

**THE UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND**  
**TUNGHAI, TAIWAN PROGRAM**  
**Summer 2016**

The **Tunghai, Taiwan Program** offers intensive language training in a native-speaking environment for students who wish to continue their study of Mandarin Chinese during the summer. The program allows students to experience the Taiwanese and Chinese cultures firsthand, and serves as a preparatory session for those who will continue their study abroad either in China or Taiwan during the following school year.

As a Christian university founded in 1955, Tunghai has been, in several respects, a pioneer in higher education in Taiwan. Tunghai, which means "Eastern Sea," is located on the west coast of the island, in the central area known for its agreeable climate. The campus occupies a 340-acre site on Ta Tu Hill, a gift in part from the city of Taichung, which lies five miles to the east of the campus. The University is truly a self-contained residential community. The majority of students, faculty, and staff live on a campus complete with an elementary school, junior high school and several stores. Taichung is the third largest city in Taiwan and is approximately a two-hour bus ride from the capital city of Taipei. Besides Tunghai, three other universities are located in Taichung, giving the city a large student population and a vibrant cultural life.

The UPS program participants will take classes at the Chinese Language Center on campus, where all Mandarin language classes are taught. The Center is air-conditioned, and provides tutorial and seminar-sized classrooms as well as a student lounge and study rooms. In addition to an administration staff, there are about seven to eight full-time language instructors. The Center offers regular classes in the summer to other individuals and groups as well. All instructors are native speakers and professionally trained.

Please visit the Program Blog page for updated information, group pre-departure orientation schedule, announcements and last details:

<http://chinese4u.edublogs.org/study-abroad/taiwan-summer-2016/>.

### **Program Dates**

The program runs for eight weeks. *Tentative program dates* are **June 27-August 19, 2016**. Students should plan on arriving Taiwan a couple days prior to the program starting date, and no later than **June 26**. Housing will be available the night before the program begins. Dates will be confirmed in April.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Tunghai, Taiwan Program students must be at least sophomores in good standing, have completed one (1) year of college level Chinese, or the equivalent, have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, and must be enrolled at the University of Puget Sound or be recent graduates. Students are selected for participation based on their cumulative grade average, the strength of the required essay, language and readiness assessment, and evaluation of the transcript and discipline records, and other information provided in the application and University records. A personal interview by the selection committee, if deemed appropriate, may be required. It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that all application materials are submitted to International Programs electronically by completing the Summer Puget Sound Application, **no later than January 29, 2016**, at:

<http://www.pugetsound.edu/academics/international-programs/study-abroad/students/apply/summer-puget-sound-application/>.

### **Curriculum**

All classes, including conversation, reading and writing, are taught in Chinese and are staffed by Chinese Language Center faculty. Based on the student's individual language background and the group size, different levels of courses will be offered. Classes meet 3 1/2 hours every morning Monday through Friday. Afternoons are left free for individual tutorial, independent study or group activities.

Regular attendance is required, monitored and included in the determination of the final grade for the course. Final exams are administered to all participants and are mandatory for proof of successful completion of the program.

### **Awarding of Units**

The program will offer intensive language training (about 20 hours per week) in Mandarin Chinese at three different levels (beginning, intermediate and advanced). A student's level will be determined based on how many courses he/she has taken previously. Students who have completed Chinese 102 or equivalent will be awarded two units of Chinese 100-level course credit upon successful completion of the coursework. Students who have completed Chinese 201, 202, 230, 250, 260 or equivalent will be awarded two units of Chinese 200 level upon successful completion of the coursework. Students who have completed Chinese 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311 or equivalent will be awarded two units of Chinese 300 level upon successful completion of the coursework. One of the awarded units could be applied to the Chinese major or minor requirements.

### **Housing**

Participants are housed in dormitories on campus, generally, four to a room with at least one native Taiwanese student. The women's and the men's dormitories are separated, about 5-minute walk apart from each other. The dormitory room provides a bunk bed, a closet, shelving area, a desk and a chair for each student. Bathrooms have purified drinking water, eastern and western style toilets, showers, sinks, and washers and dryers. There is a fully air-conditioned computer lab with free internet access adjacent to the Hospitality Alumni Hall, next to the Chinese Language Center.

### **Travel to and from Tunghai University**

Students are responsible for their own travel to and from Taiwan. Most students arrange to fly into Chiang Kai-shek International Airport, thirty minutes from Taipei. Taichung is approximately three hours, by bus, from the airport. Directions on travel from the airport to campus are provided in the orientation packet supplied upon acceptance into the program.

### **On-Site Administration**

The Chinese Language Center (CLC) at Tunghai University will administer and host the Puget Sound participants. A CLC staff will serve as field director, offering tutorial assistance outside of the regular classes, arranging field trips and leading local excursions.

### **Co-curricular Activities**

Field trips and excursions are an integral part of this study abroad program. While cultural activities vary, typical plans include visits to the historical Lu Gang, local teahouses and markets, local Buddhist and Taoist temples and monasteries, museums, parks and exhibitions

### Health Care

There is an infirmary on campus, which provides simple health services to participants. It is essential, however, to obtain international health insurance from one of the major insurance companies in the United States in order to be protected against major medical expenses.

### Cost

The program fee is determined each April, estimated 2016 cost is around \$4,300. Included in the fee are tuition, infirmary health care, field trips and lodging. Meals are available on a cash basis at on-campus eateries and local restaurants. Students are responsible for arranging and paying for international travel (approximately \$1,500-2,000); meals (approximately \$500); passport & visa fee (\$80-\$200); miscellaneous spending money for gifts, supplies, travel within Taiwan, etc (\$300-500). It is also required that participants purchase international health insurance (approximately \$50/month), or have similar coverage through their or their personal health insurance. (Program fee will be confirmed in April.)

### Conduct

Once accepted into the program, UPS students will be expected to comply with the rules and regulations as established by the University of Puget Sound for all summer program participants. It is also expected that students in the Tunghai, Taiwan Program will behave in an academically responsible manner; and that they will conduct their personal lives with maturity and in accordance with the laws and customs of Taiwan and the academic requirements of the Chinese Language Center at Tunghai University.

### Application Checklist

- Summer Puget Sound Application form (online)
- Met the pre-requisites for this program prior to the start of the program (GPA 2.5)
- Health Information Statement & other required admission & visa documents (completed after application is accepted)

### Application Deadline: January 29, 2016

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