

2023 Chinese Study Abroad Summer Program in Taiwan

This 5-week program, July 6 to August 8, 2023 turned out to be a great success! We took 25 students, offering 8 courses on Chinese language and culture. We completely fulfill our four objectives/learning outcomes:

Problem solving and effective communication.

Cultural Competency and Teamwork.

Merely samples of evidence are displayed as follows.

1. Two faculty members, Professors Wen and Zhang, observed students, CITE recipients in particular, throughout the program. Their informative assessments and observations are highly positive in terms of learning outcomes of *Problem solving and Effective communication, Cultural competency and Team work.*
2. *Problem solving and effective communication.* Equally important (if not more), all the recipients stated, in their CITE survey, that they learned to creatively use their language skills to solve their daily communication problems. E.g., there are no student cafeterias on the campus. Students must go out to ask directions (Google Map was often not accurate in those small streets), eat in restaurants, and buy life necessities daily. They were able to resolve all challenges and communicate with locals via their creative use of the language.
3. *Culture competency and Team work.* All the recipients stated in their learning outcome survey that they learned not only high culture of Chinese history and tradition but also low culture including cuisines, tea ceremony, Chinese seal carving arts, local history and geography. *Team work* competence includes team activities, and peer learning groups out of class in the afternoon, roommate cooperations (3-4 students), group self-organized trip, etc. As students commented, they have learned to be an active and thoughtful team player through this study abroad process.

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CITE Learning outcomes:
Problem solving and Effective communication; Cultural competency and Team work.
Our Chinese Language Partner Program.





Problem solving, Effective communication, Team work.
Our Afternoon Tutorial Program



Effective communication and Team work.

Birthday Parties





Cultural competency and Team work.

Carving Chinese Seal



Cultural competency: Learning Chinese Culture



Cultural competency: Learning Chinese history and government.



Cultural competency: Learning Chinese local history from an invited scholar.



Cultural competency: Learning Chinese tea ceremony.



Cultural competency: Learning local geology.



Cultural competency: experience the “Culture Shock”!



The Graduation video

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