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**UH Faculty-led Summer Program
Study in Taiwan, Travel in Taiwan
July 3-August 4, 2025**

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About

This is a language immersion program! The program is academically rigorous and culturally enriching. Historical and cultural sites to be visited include:

- The National Palace Museum in Taipei
- Taipei 101
- The Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial
- The Elephant Mountain Hiking Trail
- Alishan Forest Recreation Area
- 3 Day-tour in Southern Taiwan



COURSES

CHIN 2311: Intermediate Chinese I CHNS 4301: Public Speaking
CHIN 2312: Intermediate Chinese II CHNS 4302: Integrated Chinese
CHIN 3301: Advanced Chinese I CHIN 3359: Chinese Culture through history
CHIN 3302: Advanced Chinese II CHIN 3198: Special Problems

- All the courses offered through this program will have the same curriculum as the courses offered on the UH campus. You can continue taking Chinese courses after returning to UH.
- Chinese Tutorials are scheduled daily for students who have no previous language background.

PROGRAM COST: \$1895 (Tentative)

Includes:

- Host university tuition, 1 on 3 tutoring
- Language Partner Program
- Housing in hotel and foreign student dorm, bedding
- 3 days tour in Southern Taiwan
- Meals in the 3 days trip and the Taipei trip
- Taiwan domestic travel expenses (round trip transportation from/to airport, bus to Eastern Taiwan trip.)
- Entrance tickets for historical and culture sites, parks, and museums

Does not include: 1. International airfare; 2. UH Tuition & fees 3. On Call International Insurance.

Learning Abroad: www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi

CALENDAR & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 02/10/25 Application (\$65.00 application fee, non-refundable)
- 03/11/25 Mandatory orientation
- 03/31/25 Airfare due (not included in the package)
- 04/01/25 UH Learning Abroad Registration due
- 04/21/25 Program fee due
- 07/03/25 Leave for Taiwan
- 08/04/25 Return to Houston
 - After 5/30/2025, no refund for the program fee.
 - After 4/21/2025, a late fee charge will be added.

How to Apply

The Program Application:

<http://www.uh.edu/class/mcl/chinese/learning-abroad/>

The International Education Scholarship:

www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/

The UH Learning Aboard Registration:

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/>



This program meets the learning abroad requirement of the Global Citizens Credential at UH! The Chinese Study Abroad Scholarships are Funded by the Ministry of Education Huayu Enrichment Scholarship via our host university in Taiwan.

Contact: xwen@uh.edu jzhang5@uh.edu

It is mandatory to register and submit all required material to Learning Abroad Office.

UH Learning Abroad Registration due April 1st, 2025

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/>

4104 Martin Luther King Blvd

Teaching Unit 2, Suite 114

Houston, TX 77204-2039

learningabroad@uh.edu

(713) 743-9167

On Call International Insurance

All students participating in a Learning Abroad program are required to have international medical and emergency insurance.

Rates:

Daily fee for students participating in Learning Abroad programs: \$1.54/day

Students will have a fee assessed to their student account based on the total number of days they will be abroad. For more information, please see link below:

<https://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi/>

The UH Office of Learning Abroad

Students can find very useful information from the UH Office of Learning Abroad at

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/>

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/find-a-program/faculty-led-programs/>

You can find required documents at <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/>

What scholarships are available?

1. UH International Education Scholarship: We encourage all participants apply. Please check the following link for detailed info. The **application cycle will open in mid-November for programs occurring Summer 2025, deadline is March 1, 2025.** **
www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/
2. The Louis Wu Endowed Scholarship in Chinese Studies
<https://www.uh.edu/class/mcl/chinese/scholarships/>
3. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, for more info, check the deadline below:
<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/applicants/eligibility/>
All these three scholarships are separate, if you apply all three scholarship and receive all three, you get to use them all.
4. For Financial aid, please contact the University of Houston's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at <http://www.uh.edu/about/offices/enrollment-services/financial-aid/>

Passport

If you do not have a valid passport, apply immediately. **Passport applications can be processed at many post offices or Learning Abroad Office at UH.** The following link will provide you information regarding passport application.

Passport for Coogs

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/passport-for-coogs/>

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

We strongly recommend that you register to STEP. The [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) is a free service that allows U.S. citizens traveling or living abroad to receive the latest security updates from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/step.html>



Visa

AS a U.S. passport holder, you will be allowed to enter Taiwan without a visa for up to 90 days. Your U.S. passport must be valid throughout your intended length of stay (6 months) and you must have a confirmed return or onward air ticket.

