Faculty Leader- Dr. Yiwen Chiu

- Program led and classes taught by Dr. Yiwen Chiu, Natural Resources Management and Environmental Science (NRES) department yichiu@calpoly.edu

- Dr. Chiu grew up in Taiwan. She specializes in quantitative sustainability, environmental life-cycle analysis, and environmental modeling.
Taiwan*

- Currency: New Taiwan Dollar (~NTD 29.8 = 1 USD)
- Area size 12 times smaller than California
- World’s 20th largest economies and 15th-most competitive economy
- One of the most densely populated countries in the world
- One of the world’s largest cities in metropolitan population (Taipei).
- Home to 14 recognized aboriginal tribes
- Lowest fertility rate in the world
- One of the most liberal country in Asia
- One of the safest country for travelers, female and solo travelers in particular
- 159 universities, 31 of which are located in Taipei!!

* “Ambiguous” international status: Not internationally recognized/defined as a country, but “acts” like a country

Why Taiwan? Sustainability in Taiwan??

- Mountainous terrain with extremely high ecological diversity supported by various climate features ranging from tropic to frigid zones
- Species richness per area size is 60 times higher than world average
- Unique socioeconomic and environmental characteristics make Taiwan a perfect living classroom
- Taiwan Program
  - One of the few programs fostering the realm of sustainable development and environmental management
  - The only Cal Poly program taking place in Taiwan
Program Basics

- Cal Poly Global Program
  - Cal Poly support before, during, and after!
- Length: 5 weeks
  - July 3- August 6, 2019
  - First two weeks in Taipei
  - Last three weeks in Nantou
- Academics: 8 units of Cal Poly credit
- Partnership with two universities in Taiwan
- Peer Advisor support from Taiwanese students
- Excursions in Taiwan
  - Tamsui Mangrove Ecosystem
  - Yangmingshan National Park
  - Xitou Nature Education Forest
  - Guanwu Forest Recreation Area
  - ... and more!

Academics

- 8 Units of Cal Poly credit
  - NR 360 - Ethnicity and the Land (GE C4 & USCP)
  - NR 323 - Human Dimensions in Natural Resources Management (GE D5)*
  - *D3 credit may be requested via substitution with the International Center
- Traditionally taught as lecture-intensive courses with “in-class” activities to “read” study cases on paper
- New learning approach: facilitating field observation, community engagement, multidisciplinary and cross-culture brain-storming processes
- New teaching approach: integrating systems thinking to comprehensively take social, cultural, political, ecological, and environmental aspects into consideration
## Program Itinerary

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<td>Lecture &amp; Prepare for “relocating” to Nantou</td>
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<td>July 20-Aug 4</td>
<td>Lecture &amp; local community day trips</td>
<td>Taumi Eco-Village, Liyutan, Wugong low-carbon community, Puli Lancheng Green Community, Mayshi “Tongan” Indigenous Community</td>
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<td>Final exam, group project presentation Farewell party: banquet dinner</td>
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## Accommodations

- University-owned hotels or similar (Taipei)
- Off-campus (Taipei, appx 20 mins by bus, $0.5/trip. Public bikes are also available)
- On-campus (Nantou) housing complex
- Laundry facility
- Breakfast
Taipei

Host institution: National University of Technology (NTUT)

- Urban setting
- Top tech university in Taiwan
  - Architecture
  - Computer sciences
  - Mechanical engineering
  - Environmental engineering
- Convenient location. Minutes to many top travel destinations in Taipei city

Sights of Taipei
Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITIR)

Guwanwu Forest Recreation Area
Nantou

- Host institution: National Chi-Nan University (NCNU)

- Rural setting
- Minutes to the geographical center of Taiwan
- Famous for community development and public engagement
- Award-winning undergraduate programs
- One of the youngest national universities in Taiwan
  - Business school
  - Liberal art

Eco-friendly Farming & “Satoyama”
Puli, Nantou

- Center of Taiwan
- Nantou: the only county that is not adjacent to the ocean
- Famous for rural scenic landscape, vibrant agricultural communities, eco tourism, and tribal culture

Orientation and Cultural Experience
Free Time (Weekends)

- Explore Taiwan by yourself but with the help of Taiwanese students

Summer 2019: Program Fee

Global Program Fee is $6,750. It includes:

- 8 units of Cal Poly tuition
- Lodging in Taiwan with daily breakfast
- Partner university support in Taipei and Nantou
- Excursions around Taiwan
- $400 International Center Administrative fee
- Routine and Emergency Medical insurance

Program fee does NOT include: airfare, personal expenses, etc
Summer 2019: Estimated Cost of Participation

- Global Program Fee: $6,750
- Airfare*: $1,000-1,300
- Books and supplies*: $50-100
- Personal Expenses*: $700-1,200
- Local transportation*: $50 - $100

APPROXIMATE TOTAL COSTS: $8,550- $9,450*
* Costs are approximate and subject to individual

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Financial aid may be limited during Summer term but is possible
- Students are encouraged to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to discuss your options
- Scholarship resources are available on the Study Abroad website
Eligibility & Application Overview

- Eligibility:
  - Min 2.5 GPA, cannot be on AP
  - Good disciplinary standing
- Application Overview:
  - Students can apply via the online Cal Poly Abroad Application
  - Online application includes the following requirements:
    - Brief Personal Statement: 2-3 paragraphs about how your experience abroad will contribute to your educational, career, and personal goals
    - Uploaded scan of valid passport
- Application Due March 1, 2019!

Next Steps

- Attend mandatory Study Abroad 101 workshop
- Consult with academic advisor & program faculty
- Talk with parents, guardians, and significant others
- Apply for or renew your passport!
- Applications available now! Due date is March 1, 2019.
Study Abroad 101 Workshop

- Discuss your goals, program options, and financial planning with a Study Abroad Peer Advisor!
- Start an online profile in the Cal Poly Abroad Application
- Attend a mandatory workshop before you start your program application:
  - Offered 5 times a week!
  - Reservations required
  - More information here on:
    - Abroad.calpoly.edu > Study Abroad > Workshops & Info Sessions

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