

TAIWAN CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY

STUDY ABROAD SUMMER 2024



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 based in Taichung. With its pleasant climate, bustling night markets, and scenic landscapes, Taichung offers a unique balance of city life and natural beauty.

Students will take intensive Chinese classes fifteen hours per week at National Chung Hsing University. Students will also participate in an internship in June, during which they will introduce American culture in local K-12 schools, and they will receive internship course credits. This program will be a direct enrollment program so students will take a placement test with NCHU. Based on their proficiency level, they will be placed into a class where they will study with students from other countries.

In addition to the language classes, students will participate in field trips to eastern and southern Taiwan and to Hong Kong. The number of participating students is limited to 25, so apply early. Come experience and explore Taiwan with us!

DATES

1 June–23 August 2024

HOUSING

Students are responsible for finding and paying for their own housing.

COURSES

Students must enroll for CHIN 345R—Chinese Culture (3 credits), CHIN 399R—Academic Internship (0.5–9 credits), a core language course, and a conversation course. Below are the course lists.

Core language course options:

CHIN 201—Intermediate Mandarin (4 credits)

CHIN 202—Intermediate Mandarin (4 credits)

CHIN 301—Third-Year Mandarin (4 credits)

CHIN 302—Third-Year Mandarin (4 credits)
CHIN 321—Selected Readings of Modern Chinese (3 credits)
CHIN 322—Selected Readings of Modern Chinese (3 credits)

Conversation course options:

CHIN 211R—Intermediate Conversation (2 credits)
CHIN 311R—Advanced Conversation (2 credits)

COST

BYU Tuition

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full summer tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students), NCHU tuition, field trips, group meals, and international health insurance.

As part of the Taiwan Huayu BEST exchange program between BYU and NCHU, students will receive scholarships from the Taiwan Ministry of Education, which will cover NCHU tuition and monthly stipends.

Does not include housing, airfare, personal expenses, or visa application fees.

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 | travel@byu.edu

PREPARATION

Students are required to take the following prerequisite course or have reached the equivalent degree of language competency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing prior to departure: CHIN 112—Beginning Chinese Reading

Accepted students are required to participate in an international, cross-cultural preparation course (IAS 201R, 1 credit hour).

Students must meet all country- and program-specific COVID and health requirements for travel.

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.

Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants.

Chinese majors or minors enrolled in the study abroad program are eligible to apply for the Humanities + Study Abroad Scholarship. All eligible students can receive scholarship funding ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500, while minors in the college are eligible for half the funding, ranging from \$500 to \$1,750.

Students can also apply for the Taiwan Huayu Enrichment Scholarship funding by the Taiwan Ministry of Education.

Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS

BYU welcomes students from any university to apply to participate on our study abroad programs. However, internships and direct enrollment programs are limited to BYU Provo students. 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: 15 December 2023

FACULTY

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SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT

Students must arrive in Taipei by June 1 to complete the onsite registration and stay until the program ends in August. They will have intensive Chinese language classes five days a week, three hours per day.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT

International Study Programs: 101 HRCB | (801) 422-3686 | isp@byu.edu | 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.