

2026 ACUCA Student Camp
Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan
August 17–21, 2026

1. Theme

Communities for the Good

2. Rationale

Whether expanding wars and rumors of wars, technological innovation ushering in an unpredictable future, population collapse and its consequences, or environmental degradation, the contemporary world is awash in uncertainty and struggle. Solutions to these problems also feel very distant and beyond the grasp of any of us individually. In light of that, what are we to do? More importantly, as students and scholars at Christian Universities in Asia, what kind of response should we have?

During the camp, we will engage with the idea that the place to start is, so to speak, “at home.” It is in our communities where we encounter the practical consequences of world-spanning problems and it is through forming communities that we most concretely organize and inspire ourselves and those around us to work for a better tomorrow. We will also embrace the Christian message that new life in the individual can lead to new life in the community which can ripple out to change in the broader world –change for good.

We will also wrestle with the difficult reality that Christian identities and messages are often met with hostility in the post-Christian and non-Christian worlds. Thus, it is not only important to know that Christianity has something to say about what communities for the good can and should look like, but also that we need ways to speak that truth so that it can be heard.

Speakers will give direction to our discussions which students will continue in small groups focused on specific areas or problems. By working together to bring their knowledge, experience, and particular cultural backgrounds into dialogue with their fellow attendees, students will have the opportunity to grow in wisdom, practical mastery, and be encouraged through the friendships they will form, both intellectually and emotionally.

3. Objectives

Students from ACUCA member institutions will gather at Chung Yuan Christian University to live, learn, and interact together. Through discussions, shared activities, and cultural exchange, participants will gain a better understanding of different cultures and perspectives while reflecting on the role of faith in today’s social challenges. The camp also

aims to strengthen connections among students from ACUCA member institutions across Asia and encourage them to reflect on how they may contribute to the well-being of their communities.

4. Goals

Through the student camp, the following goals will be pursued:

1. To promote intercultural exchange and interaction among students from ACUCA member institutions.
2. To develop communication and leadership skills in an international setting.
3. To foster mutual understanding and friendship among participants from different cultural and community backgrounds.
4. To encourage students to consider how they may contribute to the common good within their communities.
5. To inspire students to take initiative in addressing social challenges within their communities.

5. Pre-Camp Online Sessions

In preparation for the camp in August, a series of online sessions will be organized in July. The pre-camp online sessions will help participating students become familiar with one another and receive important information about the upcoming camp.

Several sessions will be scheduled over a few days, with multiple time slots available each day to accommodate different time zones.

Participants are encouraged to attend at least one session at their convenience. Each session will last approximately two hours.

After registration, participants will be asked to indicate their availability for the pre-camp sessions. The Secretariat will assign participants to sessions accordingly.

Further details and meeting links will be sent to registered participants via email in late June or early July 2026.

6. Activities

The following activities will be organized during the camp:

- Plenary sessions
- Group discussions and presentations
- Cultural exchange activities
- Field trip and cultural visits
- Morning worship
- Cultural Night

Discussion groups will focus on the following sub-themes:

1. Digital Society
2. Demographic Shifts
3. International Security
4. Economic Vulnerability
5. Lived Environment
6. Practical Theology

7. Eligibility

To participate in the camp, students must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be nominated by their home institution
- Possess a passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry to Taiwan, or be able to obtain one in time
- Be available to arrive in Taiwan on August 17, 2026 and depart on August 21, 2026
- Have sufficient English proficiency to communicate with organizers and participants
- Be willing to participate actively in all activities and discussions
- Be able to live and interact with participants from different cultural backgrounds
- Enroll in overseas travel insurance covering the entire period of the camp

Additional requirements or selection criteria may be set by each participating institution.

8. Registration

Students interested in participating in the camp should contact the relevant office or coordinator at their home institution.

Selected participants will be nominated and registered by their home institutions. The ACUCA Secretariat will contact registered participants with further instructions and necessary information.

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FAQ for Students



Booking Flights

Q1. Which airport should I arrive at?

A1. Participants are advised to arrive at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE), which is the closest international airport to Chung Yuan Christian University and the hotel.

Q2. Which flights should I book?

A2. For flights arriving in TPE on Monday, August 17, 2026, please choose a flight that arrives at TPE by 2:30 PM at the latest. If your flight arrives later than that, you may not be able to attend the Opening Ceremony, which will begin at 6:00 PM on the same day. For flights departing TPE on Friday, August 21, 2026, please choose a flight that departs from TPE after 8:30 AM. If your flight departs earlier than that, you will need to stay near the airport the night before to ensure that you can arrive at the airport on time.