Students who are not U. S. citizen need to check the visa requirement from this link:
<https://www.boca.gov.tw/np-137-2.html>

Information for non-U.S. citizens

Non-U.S. citizens should contact the International Student Office of UH to get related information. **Re-entry Permits:** In most cases, a re-entry permit is needed to travel abroad **if you are not a U. S. citizen and do not have a US passport or Green Card.** Re-entry permits can take a long time for processing. Initiate your re-entry permit application as soon as possible. Please contact the International Student Office of UH to get related information.

OISSS website: <http://www.uh.edu/oisss/>



Packing

Please remember to bring the following items with you.

1. Textbooks and study materials

Course text books:

2311/2312: take your NPCR book 2.

3301/3302: take your NPCR book 3.

4301/4302: take your NPCR book 4.

3359: the professor will email you the reading list for you to prepare for the course.

2. Your UH student ID

3. Your Health Insurance ID

4. Your passport or green card (also make a copy of photo page)

5. First Aid Kit----Band-aids, Imodium AD, Neosporin, Tylenol, pills for diarrhea and cough. If you are taking any medication (like for allergies, asthma, or other kind), please take plenty supply for the trip. Please consult your doctor if you have serious medical condition that prevents you from travel.

6. Take some vitamin D, C, Zinc for a strong immune to avoid getting sick(suggestion).

7. Toiletry and shower towels.

Pack as light as possible. Carry what is essential for you. Heat, humidity, and shower are three words that completely describe summer in Taiwan.

Students can find general travel information from UH Learning Abroad at

General packing tips: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/students/student-resources/>

Health & Safety: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/>

Rules and requirements:

1. This program integrates culture activities into academic courses. Students must take minimum one course.
2. Students may not travel by themselves and/or be away from the host campus for more than 16 hours per day. Please see the PROGRAM AGREEMENT.
3. If a student is absent for a whole day, the roommate needs to report to the director for the sake of safety.

4. Students must comply with rules and regulations of the host university and hotels. A deposit is required from each student for the dormitory room. It will be refunded upon checking out if nothing is damaged in the room.
5. It is relatively safe (safer than Houston) in Taiwan in general. However, you are new to the place. Keeping an acute sense of safety. Be careful in making friends outside of program. We will have a language partner program -it is safe to make friends with them. If going out, go with at least another person for safety. You need to be back to your dorm before 12 am.
6. Students may not use any moto vehicles, including motorcycles
7. Students may go to Taiwan and stay in Taiwan before and/or after the program. Students may not travel individually during the program.
8. Please be on time for classes and all the activities organized by the program. Your absence and tardiness in classes and trips will affect your overall course grades. Departures for trips and activities will be punctual. If you do not appear on time, we assume that you choose not to go.
9. Students must submit a copy of their passport (first page) to Learning Abroad via your study abroad account.
10. Students must buy a health Insurance <https://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi/>
11. There is a late fee charge if the deadline for the program fee submission is overdue.
12. The program fee is nonrefundable after May 30, 2025.
13. Students must sign the Program Agreement stating they will comply with the rules above.

Please do not believe that you will automatically receive grades of As and Bs by studying in Taiwan. You must earn these grades.

Host University: 中原大学 Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU)

Address: 200. Chung Pei Rd., Chung Li, Taiwan 32023, R.O.C

<https://www.cycu.edu.tw/eng/>

Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU; Chinese: 中原大學) is a private university in Zhongli District, Taoyuan City, Taiwan. The university was established as **Chung Yuan Christian College of Science and Engineering** in 1955 by a group of Taiwanese and American Christian educators to train science and engineering talent in the Christian spirit. The school was upgraded to a full university and renamed Chung Yuan Christian University in 1980. CYCU is a Member of United Board.



Introduction of CYCU:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wC-JmJ4B5o>

Campus Map:

<https://wxy.cycu.edu.tw/location?siteid=En>



Room, Board, Banking and communication

Rooms: Students will stay in the Foreign Student Dormitory on campus and in a hotel when traveling. Four students share one room. Each room is equipped with bed, mattress, pillow, sheets and quilt(the beds are hard, it is better to bring a sleeping bag as an extra layer to comfort your back if you prefer). There is a bathroom and shower room on each floor. There is a kitchen with refrigerator and microwave. Each floor have washing machine (\$0.65 per load) and dryer (\$0.65 per load). The rooms are air conditioned.

Here is the introduction of the dormitory.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24E6wbxkpUs>

Food: Daily meals are on your own. Meals are provided during the 3 days tour. There are many cafeterias and restaurants around the campus. Grocery stores are easily accessible for fresh fruit and daily necessities. There is a Starbucks on campus.

