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College of Liberal Arts  
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**UH Faculty-led Summer Program**  
**Study in Taiwan, Travel in Taiwan**  
**June 30-August 1, 2023**

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# THE CHINESE STUDIES

## Summer Program

### Study in Taiwan, Travel in Taiwan

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### About

This is a language immersion program! You will improve your Chinese, learn about Chinese culture, and make friends with Chinese students via our Language Partner Program. The program is academically rigorous and culturally enriching. We will visit historical and cultural sites including:

- Cities: Taipei, Yilan, Taichung, Hualien, Hsinchu and more
- 3 days tour to Eastern Taiwan
- The Taroko National Park
- Tunnel of Nine Truns
- Swallow Grotto
- Liyu (carp) Lake
- Hualien Creative and Culture Industries Park

### 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 3350: Chinese Culture through Films
CHIN 3302: Advanced Chinese II	CHIN 3352: Chinese Culture and Society thru Modern Lit.

*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. Students need to petition if taking more than 6 hours.*

### PROGRAM COST: \$1650 (estimated and tentative)

#### Includes:

- Host university tuition, 1 on 2 tutoring tuition
- Language Partner Program
- Housing in hotel and foreign student dorm, bedding
- 3 days tour in Eastern Taiwan
- Meals in the 3 days 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

**Does not include:** 1. International airfare; 2. UH Tuition & fees  
3. CISI insurance card (\$55.5) purchased from Office of Learning Abroad.

**Learning Abroad:** [www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi](http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi)

### Contact:

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### CALENDAR & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

02/09/23	Application (\$50.00 application fee due TBA non-refundable)
03/09/23	Mandatory orientation
TBA	Airfare due (not included in the package)
04/01/23	UH Learning Abroad Registration due
TBA	Program fee due
06/30/23	Leave for Taiwan
08/01/23	Return to Houston
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After 02/27/23, a late fee charge will be added.</li> <li>• After 5/22/2023, no refund for the program fee.</li> </ul>

### How to Apply

The Program Application:

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

The UH Learning Aboard Registration:

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

Apply for the International Education Scholarship:

[www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/](http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/)

Chinese Study Abroad Scholarship Funded by CITE, UH

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

## **It is mandatory to register and submit all required material to Learning Abroad Office:**

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

E. W. Cullen Bldg. Suite 105

4302 University Dr.

Houston, TX 77204-2039

[learningabroad@uh.edu](mailto:learningabroad@uh.edu)

(713) 743-9167

## **It is mandatory to buy Health Insurance via UH Learning Abroad Office:**

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) Student Insurance

<http://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. Chinese Study Abroad Scholarship Funded by CITE, UH. We encourage all participants apply this scholarship. Eligible student may receive several hundred dollars. Please turn in the CITE application form together with your Chinese study abroad application before 2/9/2023.

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

2. UH International Education Scholarship (IES): We encourage all participants apply. Please check the following link for detailed info. The **application cycle will open in December 2022 for programs occurring in mid Spring 2023, Summer 2023, and Fall 2023.**\*\*

[www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/](http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/)

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.

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.

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

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html)



## Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

We strongly recommend that you register to STEP. The [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/step.html) 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 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**
2. **Your UH student ID**
3. **Your Culture Insurance Services International (CISI) Card (as Health Insurance)**
4. 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.
5. Take some vitamin D, C, Zinc for a strong immune to avoid getting sick(suggestion).
6. Your passport or green card (also make a copy of photo page)
7. Toiletry and shower towels.

Please pack as light as possible. Carry what is essential for you. Heat, humidity, and shower are three words that completely describe summer in Taiwan. Average summer temperature is about 95 F and 92% in humidity.

**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/>

## **Regulations in Taiwan:**

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. Please see the Contract.
3. 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.
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. Students must buy the CISI.

6. Students must submit a copy of their passport (first page) to Learning Abroad via your study abroad account.
7. Late fees will be charged if the application or the program cost payment is late.
8. The program fee is nonrefundable after 5/22/2023
9. Students must sign the Contract stating they will comply with the rules above at the orientation before the trip.

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>



## 中原大學校區平面圖

### Campus Map



## Room, Board, Banking and communication

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, quilt and sheets. There is a bathroom and shower room on each floor. There is a kitchen with refrigerator, also washing machine (\$0.4 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>

Breakfast is included on campus; all 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 are available on campus and around campus. You can exchange money in the bank. Most of the stores and markets accept NT \$ only. There is a ATM of the Mega Bank (兆豐銀行) on campus, the Mega Bank also has a branch a counter on campus opens weekdays between 12 to 3pm.

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 on campus is not free, you need to rent a router to use their Wifi, or buy a SIM card at the Taiwan Airport (about \$35 for a month) to use a free Wifi. We are not sure if your phone plan has unlimited data in the US, you can use it or not. You need to call your own phone company to find out the international call rate. We need to search more information about get on internet 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.

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

Yes. Our program offers none-Chinese Languages course. These students can sign up for Chinese Culture courses which are taught in English. CHIN 3350 and CHIN 3352.

