

MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS

What can you expect from the program?

Adventure awaits in this small island with a big heart. Situated just off the southern coast of China, Taiwan hosts modern cities, traditional temples, historic sites and a vibrant night market culture. Efficient public transit and high speed rail offer visitors quick and easy access to beautiful beaches, lush mountains and hot springs.

You will spend 7 weeks immersed in Taiwanese culture while studying at a private university in Taipei. Along with a cohort of students from Green River College and other community colleges in Washington State, you will be paired with local Taiwanese students or "Campus Mates" who will join you in fun and practical activities throughout your stay. Together you will study, eat, practice Chinese & English, and explore while developing deeper cultural awareness and competency.

Rebeka Ferreria, a tenure-track instructor at Green River College, will be your faculty leader for this study program. Rebeka is extremely passionate about world travel and having studied abroad herself in junior college, she is familiar with and eager to be a part of the unique and formative experience it provides for students.

Your Chinese language course will be taught by highly qualified local faculty.

Academic Program

This is a hybrid study program. You will spend the first 5 weeks of the quarter studying Philosophy and Humanities from home (using Canvas and video conferencing). Then you will travel to Taiwan where you will spend 7 weeks continuing your studies with the addition of an intensive Chinese language course. You must carry a 15 credit load and are expected to fully participate in all class activities.

- **Introduction to Eastern Philosophy (5 credits)** – This course introduces students to eastern philosophies and helps them to understand the philosophical similarities among these philosophies, especially as they relate to reality, value, knowledge, and religion. Topics may include: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Mohism, and Daoism.

- **Humanities: Women and World Religions (5 credits)** – This course explores feminine perspectives of religion and spirituality in classical and indigenous religions today and throughout history. We will examine images of the divine, mythological presentations, as well as roles and practices of women in each tradition through the study of traditional writings, feminist themes and feminist theologies. In doing so, we will address questions such as: What do sacred sources in traditional religions say about women and issues of gender; and how both men and women in society have used oral and written sacred narratives.

- **Chinese (5 credits)** – Instructed by Shih Chien University faculty. There is no language prerequisite for this program. You will take a placement test upon arrival in Taiwan and be placed in the appropriate class based on your proficiency level. Most students will enroll in a Beginner level course. The course starts with Mandarin phonetic symbols and Pinyin, with an emphasis on pronunciation, intonations and simple conversations. Green River College equivalent: Chinese &121, 122 or 123.

..... EARN 15 CREDITS FOR

- » PHILOSOPHY
 - » HUMANITIES
 - » CHINESE
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Where will you be studying?

The University of Shih Chien (USC), is conveniently located on a metro line in the Zhongshan District of Taipei. This quiet area nestled beneath a green hillside is just a short ride from the hustle and bustle of downtown Taipei. The friendly atmosphere and artistic environment create an ideal learning community. The university is also home to many international students, providing visiting students with an entry point to a globalized community.

The Taipei campus houses three of the university's five colleges: Human Ecology, Design and Management. USC is especially well known for its College of Design, which you will see reflected in the modern architecture and many art installations on campus.

The University has a range of high quality academic facilities including libraries, lecture halls, science laboratories, studios, computer centers, and conference rooms. Sporting and athletic facilities include swimming pools, and unique open air gym. The University also has restaurants, cafés, convenience stores, and bookstores, providing amenities to all University members.

Accommodation and Meals

You will live with roommates in a Hostel located in the heart of Taipei city. The hostel amenities include: Air conditioning, Wi-Fi, Secure Lockers and Free Breakfast. Bathrooms, Laundry, Lounge and Kitchen facilities are shared with other residents. The hostel offers weekly social activities and dining excursions, which will give you the opportunity to meet and socialize with travelers from all over the world.

You will be responsible for all lunches and dinners. Food is very inexpensive in Taiwan and most residents find it cheaper to purchase take-out snacks and meals than to prepare meals at home. For your convenience, numerous restaurants and coffee shops, a supermarket, clinic, medical institution, postal office and even dry cleaning are reachable on foot or within a few metro stops.