Banks: Banks are located in Downtown which need take bus to get there. We suggest you to exchange money when arrive at the airport. Most of the stores and markets accept NT dollar only. There is a ATM of the Mega Bank (兆豐銀行)on campus, there are ATMs in the Family Mart 5 minutes’ walk from the campus. .

Communication: You need take your own cell phone with you, please make sure to unlock your phone code in order to use it in Taiwan. Taiwan is 13 hours ahead of Houston in summer. So, the best time that your family calls you is 8:00am to 10:00am in Houston time which is 9:00pm to 11:00pm in Taiwan. Make sure your phone date plan(rate) for international calls.

Wifi: Campus has free Wifi, they will give us password to access Wifi. But the classroom building doesn't have Wifi. Dorms have internet with ethernet cable, but don't have Wifi, students can access Wifi through phone hotspot.

Get on Internet: We need to buy a SIM card on campus (about \$23 for 30 days) to use a free Wifi. This SIM card comes with unlimited data to get on internet. This SIM is for internet only not for making phone calls. We will connect each other via LINE app while we are in Taiwan.

Usually, a US phone locked the code to use in Asian. You need to unlock the code to use a Taiwan SIM card. If your phone plan has unlimited data in the US, you can use it. You need to call your own phone company to find out the international call rate.

類型 Type	Unlimited Data (High speed) 高速無限網路(吃到飽)			
方案 Plan	30Days	60Days	90Days	180Days
售價 Price	\$699	\$1,350	\$1,800	\$3,500
上網流量 Data	Unlimited Data			
贈送語音 Voice	X	\$50	\$50	\$200

\$699 NTB= \$22 US (exchange rate on 10/28/2024)

<https://www.justlanded.com/english/Taiwan/Taiwan-Guide/Telephone-Internet/Mobile-phones-in-Taiwan>

All social media in US can be used in Taiwan.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who are eligible to participate?

All UH students with 2.0 GPA and above or they must adhere to GPA waiver process. No student with below a 2.0 may participate in a Learning Abroad Program.

How many courses can I take?

You may take two courses. Petition to your major department is needed if taking 3 courses.

What class should I enroll? If you finish CHIN 1502 in spring, you can enroll to CHIN 2311, 2312. If you finish CHIN 2312 in spring, you can enroll to CHIN 3301, 3302. If you finish CHIN 3302 in spring, you can enroll to CHIN 4301,4302. If you haven't taken any Chinese courses, or if you have finished all Chinese language courses, you can enroll in CHIN 3359 (taught in English). If you are a graduating student, you can enroll to CHIN 3198. You need to talk with professor Zhang to assign you to a language or a culture course.

Does the Program Cost include tuition for my UH classes?

UH tuition and fees are not covered. UH will send a bill to you after we register for the courses you wish to take in the study abroad program. The tuition and fees from the host university are covered, so does 1 on 3 tutoring. The UH fees are largely waived because we are not use UH facilities.

What is the \$1960 program fee including?

- Housing in hotel and foreign student dorm for 4 weeks
- 3 days tour in Southern Taiwan
- Meals in the 3 days trip and the Taipei trip
- Taiwan domestic travel expenses (round trip transportation from/to airport, bus to Eastern Taiwan trip.)
- Admission tickets for historical and culture sites, parks, and museums

Can a student apply if don't have Chinese language knowledge?

Yes. Our program offers non-Chinese Languages course. These students can sign up for Chinese Culture courses which are taught in English. CHIN 3359.

Will participation of Study Aboard Program speed up graduation?

Yes. By enrolling to this one-month class in Taiwan (4 hours class per day) equals the same content hours for a whole year on UH campus. For example, if a student finish Chinese 1501, 1502 by spring 2025, the student will enroll to CHIN 2311, 2312 in summer 2025. The student can enroll to CHIN 3301 in fall 2025.

When to apply: we start to accept application from November, 2024 to February 10th, 2025

Where to submit application: hard copy to Jing Zhang's mailbox at MCL main office, AH or e-version to jzhang5@uh.edu

When to pay the \$65 application fee and the \$1960 program fee: We will notify you after the department send bill to your UH account in spring 2025.

Do we need to apply to CYCU? No, you only need to enroll to our study abroad program.

Food in Taiwan

Food in Taiwan is inexpensive. There are many convenient meal options available for foreign students. Because CYCU located in downtown Zhongli. The famous Zhongyuan Night Market is next to the school. There are many vendors, restaurants, and convenience stores which provide enough variety and selection both for local and foreign students.

