



# Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages

## “2011 Wenzao Chinese Summer Program”

*A 3-week Unique Cultural and Academic Exchange Experience in Taiwan*

### **About the Program**

Since 2008, Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages have hosted consecutive Taiwan Experience summer programs for foreign faculty members and students from our sister schools. For the past 3 years, more than 150 international students and faculty member of 25 different universities from France, UK, Czech Republic, Poland, Belgium, USA, Panama, Korea, Japan, Thailand and China, etc came to Taiwan for the first time in their life to learn Chinese and to be exposed to Taiwanese Culture and academic exchange. Participants all had great and unforgettable experience from this unique and eye-opening informative program. Besides making new friends from all over the world, they got to learn and know Taiwan well and grew to love the extraordinary and unique culture and history of Taiwan.

We've come to realize that this mode of cultural exchange will be the most effective and down-to-earth approach to develop and promote positive and close relationships between our sister schools around the world. For that reason, we would like to invite more international scholars and students to take part in this year's program- “2011 Wenzao Summer School Program” for our sister schools, hoping that more people around the world can come to Taiwan and learn to speak Chinese. This program is a special and exciting 3-week Taiwan Experience Studies Camp and is especially designed for international students and teachers to learn and explore more about Taiwan from different perspectives. We will keep the framework of the Camp of the last three years and add more depth and richness in academic exchange by

inviting all participants to present their own university and their topic of academic interest, and volunteering service with local students and community. For the Taiwan lectures, topics like studying and exploring Taiwan's unique ecological system, diverse cultural characteristics, traditional customs and festivals and the abundant eating and drinking culture can be further introduced to the international participants. For the traditional hands-on activities, the integration of contemporary and the traditional folk arts and crafts, music and play show the unique development of Taiwanese culture and history. Also, the "Culture Night" activities intentionally designed for international youth to present their own culture and tradition by dancing, singing and acting will provide a wonderful platform for the international youth across the world to learn different culture and tradition and creativeness from each other. Further, we will recruit and train more enthusiastic Wenzao teachers and students to receive these coming international participants in the most popular and welcomed homestay program to make them an unforgettable and valuable Taiwan family experience.

## **Program Information**

### CHINESE LANGUAGE COURSE

The program consists of total of 30 hours intensive Mandarin classes at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. Classes are generally scheduled in the morning and focused on daily-life application and communication, and the professional and dedicated teaching faculty aim to combine academic course with life, art and leisure activities. Our well-established and equipped Chinese language Center and the outstanding language teaching resource and system ensure quality instructions of our Chinese Language Class. At the end of the program, every student will receive a certificate of completion for this program. Please visit the website of our Chinese

Language Center at <http://c016.wtuc.edu.tw/front/bin/cglist.phtml?Category=39> for more information.

## LECTURE SERIES ON TAIWAN STUDIES

Lectures on “Taiwan Studies” are generally scheduled in the afternoon. All lectures will be conducted in English and lecture series are focusing specifically on Taiwan with various topics about Taiwan politics, economics, history, indigenous culture, traditional art, culture, customs, and hi-tech industry and so forth. The mission of Taiwan Studies lecture series is to promote a better understanding of Taiwan and its many achievements. Through these lectures, while learning about the political, historical and economic development of Taiwan, you will also get to know the rich and unique history, multifaceted culture and geographic beauty of Taiwan.

## ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

Each international participant will have to present their own university and topic of their academic interest to the local Taiwanese participants; vice-versa. Furthermore, combining international and local participants, debate like roundtable sessions on various topics, such as global warming or human right issue, will be held to increase intellectual exchange.

## ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIPS

You will not only study the Chinese language and Taiwan Experience, but also be exposed to various kinds of cultural activities such as calligraphy, tea arts, Chinese music and drama, traditional craft, Tai Chi, Chan meditation and so forth to further introduce the diverse and multi-faced Taiwanese culture. Integration of art and folk customs in the program provides hands-on experience on Chinese cultural activities

and let students have a profound understanding about Chinese culture. In addition, cultural exposure and voluntary service activities in remote aboriginal tribes and visit places rich in historical associations or most popular scenic spots in Taiwan will also be included in the program. These activities and field trips will allow participants to fully explore the Taiwan culture and history in depth and gain genuine and memorable Taiwan experience.

#### IMPORTANT DATES & TIMELINE

MONTH	DATE	DESCRIPTION
March	15 (Tuesday)	Distribute enrollment details to Wenzao's sister schools across the world & Application starts
April	<b>25 (Monday)</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>
May	5 (Thursday)	Announce the accepting name list
June	5 (Friday)	Deadline for submitting the registration fee of US\$250
July	<b>9 (Saturday)</b>	Arrival & <b>Dormitory check-in</b>
	11 (Monday)	Opening Ceremony
	12 (Tuesday)	Class begins
July	26~28 (Tue.-Thur)	In-depth Tour Around Taiwan
	29 (Friday)	Receiving Certificate & Farewell Party
	<b>30 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Check out &amp; Head for Home</b>

## SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	Mon	Tue	Wed.	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>09:00</b>   <b>12:00</b>	Chinese Language Course	Chinese Language Course	Chinese Language Course	Chinese Language Course	Chinese Language Course	Free Time or Stay with a host family for weekend	
<b>12:00</b>   <b>13:00</b>	Lunch Break						
<b>13:00</b>   <b>15:00</b>	Taiwan Studies I	Field Trip I	Taiwan Studies II	Field Trip II	Taiwan Studies III		
<b>15:00</b>   <b>17:00</b>	Cultural Activity I		Cultural Activity II		Cultural Activity III		

※ Schedule may be adjusted due to operational concern.

### Accommodations

Students will be placed in Wenzao's student dormitory. Each room is equipped with private bathroom and internet access. We do not provide beddings and linens. Please bring your sleeping bag or beddings. And, if you need to use a computer, it is suggested to bring your own laptop and internet cable. ***Please note that free accommodation will be only provided from 9<sup>th</sup> ~30<sup>th</sup>***

***July and any additional stay will be charged at a rate of NT\$250 per day.*** Chinese style meals will be provided through Monday to Friday on the campus. ***However, some meals will not be provided on the free nights or some special field trips to allow participants to explore and try on different variety of Taiwanese food on their own.***

## How to Apply

- **Qualifications:** This program is open to students and faculty members from Wenzao's 103 sister schools around the world who did not attend this program before. We will accept only 50 applicants in total for this program. **Please note that all applications should be sent through the recommended office, department or faculty at your school, we do not accept the individual application.** Both Chinese and English will be the main languages that are used during the camp. Still, we will have voluntary students who are fluent in other languages like German, French, Japanese and Spanish to help you during the camp if you do not speak the above mentioned main languages. You are **not** required to speak Chinese to enter the program. However, to maximize the camp experience, it is important that you are interested in Chinese cultures. Students are expected to embrace local Chinese culture while also be willing to exemplify positive attributes of the society and life of your own country
- **Application:** Please complete application form and e-mail the application directly to the Office of International Programs at [oiip@mail.wtuc.edu.tw](mailto:oiip@mail.wtuc.edu.tw). The deadline is **25 April, 2011**. The application decisions will be notified by 5 May 2011.
- **Fees:** Only a **non-refundable** registration fee of **US\$300** will be collected from each applicant to secure a place in this program. We will cover all other expenses such as the language class instruction, study materials, housing, local transportation, meals, cultural activities, field trips and admission tickets.