Q3. My flight arrives at TPE early in the morning on August 17. What should I do?

A3. The exact time when staff will begin assisting participants at the airport is yet to be determined, but we will do our best to minimize your waiting time. Upon arrival in Taoyuan, you will be guided to your hotel. The first official program, the Opening Ceremony, will begin at 6:00 PM at the hotel restaurant on the 23rd floor.

You may arrive at the lobby from 3:00 PM for registration, and a space will be available for participants to relax and interact.

After arriving at the hotel, you may store your luggage and explore nearby shops or do some light sightseeing if time permits.

Q4. Can I enter Taiwan before August 17?

A4. Please consult with your institution. The ACUCA office cannot provide any assistance for your stay prior to August 17. The itinerary required for visa application can only be issued for August 17 to 21.

Q5. Can I stay in Taiwan after August 21?

A5. Please consult with your institution. The ACUCA office cannot provide any assistance for your stay after August 21. The itinerary required for visa application can only be issued for August 17 to 21.

Q6. How should we handle the timing of flight reservations, the booking process, and the payment method?

A6. Please consult with your home institution as the ACUCA Secretariat will not be involved in arranging air tickets. For those using TPE, we will provide guidance to the MRT station, bus stop, and taxi stand, as well as directions from the MRT station to the hotel. We plan to send an email in July to ask for your flight information.

Transportation

Q7. How can I get from Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) to the hotel?

A7. Participants can take the Taoyuan Airport MRT from the airport to A22 Laojie River Station, which is located next to Le Midi Hotel where participants will stay. The journey takes approximately 35 minutes.

Q8. How much does the MRT cost?

A8. The MRT fare from Taoyuan International Airport to A22 Laojie River Station is approximately NT\$65.

Q9. Can I take a taxi instead?

A9. Yes. Official airport taxis are available outside the airport terminals. The travel time is approximately 30–40 minutes, and the fare is about NT\$800–1,200, depending on traffic conditions.

Accommodation

Q10. Where will participants stay?

A10. Participants will stay at Le Midi Hotel in Zhongli District, Taoyuan City, which is located near the MRT station.

For more information about the hotel, please visit its website.

<https://jungli.lemidi-hotel.com.tw/en/>

Q11. How many people are staying in a room? Can I share a room with a participant from the same institution/country? Can my friend and I be arranged to be in the same room?

A11. We have reserved rooms that can accommodate 2 to 4 people, and the size and type of rooms vary depending on the number of people. Individual room requests cannot be accommodated. Rooms will be assigned by gender.

Q12. Can I stay at my friend's house?

A12. It is not allowed as staying overnight with other participants is part of the purpose of the camp.

Internet and Communication

Q13. Should I prepare a SIM card or pocket Wi-Fi?

A13. If you need internet access at all times, you should arrange a SIM card or pocket Wi-Fi by yourself, either in your home country or at TPE airport. Wi-Fi is available in hotel rooms, but it may not be available during transportation or outdoor activities.

Expenses

Q14. What expenses does ACUCA cover?

A14. ACUCA covers accommodation, meals, local transportation during the program, and camp activities.

Q15. What expenses should participants cover themselves?

A15. Participants are responsible for international airfare, airport transportation, personal expenses, and travel insurance.

Q16. How much personal money should I prepare?

A16. It is recommended to prepare about NTD 500–1,000 per day for personal expenses such as snacks, drinks, or souvenirs.

Illness and Injury

Q17. Do I need travel insurance?

A17. Please be sure to purchase overseas travel insurance. Without adequate insurance, you will have to pay a large amount of medical expenses in cash if you receive medical treatment for illness or injury while participating in the camp. If you are not sure about what kind of insurance you should purchase, please consult with your home institution and refer to the insurance that students going on exchange programs typically enroll in.

Q18. Should I bring my own medication?

A18. Yes. The ACUCA Secretariat cannot provide medical treatment; for example, staff cannot share personal medications, such as headache medicine, with participants. While you can purchase medicines in Taiwan, we strongly recommend that you bring your own medicine that you are familiar with.

Other Information

Q19. Can I visit my friends during the camp? (Do we have any free time?)

A19. There will be limited free time to visit friends, as programs are scheduled each day from after breakfast until around 9:00 PM during the camp.

Q20. Could you provide more travel information, such as what to bring and the climate in Taiwan during that time?

A20. You can refer to the guide which we will send you later (in May).