Do I have to sign the contract of Agreement and Medical Release Form?

Yes. It is required. You **must** do so and return it to the Chinese Program.

What recreational activities and sports facilities are available in or near CYCU?

Chung Yuan Christian University equipped with a gym, a swimming pool, a library and other facilities for students. You can also go shopping in the Zhongyuan Night Market next to the school which has many clothing stores and corner shops. If you need to satisfy any daily necessities, there are three supermarkets nearby: Family Mart, 7 Eleven, Carrefour. Besides, you can take a bus to Zhongli station where you can find all kinds of shops including many exotic and distinct restaurants.

In addition, you can walk about ten minutes from Zhongli train station to the SOGO Department Store. You can also take the train to Taoyuan Station which has several department stores nearby.

Do we travel together to Taiwan? Do we buy air ticket together?

Since the host university will have a bus go to the airport in Taiwan to pick us up and to take us to the airport when we leave Taiwan to Houston, we plan to buy air ticket together, so we travel together to

use this bus service. If a student wants to use mileage to buy air ticket and wants to travel with the group, please contact us for the group travel itinerary. We will give more detailed information when it's time to buy air ticket.

Arrangements to and from Houston Airport

You need to make arrangements to and from IAH airport by yourself. We will all meet at the IAH before boarding the airplane!

Arrangements to and from the Host University to TaoYuan Airport, Taiwan

The host University will pick up you as a large group to the Airport.

How long does it take to get to CYCU from Taoyuan International Airport?

It takes about 40 minutes from Taoyuan International Airport to Chung Yuan Christian University.

Tours and Excursions

Historical Sites

Aside from the educational and academic value of the program, we organize tours for students to visit several cities, historical sites, parks, and museums during the program.

Taipei (台北)

A city where gleaming modernity and ancient culture meet. Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, is a modern metropolis with Japanese colonial lanes, busy shopping streets and contemporary buildings. The skyline is crowned by the 509m-tall, bamboo-shaped Taipei 101 skyscraper, with upscale shops at the base and a rapid elevator to an observatory near the top. Taipei is also known for its lively street-food scene and many night markets, We will spend a day in Taipei.

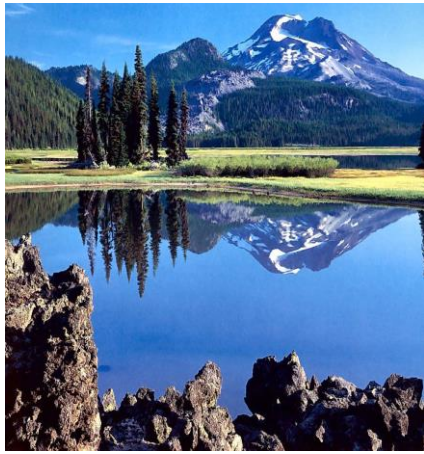


There are many cities that are not so far from CYCU. Those cities are: Yilan (宜兰), Taichung(台中), Hualien(花莲), Hsinchu(新竹) and more.

3 days tour to Southern Taiwan

Alishan National Scenic Area (阿里山国家风景区)

“Shan 山” is Chinese for mountain, and A-Li Mountain ((阿里山) is the centerpiece of the Alishan National Scenic Area. The area is massive and offers much more than a single hike up to the mountain's peak. In all, the area is a natural wilderness preserve clocking in at 415 square kilometers, and produces Taiwan's internationally-famous *Alishan tea*.



YUYUPAS Cultural Park, (優遊吧斯阿里山鄒族文化部落)

The YuYuPas Tsou Cultural Tribe Park is a tourist attraction located at about 1,200 meters above sea level in the mountainous Alishan area of Chiayi County Taiwan. Originating from the Tsou language, YuYuPas means "very rich." It covers an area of roughly two hectares and is surrounded by extensive tea garden planted with alpine oolong tea.



Fenqihu Old Street(奋起湖老街)

Fen qi hu is a charming mountain village in Chiayi, and is the largest along the Alishan Forest Railway. It has two old streets that feature great food, such as the famous Fenqihu lunchbox and jelly fig seed drink. You can also see many Japanese historical sights such as a shinto shrine, train station, and residences. Also nearby are many beautiful sights such as bamboo forests and hikes in nearby mountains. Fenqihu Old Street is also known as the Jiufen of Southern Taiwan.

Fenqihu is a small settlement in Zhonghe Village of Zhuqi Township, Chiayi County, Taiwan. The village sits at 1405 meters above sea level. The old street is about 500 meters long. The name Fenqihu comes from the name for "dustpan" and "lake" (hu 湖).