### **Will participate Study Aboard program speed up graduation?**

Yes. By enroll 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 2023, the student will enroll to CHIN 2311, 2312 in summer 2023. The student can enroll to CHIN 3301 in fall 2023.

**When to apply:** we start to accept application from November, 2022 to February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

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

**When to pay the \$50 application fee and the \$1650 program fee:** We will notify you after the department send bill to your UH account in spring 2023.

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

**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 to CHIN 3350, 3352 (taught in English).

### **Does the Program Cost include tuition for the classes?**

The tuition and fees from the host university are covered. So do 1 on 2 tutoring. **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.

### **What is the \$1650 program fee including?**

- Housing in hotel and foreign student dorm for 4 weeks
- 3 days tour in Eastern Taiwan
- Meals in the 3 days trip and every breakfasts while on campus
- 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

### **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: RT-Mart, Carrefour, and PX-Mart. 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?**

We plan to buy air ticket together to receive group discount, and we travel together to Taiwan and come back to Houston. If a student wants to use mileage to buy air ticket also wants to travel with the group, please contact us for the group travel itinerary.

**Arrangements to and from Houston Airport**

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

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

The host University will pick up and take the 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, students can make a day trip during the free weekends. Those cities are: Yilan (宜兰), Taichung(台中), Hualien(花莲), Hsinchu(新竹) and more.

### 3 days tour to Eastern Taiwan

#### The Taroko National Park (太鲁阁国家公园)

Taroko National Park is located northeast of the midpoint in the island nation of [Taiwan](#), and southeast from the capital city of Taipei. The national park area covers an area of 360 square miles. The park derived its name from the gorge created by the Liwu River. It is one of the main appeals of the national park. The river has carved through the marble mountain establishing a stunning gorge worthy of exploration and viewing. Taroko features a collection of natural and man-made facets that make a visit to this national park appropriate for everyone.



#### Tunnel of Nine Turns(九曲洞)

The Tunnel of nine Turns carved into the side of Taroko Gorge. It is some 800 yards long. A walk through and return will take around 30 minutes at moderate pace. The Trail is one of the best places to observe Taroko Gorge.





### **Liyu (carp) Lake (花蓮鯉魚潭)**

A charming lake hidden up in the mountains of East Rift Valley of Hualien County, Liyu Lake is a great place for water activities such as sailing as well as cycling and enjoying the scenery.



### **Hualien Creative and Culture Industries Park**

Hualien cultural and creative industries park is located in the center of Hualien city. The historic settlements build in 100 years ago have 3.3 hectares, including 26 old factory warehouses.





**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 3 courses (see note 1) 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
- \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 4302: Integrated Chinese
- \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 3350: Chinese Culture through Films
- \_\_\_\_\_ CHIN 3352: Chinese Culture and Society thru Modern Lit.

**Great News: we have the Chinese Study Abroad Scholarship Funded by CITE, UH this year. You are encouraged to apply for it!** Please fill out the CITE Scholarship Application Form on page 14.  
Would you like to apply for it?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_, No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:**

- All the higher level courses fulfill Chinese Minor or Major Requirements.

- UH grants 2 courses / 6 credit hours for one summer session.
- **Students with a cumulative GPA below 2.0 are not eligible for participation in learning abroad programs (WEN: Try to stick on the same color).**

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 China?
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)

**This application form must be submitted together with the following documents:**

- 1) **Health Disclosure Form** <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/>
- 2) **CISI Insurance** <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/> (can submit later if don’t have it now)
- 3) **Photocopy of Passport** (can submit later if don’t have it now)

#### **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, 2023: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/> You must submit all the forms required, including CISI: Cultural Insurance Services International:

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi/> 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)
- 5) **Health Disclosure Form**
- 6) **CISI Insurance**
- 7) **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: CITE Grant for Chinese Study Abroad Summer Program) and UH International Education Scholarship are available [www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/](http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/). Be aware of the application deadlines for the scholarships (See the deadlines below)

Timeline and due days:

02/09/23 Application (**\$50.00 application fee due TBA**, non-refundable)

03/09/23 Mandatory orientation

TBA Airfare due (not included in the package)

04/01/23 UH Learning Abroad Registration due

TBA Program fee due

06/30/23 Leave for Taiwan

08/01/23 Return to Houston

After 02/27/23, a late fee charge will be added.

After 5/22/2023, no refund for the program fee.

### **The Cougar Initiative to Engage (CITE) Learning Abroad Scholarship Application Form**

The CITE Scholarship is financial need based. UH will determine student financial aid after evaluating student's financial situation.

Recipients of CITE-funded Learning Abroad scholarships must be undergraduate students with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who will have completed at least one semester of study at the University of Houston at the time of travel and have at least one semester remaining at UH after their faculty-led travel program. Students can only receive scholarship support from CITE for participating in a Learning Abroad program once. There is no restriction on their participation in any other CITE-funded activity.

Name (Exactly the same as your UH ID):

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UH ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Your aspiration for the CITE scholarship (approximately 300 words, please continue to use the following space):



## 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 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, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 China from **June 30, 2023 to August 1, 2023**.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature Date

Please submit the form to your Chinese course instructor, or to place it in Professor Zhang/s mail box **by the MCL department coordinator in 613AH.**