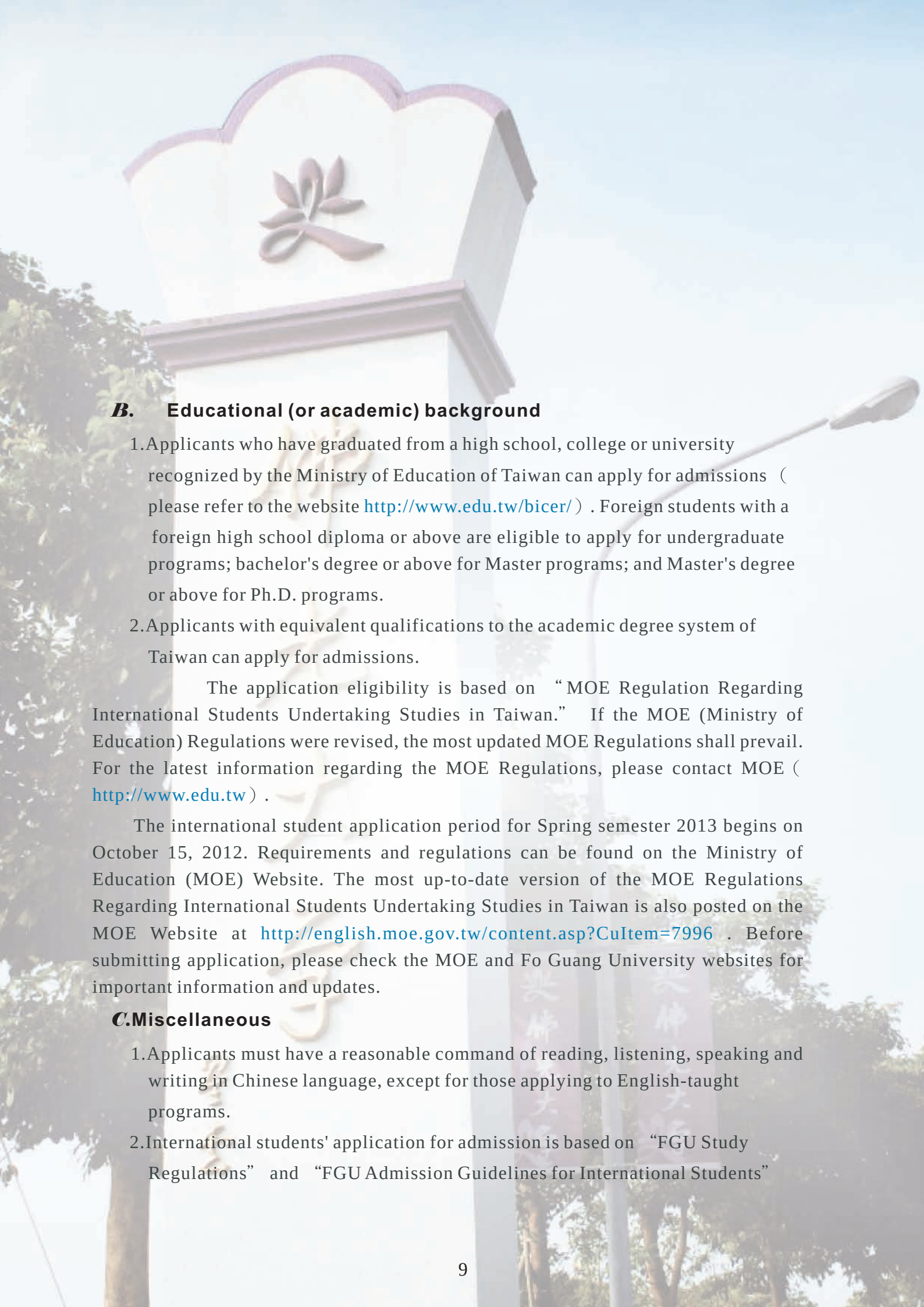
III. Application qualification

A. Nationality

1. The foreign student (neither ROC citizens nor overseas Chinese of foreign nationalities) who apply to FGU are subject to the school regulations in foreign student admission.
2. Those who have resided overseas for more than six consecutive years and meet the following qualifications are also eligible to apply for admission to this university:
 - a. One who holds both the nationality of ROC and that of another country, but has never had any household registration in Taiwan.
 - b. One who once held the nationality of ROC., but has lost it and it has been over eight full years from the date the one obtained the permission of our Ministry of the Interior to renounce the nationality till the date of making the application for admission to this university.
 - c. The one referred to in the preceding two subparagraphs has never studied in Taiwan as an overseas Chinese student and will not apply for the school assignment from the University Entrance Committee for Overseas Chinese Students in this academic year.

To have one year's consecutive residency overseas means to stay overseas no less than 245 days that same year. The length of residency is counted up to the date of enrollment, that is, August 1 for the first semester or February 1 for the second semester. What we call "overseas" refers to any area or country other than Taiwan, the Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, and Macao.

An individual, who has both foreign and R.O.C. nationalities and has applied for an annulment of his/her R.O.C. nationality before Feb. 1, 2011, the effective date of this amendment, is then qualified to apply for admission under the original regulation as an international student and is not subject to the limitation as prescribed in Paragraph 2.



B. Educational (or academic) background

1. Applicants who have graduated from a high school, college or university recognized by the Ministry of Education of Taiwan can apply for admissions (please refer to the website <http://www.edu.tw/bicer/>) . Foreign students with a foreign high school diploma or above are eligible to apply for undergraduate programs; bachelor's degree or above for Master programs; and Master's degree or above for Ph.D. programs.
2. Applicants with equivalent qualifications to the academic degree system of Taiwan can apply for admissions.

The application eligibility is based on “MOE Regulation Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan.” If the MOE (Ministry of Education) Regulations were revised, the most updated MOE Regulations shall prevail. For the latest information regarding the MOE Regulations, please contact MOE (<http://www.edu.tw>) .

The international student application period for Spring semester 2013 begins on October 15, 2012. Requirements and regulations can be found on the Ministry of Education (MOE) Website. The most up-to-date version of the MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan is also posted on the MOE Website at <http://english.moe.gov.tw/content.asp?CuItem=7996> . Before submitting application, please check the MOE and Fo Guang University websites for important information and updates.

C. Miscellaneous

1. Applicants must have a reasonable command of reading, listening, speaking and writing in Chinese language, except for those applying to English-taught programs.
2. International students' application for admission is based on “FGU Study Regulations” and “FGU Admission Guidelines for International Students”



Introduction of Yilan, Taiwan

Acquire your knowledge in a genuine Taiwan setting, free from polluted air, urban sprawl and high rents. Yilan is unrivaled in Taiwan for its well-preserved environment, imposing mountain backdrop and stunning view of the Pacific. Only a 40-minute bus ride from Taiwan's capital city of Taipei and an hour by rail from the island's world-famous scenic spot of Taroko Gorge in Hualien, Yilan hosts world-class international cultural and sports events year round. It is home to Taiwan's foremost music theater arena and culture center, finest hot springs, idyllic mountain trails and Taiwan's most pristine beaches. Water sports, such as swimming, boating, scuba diving and snorkeling are convenient, as is rock Climbing.





Fo Guang University

No.160, Linwei Rd., Jiaosi ,
Yilan County 26247, Taiwan(R.O.C.)

TEL : (886 3)-9871000

FAX : (886 3)-9874806

<http://www.fgu.edu.tw/>