Alishan Forest Recreation Area

The 1400-hectare Alishan National Forest Recreation Area is situated in Alishan Township of Chiayi County. The main recreation site is situated at about 2,200 meters above sea level. with its forest railways, Sacred Trees, sea of clouds, sunrise, and cherry blossoms, is the most famous and popular forest recreational area in Taiwan. It is a brilliant jadeite shining on the Alishan Mountain Range.



Faculty-led Chinese Summer Study Abroad Program, MCL, CLASS, UH APPLICATION FORM

Name (Exactly the same as on your passport):

Last Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ First Name: _____

UH ID: _____ Passport #: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Email: Note: students will be contacted by email. Please make sure that you give a working email address. _____ Birthday: _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Person to contact in an emergency: _____ Phone: _____

Race or ethnic origin (Optional, for statistical purposes only), Please Check:

African American/Black _____, American Native _____, Asian _____, Hispanic _____, Pacific Islander _____
White _____

Country of your citizenship: _____

Current UH Status: First year _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate Student _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Overall GPA _____ GPA in Chinese _____

Chinese Language Background: _____

Please check 1 to 2 courses you plan to take

- _____ CHIN 2311: Intermediate Chinese I
- _____ CHIN 2312: Intermediate Chinese II
- _____ CHIN 3301: Advanced Chinese I
- _____ CHIN 3302: Advanced Chinese II
- _____ CHIN 4301: Public Speaking
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- _____ CHIN 3359: Chinese Culture through History
- _____ CHIN 3198: Special Problems

Note:

- All the higher-level courses fulfill Chinese Minor or Major Requirements.
- UH grants 2 courses / 6 credit hours for one summer session. Students need a petition from their department if want to take 3 courses.
- **Students with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 are not eligible for participation in learning abroad programs.**

1. Are you allergic to any foods? Please provide a specific list. (“Allergies” is a medical term).
2. Do you have any other allergies in addition to food as specified above?
3. Do you have any health restrictions that may affect your ability to participate in some of the activities in Taiwan?
4. Do you suffer from anxiety, insomnia or other disorders that may affect your mood /wellbeing while in Taiwan?
5. Do you smoke? (when allowed, smoking is absolutely restricted to outdoor areas)

IMPORTANT NOTE

1. In addition to this form, all the participants **must** also complete a Learn Abroad registration with the Office of Learning Abroad by **April 1, 2025**: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/> You must submit all the forms required. and the following forms:

- 1) [Image Release Form](#)
- 2) [Release and Indemnification Form](#)
- 3) [Conduct Affidavit](#)
- 4) **Learning Abroad GPA Waiver** (If GPA is 2.0 to 2.499)
(<https://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/policies/>)
- 5) [Health Disclosure Form](#)
- 6) **Photocopy of Passport**

2. If you do not have a passport, UH provides “Passport for Coogs”! Check if your passport is valid if you currently have one. <https://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/passport-for-coogs/>

3. This program meets the learning abroad requirement of the Global Citizens Credential at UH!

4. Scholarship from UH and the Chinese Studies Program are available. Be aware of the application deadlines for the scholarships (See the deadlines below)

5. Timeline and due days:

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PROGRAM AGREEMENT

(Please turn it in with program application)

The Chinese Summer Study Abroad Program in MCL is a UH-sponsored educational program. It offers an opportunity for students to study Chinese language and culture, and explore career development, in Taiwan. The program is academically vigorous and culturally enriching.

I, _____, will abide by the regulations as stated in the Chinese Summer Study Abroad Program Handbook, and will follow all the university guidelines and procedures as outlined by the University of Houston Systems Administration. I also understand that any behavior deemed in appropriate during this visit is subject to disciplinary action by the University of Houston upon us return to the United States. In any and all cases of misconduct or non-compliance with program requirements while in Taiwan, I may be subject to disciplinary action which include, but may not be limited to, early expulsion from the program, non-eligibility for course credit from the University of Houston, and non-eligibility for participation in the future in this program sponsored by the Chinese Studies Program, Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

I, _____, will abide by the rule that students may not be off campus for more than 16 hours during the summer program.

I, _____, understand that neither the University of Houston nor the Department of Modern and Classical Languages will be held liable for any accidents or cases of physical negligence for the duration of our travel to, from, and throughout Taiwan from **July 3, 2025, to August 4, 2025**.

_____,
Participant's Signature

_____,
Date

Please submit the form to your Chinese course instructor, or to place it in Prof. Zhang's mailbox by **MCL main office coordinator in 613AH**.