The Chinese Flagship Program is an opportunity for students to bridge the gap between Chinese language and their professional careers. Administered by Hunter College Chinese Flagship, BYU students will participate in the Taiwan Capstone Program. After preparation at BYU, students spend their first semester enrolled at a prestigious university, the National Yang-Ming University in Taipei, Taiwan. In this setting, students will be provided special lectures on media, current events, culture and also receive peer tutoring. In their second semester, students will participate in an internship in Taiwan.

DATES
Winter through Fall: January 2022–November 2022
Fall through Winter: September 2022–June 2023

HOUSING
Students will live in approved NYMU dorms on campus with a Taiwanese roommate/tutor of their choice, or a Flagship student of their choice near the university. If students choose to live with a fellow Flagship student, they will still be assigned a tutor to provide five weekly tutoring hours. During the internship, students are responsible for arranging their own housing or by communicating with the internship employer for suggested locations. Internship employers are not required to provide housing, although some may do so.

COURSES
Required
IAS 399R – International Internship (One or more credit hours first semester and the same for second semester). Course requirements include directed readings, research writing, and journaling. While at National Yang Ming University during the direct enrollment phase, students enroll in courses related to their major as well as specialized Flagship courses.

Electives: Students may take additional or fewer BYU credits as long as they register through the ISP office.
COST
For Flagship students only, some program costs are covered by the Chinese Flagship Program. Students are responsible for paying a $35 application fee and BYU tuition to BYU. Accompanying spouses of Flagship students will need to pay $780 for international health insurance coverage as well as tuition for one credit per semester.

TRAVEL
Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel or as directed by the overseas sponsoring program. More information will be provided to admitted students. All travel must adhere to the Fly America Act.

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in an international, preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour). This second-block evening course will be held during winter semester 2022. This course is offered only once a year.

Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants of the program, with a minimum of one BYU credit hour per semester. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

All participants are required to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination (including booster) at least two weeks prior to departure.

FUNDING SOURCES
Students may receive Chinese Flagship Program funding to pay part of the Flagship program costs. Students are also encouraged to apply for Boren scholarships, Gilman, FLAS, College of Humanities funds, and other outside funding to cover all overseas program costs. Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to the program. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. 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. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply. The application requires a $35 fee. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program.

The first payment is due upon acceptance. Please refer to the 2022 Payment Information document for payment schedule (see kennedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpayments2022.pdf).

Deadlines:
Winter program: 1 October 2021
Fall program: 15 February 2022

FACULTY
Matthew Christensen is the director of the Chinese Flagship Program.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Parents are not to visit students during the official program time period. Students should not plan late arrivals to the host country, and they should plan to stay the entire length of the program.

INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT
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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.