

# TAIWAN

## STUDY ABROAD FALL 2022



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 Hoklo, Hakka, indigenous, and mainland peoples that inhabit it. Traditional Chinese religions, arts, music, foods, and cultures are all well preserved here and are readily accessible.

Our program will be based in Taipei, one of the top ten foodie destinations of the world, with its museums, national monuments, night markets, theaters, and old streets. Students will take intensive advanced language classes at the Mandarin Training Center (MTC), Taiwan's oldest, largest, and best-known language training program, based at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU). In addition to twenty hours per week of Chinese language classes, students will also have weekly individual tutorials, cultural explorations, and language partner activities with local NTNU students. You will attend church meetings with a local Taiwanese congregation and attend the Taipei Taiwan Temple and Young Single Adult activities using Chinese. We will take study trips to explore Taiwan's Hakka culture in central Taiwan; the Taroko Gorge, beaches, and indigenous cultures on the East Coast; and hot springs, a coastal nature preserve, and Taiwan's old cultural capital Tainan in southern Taiwan. Come experience and explore with us!

### DATES

24 August–5 December 2022 (approximately)

### HOUSING

Students are responsible for working with classmates to find housing prior to arrival using Airbnb or other housing services. Students will cook for themselves or explore the local cuisine, which is tasty, inexpensive, and safe.

### COURSES

Prerequisites: Students must have completed CHIN 202 or reached the equivalent degree of language competency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing prior to departure. You may take Chinese 201-202 in spring-summer 2021.

Students must enroll for 12 credits. You are required to take two sequential intensive language courses: CHIN 301–302, 302–321, or 321–322 (6–8 credits). You will also take CHIN 345R Chinese Culture (3 credits), and either CHIN 311R Advanced Conversation (suggested for Chinese minors) or CHIN 490R Directed Study (1 credit).

## **COST**

\$5,800–\$6,200

Includes Latter-day Saint undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for graduate and non-Latter-day Saint students); MTC tuition; group transportation, housing, admissions, and some meals on study trips; some group meals; some local excursions and performances; and international health insurance.

Does not include airfare to and from Taiwan, housing in Taipei, most meals, personal expenses, COVID testing, or passport.

## **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 [travel@byu.edu](mailto:travel@byu.edu).

## **PREPARATION**

All students must have completed Chinese 202 or demonstrate equivalent proficiency prior to the start of the program. Accepted students are required to participate in our Study Abroad preparation course (IAS 201, 1 credit hour). This course will be held Mondays from 5:00 to 7:00 pm during the second-block of winter semester. Accompanying spouses need to apply online, pass an interview, pay applicable program fees, and successfully complete 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**

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](http://kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships)).

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students must be 18 years of age or older. Complete the online application at [kennedy.byu.edu/apply](http://kennedy.byu.edu/apply). The application requires a \$35 fee. 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. Please refer to the 2022 Payment Information document for payment schedule (see <http://kennedy.byu.edu/isp-forms/ISPpaymentInformation2022.pdf>).

**Deadline: 22 January 2022**

## **FACULTY**

**Dr. Steve Riep** (BA, UC Berkeley and PhD, UCLA) has taught modern and contemporary Chinese literature, film, and culture and comparative literature at BYU since 2003. He directed the Nanjing Study Abroad program in 2014 and 2018. He has headed the Chinese section and served as Co-Director of BYU's International Cinema. Ms. Natalie Nielson-Riep (MEd, UCLA and MBA, BYU) is an adjunct instructor in Chinese at BYU. Both are MTC graduates and lived in Taiwan for many years. Their children Kendon and Eliana, seasoned world travelers, will accompany them. For more information, please contact him at [steven\\_riep@byu.edu](mailto:steven_riep@byu.edu) or (801) 422-1505 or see his web-page at <https://humanities.byu.edu/person/steven-riep/>.

## **SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

Students must arrive in Taipei by the end of August (exact date TBA) and remain until the program ends in early December. Students will have intensive Chinese language courses five days each week for four hours per day. They will also have an individual language tutorial, MTC cultural exploration, language partner activity, and BYU culture class each week.

## **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.