Faculty Leader – Dr. Yiwen Chiu

- Natural Resources Management and Environmental Science (NRES) department

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- Specialties: 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**
  - June 28 – August 1, 2020
  - Taipei – Road Trip – Changhua

- **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 CPIC

- **Excursions in Taiwan**
  - History
  - Culture
  - Environment
  - Landscape
  - Industry
# Program Itinerary

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<td>Orientation &amp; Lectures&lt;br&gt;City tours&lt;br&gt;Eco tours</td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
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<td>Public engagement, industrial development</td>
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Accommodations

- Hotels close to lecture locations
  - Double occupancy
  - Taking public transit might be needed
  - City bikes available
  - Coin-operated laundry close by
- Breakfast included (Taipei)
Taipei City & Eco Tours
Jinguashih Old Street
Eco-friendly Farming & “Satoyama”
Changhua (NCUE)

Host institution: National Changhua University of Education
Cultural and Social Aspects of Sustainable Development

Credit: http://bushps.blogspot.com/2012/10/blog-post_26.html
Free Time (Weekends)

- Explore Taiwan by yourself but with the help of Taiwanese students
Summer 2020: Program Fee

Global Program Fee: TBD, but will include:

- 8 units of Cal Poly tuition
- Lodging in Taiwan with daily breakfast
- Service provider’s support in Taipei and Changhua
- Excursions around Taiwan
- $400 International Center Administrative fee
- Routine and Emergency Medical insurance

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

- Global Program Fee: $6,750
- Airfare*: $1,000-1,300
- Books and supplies*: $50-100
- Personal Expenses*: $700-1,000
- Local transportation*: $100 - $150

**APPROXIMATE TOTAL COSTS**: $8,550- $9,550*

* 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, 2020 (anticipated)
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!
- Pay attention to the latest update (program fees and application deadline)
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
Cal Poly Abroad Social Media

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Program webpages
At International Center:
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n=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10841

At Dr. Chiu’s Lab:
https://quantsus.calpoly.edu/study-abroad_
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