Cultural Activities and Excursions

There will be pre-arranged fully inclusive tours during your stay, which may include the following:

- » Overnight at Fo Guang Shan Buddhist cultural center
- » Dragon Boat Festival
- » Taipei Confucius Temple
- » Rinzai Buddhism Temple
- » Baoan Temple and Garden
- » Wen Chang Shrine
- » Chen Yueji Residence
- » Chung Tai Chan Monastery
- » Lukang Tianhou Temple
- » Lukang Longshan Temple

» Nankunshen Daitian Temple

What is included?

- » Group transfers to/from Taipei Taoyuan airport
- » Housing accommodations and free daily breakfast
- » Cultural events and activities organized by USC campus mates
- » Weekly field trips
- » Pre-departure and arrival orientations
- » Student basic medical and evacuation insurance
- » Overnight cultural excursion at Fo Guang Shan Buddhist center

What is not included?

- » Tuition for 15 credits
- » Airfare
- » Passport and visa fees
- » Books
- » Lunch & dinner meals
- » Local transportation
- » Optional field trips
- » Independent travel and entertainment expenses
- » Anything not specified as included in the program

Additional Activities

Other field trips organized by USC are optional and may require an additional fee. You will also have 1 week at the end of the program in which you are free to travel and explore on your own. Some ideas to get you started include: Taroko National Park, Sun Moon Lake, and endless hiking trails, bicycle tours, hot springs and beautiful beaches.

PROGRAM DATES AND FEES

PROGRAM DATES: April 1-May 7: Online Coursework in USA
May 8-June 21: Taiwan Coursework Abroad

PROGRAM FEE: \$3,150 (A non-refundable \$450 deposit is required to be paid with your application)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

November 1, 2018 = Early Bird Deadline (Get a \$100 discount off your program fee!)
December 1, 2018 = Final Deadline

Late applications: Applications submitted after the final deadline are subject to space availability plus a \$100 late fee. Please refer to the Agreement on back of brochure for terms and conditions.



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STUDY ABROAD

HOW TO APPLY Complete and sign an "Application Packet". Application packets are available from your campus Study Abroad Coordinator. If you are under the age of 18 at the time of your application, the application must be signed by your parent or legal guardian. The Agreement and Release are integral parts of the terms and conditions you accept when you travel as part of this Study Abroad Program. They are governed by the Laws of the State of Washington.

PAYMENT DEADLINES You are responsible for making payments by the appropriate deadlines. To avoid a surcharge and additional fees, payments must be received on or before the due date. Full payment is due by January 15, 2019. Late applicants must pay entire program fee at time of application, a \$100 late fee and any possible increase in air or land service fees. Late applications are subject to program availability.

HOW TO PAY FOR YOUR PROGRAM A deposit of \$450 must accompany your application packet. Payment in full is due by January 15, 2019. Mail your completed application packet, deposit and payments to Megan Swanson, Study Abroad Programs, Green River College, 12401 SE 320th Street, Auburn, WA, 98092-3622.

LATE FEES A late fee of \$100 will be applied to all outstanding balances after January 15, 2019. After this date applicants are subject to possible higher air and land service costs. If all balances are not received by January 26, 2019 your application will be cancelled and you will not receive a refund. If you wish to be reinstated, a fee of \$175 will be applied in addition to possible higher costs, subject to program availability.

FINANCIAL AID If you are applying for financial aid to pay for your program, you must indicate this on your "Application Form".

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY Cancellation can only be accepted in writing, and the effective cancellation date is the postmark date on the envelope or date of your email. Refunds are processed according to the following schedule and are mailed within 45 days of receipt of the written cancellation.

WITHDRAWAL DATE	REFUND AMOUNT
No later than January 15, 2019	Full refund less \$450 non-refundable deposit
January 15-February 1, 2019	Full refund less \$700 and any non-refundable land services
January 15-February 1, 2019	No refund

If the presenters and supporters of the program cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment, applicants will receive a full refund.

RETURNED CHECKS A \$50 processing fee will be charged for any returned check. If your check is returned and your replacement check is not received by the deadline, you will incur any application program fee increase or late fees.

INSURANCE All participants are provided with basic student group medical insurance. A link with details of all insurance policies will be provided to each participant prior to departure.

FLIGHTS You are responsible for arranging your own flights to and from Taipei. You must send a copy of your confirmed flight itinerary to the Green River College study abroad office no later than March 25, 2019. If you wish to participate in the free group transportation to/from the Taipei Taoyuan airport you must schedule your flights on the same date as the Green River College Instructor (TBA).

CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM The presenters and supporters of the program reserve the right to make the following changes which will not constitute grounds for a refund: a) Changes in itinerary, including departure date, reversing the itinerary, and changes to the order in which locations are visited, the duration of the stay in each location and omissions of locations; b) Omissions of sights or services described in the itinerary due to scheduled closures, holidays or strikes. Where possible, suitable alternatives will be provided; c) A change in program fees unless full payment is received by January 15, 2019.

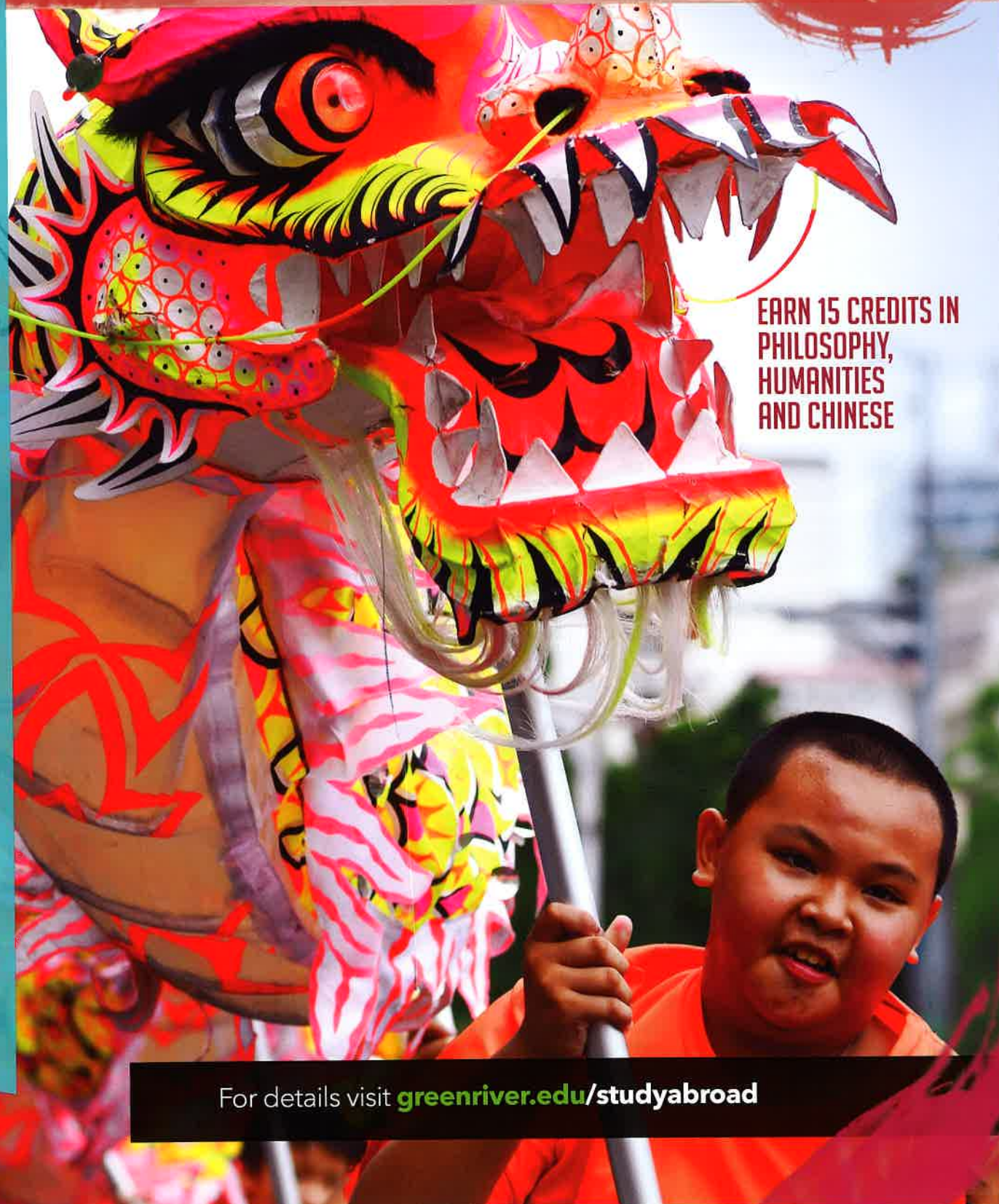


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