

Department of Foreign Languages  
Summer 2008 Chinese Study Abroad Program

Ming Chuan University, Taiwan  
May 29, 2008 – June 25, 2007

Course Number : CHIN 293B (Chinese Language and Culture Immersion)  
CHIN 293D (Contemporary Taiwan)  
Total Credit Hours : 6 credit hours  
Program Director : Dr. Hannah Lin (GTA: Ting Chang)  
Prerequisites : CHIN 102

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is a four-week Chinese language and culture immersion program held in Taipei, Taiwan. Students will take language and cultural classes at the host university, Ming Chuan, from Monday through Thursday (10:00am to 4:00pm), and participate in cultural activities and excursions after class or on weekends. The 60 hours language classes include Chinese grammar instruction, conversation, reading and writing practice. Cultural lectures include Chinese calligraphy, martial arts, seal making, poem reading, etc. Student will also visit museums, theaters and famous landmarks on the weekends.

COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOME

The immersion program aims to enhance the students' Chinese language skills as well as culture awareness by interacting with Chinese native speakers on a daily basis. Successful completion of this program will enable the students to improve their language skills, develop their knowledge and appreciation of traditional Chinese culture and civilization, and experience firsthand the dynamic economy and modern trends of Taipei. This program offers a unique opportunity for the students to improve their Chinese language proficiency and to build a deeper appreciation for the cultures and lifestyle patterns of Chinese.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance is mandatory for all class meetings and activities.
- Daily Journal in English and new words list in Chinese.
- Weekly Test (written and oral). Tests will include language and culture knowledge.
- Final Report in Chinese (2 page) and English (3 pages).
- Pledge: No English on Chinese Days (Monday – Wednesday)

**FINAL GRADE DISTRIBUTION**

The final grade in this course will be determined based on the following components:

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| Attendance    | 30% | A = 90-100 |
| Daily Journal | 25% | B = 80-89  |
| Test (x4)     | 30% | C = 70-79  |
| Final Report  | 15% | D = 60-69  |
|               |     | F = -60    |

- A: excellent (given only to students of superior ability and attainment)
- B: good (given only to students who are well above average, but not in the highest group)
- C: fair (average for undergraduate students)
- D: poor but passing (cannot be counted for graduate credit)
- F: failure

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

Please see the attached program schedule for detailed class schedule and content.