

AGREEMENT



HOW TO APPLY Complete and submit a "Preliminary Application". 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 February 3, 2020. Late applicants must pay entire program fee at time of application, a \$100 late fee and any possible increase in 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 February 3, 2020. Mail or hand deliver 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 February 3, 2020. After this date applicants are subject to possible higher service costs. If all balances are not received by February 17, 2020 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 Financial Aid may be available from your college. Grants, loans and scholarships may be used to pay program fees. If you are applying for financial aid to pay for your program, you must indicate this on your application form. Your application form must be accompanied by a deposit of \$450 (non-refundable).

- Students receiving financial aid are required to pay a minimum of 30% of the program fee by the February 3, 2020 payment deadline, accompanied by an award letter from their financial aid office.
- Any amounts not covered by the financial aid award are also due by the February 3, 2020 deadline.
- Final Payment for students receiving financial aid is due by March 20, 2020. If you have not received your financial aid award by this date, you must pay out of pocket and be reimbursed by your aid award.

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
Up to January 17, 2020	Full refund less \$450 non-refundable deposit
January 17-February 3, 2020	Full refund less \$700 and any non-refundable land services
After February 3, 2020	No refund

If the program is canceled due to insufficient enrollment, all 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, Taiwan. You must send a copy of your confirmed flight itinerary to the Green River College study abroad office by March 20, 2020. If you wish to participate in the free group transportation to/from the Taipei Taoyuan airport you must schedule your flights to coordinate with the Green River College Instructor's flight times (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 February 3, 2020.

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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 5 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 lead you in fun and practical activities throughout your stay. Together you will explore the city while developing deeper cultural awareness and competency.

Will Scott, a tenured instructor at Green River College, will be your faculty leader for this study program. Will is extremely passionate about world travel and has travelled to 34 different countries. Will has taught two different study abroad programs and 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 Communication and Film from home (using Canvas and video conferencing or at the Green River Campus). Then you will travel to Taiwan where you will spend 5 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.

- **CMST 238 - Intercultural Communication (5 credits)** – This class looks at communication across cultures on the interpersonal and inter-group levels. It investigates the components of culture that work to affect the communication of members in and across cultures, including consideration of the role of culture on majority and minority cultural groups related to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, class, disability, religion, age, immigration, etc. This course examines different aspects of the communication process as they relate to intercultural communication, including perception, language, nonverbal communication, etc. This course considers the overview of prevalent theories and practical applications.

- **FILM 122 - Introduction to Film: Genres (Chinese Cinema) (5 credits)** – This class introduces culturally specific films from China and/or Hong Kong, and Taiwan, and examines the genres within this category of films such as thrillers, film noir, melodramas, westerns, etc. It examines the literary, mythic and historical aspects of the different genres. It examines the social and political significance of different genres through the use of specific films watched for class.

- **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. Most students will take beginner level. A minimum of five students is required to create an intermediate or advanced section. 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.

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EARN 15 CREDITS FOR
 » COMMUNICATIONS
 » FILM STUDIES
 » CHINESE

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 field trips and tours during your stay, which may include the following:

- » Museums, public parks, markets, public gathering places, etc.
- » Local cinema, film festivals and potentially film studios or filming locations
- » Visit to a Buddhist cultural center

While admission to these sites will be included, you may need to pay for your own transportation to and from sites on public transit.

What is included?

- » Group transfers to/from Taipei Taoyuan airport
- » Housing accommodations and free daily breakfast
- » Weekly field trips and cultural excursions
- » Pre-departure and arrival orientations
- » Student basic medical and evacuation insurance

What is not included?

- » Tuition for 15 credits
- » Airfare
- » Passport and visa fees
- » Books
- » Lunch & dinner meals
- » Local transportation (metro or bus)
- » 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.

PROGRAM DATES AND FEES

PROGRAM DATES: March 30-May 7: Coursework in USA
 May 8-June 15: Taiwan Coursework Abroad

PROGRAM FEE: \$2,600 (A non-refundable \$450 deposit is required to be paid with your application)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 17, 2020 = Application Deadline (A non-refundable \$450 Deposit is due at this time)
February 3, 2020 = Payment Deadline (\$2,150 balance due)

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.