International Inquiry: Taiwan
UNIV 201 Inquiry Into Taiwan

Explore an array of sites in Taipei and around the island nation of Taiwan! Sample local cuisine and surround yourself with the bustling activity of the Shilin Night Market. Climb to the top of Taipei 101, the second tallest building in the world. Tour the National Palace Museum, a collection documenting over 5,000 years of Chinese history. Or get out of the city and take some time to wander through the Yehliu scenic area, a cape formed by Datun Mountain as it reaches into the sea.

USC’s International Inquiry program based in Taipei combines Taiwanese culture, basic Mandarin language instruction, and related site visits with a focus on undergraduate research.

Students will travel with a USC faculty member, a program director, and other USC students. The program will begin with a general introduction to Taiwanese culture - which has been shaped by imperialism and colonization, immigration and migration. Class time will also be spent learning the basics of Mandarin language which will help you navigate Taipei. Seminar topics for the remainder of the course may include: contemporary culture and society; multiculturalism; globalization and politics; business trends and practices; Asian religions; and/or the arts. You will also have the opportunity to make Taipei your classroom as you investigate an area of Taiwanese culture and society that is of particular interest to you.

USC undergraduate students with a minimum 2.7 GPA are eligible to participate in this program. This course is open to undergraduates in any major. No previous Mandarin language study is required.

Courses and Credits
Students will register for UNIV 201 Inquiry into Taiwan for three credits. All students will learn about the history and culture of Taiwan and take survival Mandarin lessons. In addition, students will conduct a project that relates to their academic interests. Most likely this will mean a student will work on a project related to his/her major (e.g., a history major focusing on some aspect of Taiwanese history). However, students may pursue any line of inquiry related to Taiwan as long as they are able to demonstrate that their project is feasible and that they are capable of completing the work. Students will work with the instructor in advance to plan their projects and to have necessary preparations completed before traveling to Taiwan.

Four class meetings will be held on-campus prior to departure and will be arranged after students have been admitted to the program. The overseas portion of the course will be held at Ming Chuan University (MCU) and will include guest lecturers from the University. Check with your academic advisor to see if credit earned may be used to fulfill general education, major, or minor requirements.
**Living Arrangements**  
Students will be housed in a shared room (double/triple occupancy) in the Ming Chuan University Hotel.

**Travel Dates**  
May 10 – 25, 2010

**Costs**  
The travel fee for this program is $1250* and includes: round trip airfare from Columbia, SC to Taipei, Taiwan; current airfare taxes and surcharges; airport transfers in Taiwan; accommodations (double/triple occupancy); local transportation per itinerary; site visits and entrance fees per itinerary; and cultural events.

*Subject to change based on enrollment and currency fluctuations.

**Travel Fee Does Not Include**  
USC tuition and technology fees for 3 credits (resident tuition rates); meals; personal expenses; optional excursions; or emergency medical insurance. Students must register for UNIV 201 Inquiry into Taiwan during Maymester. Students must also obtain an International Student Identity Card, which provides emergency medical and travel insurance.

**Application Information**  
To apply for the International Inquiry: Taiwan program, submit to the Study Abroad Office the following forms found at [http://www.sa.sc.edu/sa/forms-globalclass.shtm](http://www.sa.sc.edu/sa/forms-globalclass.shtm)

- USC Departmental Program Application complete online
- Application Essays completed online
- Unofficial USC Transcript
- Non-refundable deposit – check or money order payable to: University of South Carolina  
  Memo: Inquiry Taiwan
  Amount: $350.00
- Signed Deposit and Withdrawal Information Form (available in the Study Abroad Office)

**EXTENDED DEADLINE** Complete applications are due to the Study Abroad Office no later than 5:00 p.m. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010. Students will be notified of their acceptance by e-mail. Acceptance is based on the overall strength of the application and space availability. *Only those not admitted to the program will be refunded their deposits.

**For more information about this program contact:**  
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**Footnotes**  
For more information about Taiwan and the sites you can visit, go to the Taiwan Tourism Board website: [http://www.taiwan.net.tw/](http://www.taiwan.net.tw/)

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