Taiwan, with its cosmopolitan cities, is Asia’s most vibrant democracy, yet it is also a place of stunning natural beauty with mountains and hiking trails to explore and beautiful beaches to enjoy. It combines the customs and folkways of the Chinese, Hoklo, Hakka, and indigenous peoples that inhabit it. Traditional Chinese religions, arts, music, foods, and cultures are all well preserved here and are readily accessible.

This program will be a direct enrollment program. It will be based in Taipei, one of the top ten foodie destinations in the world, with its museums, national monuments, night markets, theaters, and old streets. Students will take intensive intermediate or advanced Chinese classes fifteen hours per week at the Mandarin Training Center, Taiwan’s oldest, largest, and best-known language training program, based at National Taiwan Normal University. By taking a placement test at the Mandarin Training Center, students will be placed in the most appropriate class. In addition to the language classes, students will participate in various cultural activities organized by the center and have opportunities to meet with local people and Chinese learners from different countries around the world. Students will attend church meetings with a local Taiwanese congregation and attend the Taipei Taiwan Temple and Young Adult activities using Chinese. Come to experience and explore Taiwan with us!

DATES
2 June–23 August, 2023

HOUSING
Students are responsible for finding and paying for their own housing. Housing information can be found at: https://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/eng/stay.htm

COURSES
Students must enroll for a 3- to 4-credit core language course and a 2-credit conversation course from the following list:

CHIN 202—Intermediate Mandarin (4 credits) and CHIN 211R—Intermediate Conversation (2 credits)
OR
CHIN 301—Third-Year Mandarin (4 credits) and CHIN 311R—Advanced Conversation (2 credits)
OR
CHIN 302—Third–Year Mandarin (4 credits) and CHIN 311R—Advanced Conversation (2 credits)
OR
CHIN 321—Selected Readings of Modern Chinese (3 credits) and CHIN 311R—Advanced Conversation (2 credits)
OR
CHIN 322—Selected Readings of Modern Chinese (3 credits) and CHIN 311R—Advanced Conversation (2 credits)

COST
$3,200-3,700

Includes tuition, textbook, registration fee, and accidental insurance.

Does not include airfare to and from Taiwan, housing in Taipei, meals, personal expenses, or visa application fee.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at 280 HRCB, (801) 422-6293, or at travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION
Prerequisites: Students must have completed CHIN 201 or reached the equivalent degree of language competency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing prior to departure. Accepted students are required to participate in our Study Abroad orientation meeting. Accompanying spouses need to apply online, pass an interview, and successfully complete the preparation course.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a study abroad scholarship and may be considered for other scholarships. They must indicate on their original online application that they want to be considered for financial aid. Students should contact their major academic departments and colleges regarding experiential learning funding. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. A nonrefundable $35 application fee is required; applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Application Deadline: February 24, 2023

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students must arrive in Taipei a week before the class starts to complete the onsite registration and remain until the program ends in August. Students will have intensive Chinese language courses five days each week for three hours per day.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
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101 HRCB
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801-422-3686
kennedy.byu.edu/isp

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.