

STUDY IN TAIWAN

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DISCOVERING TAIWAN

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My time so far in Taiwan has been a transformative experience, with breathtaking landscapes, delicious food, academic challenges, and heartwarming encounters.

From the moment I arrived at my university campus I felt a welcoming environment fostering both learning and connection. The opportunity to study alongside top researchers in my field has been intellectually stimulating, pushing my boundaries and offering new perspectives. A particular highlight was a fascinating visit to tsmc, a glimpse into the cutting edge of Taiwan's technological prowess.

Beyond academia, Taiwan's natural beauty has captivated me. Hiking through the lush trail of Wulai, challenging climb of Wuliaojian, and the majestic Qixingshan offered stunning vistas and a welcome escape into nature. Exploring further afield, trips to the serene Sun Moon Lake, the misty peaks of Alishan, the tranquil beauty of Ruisui, the dramatic coastline of Hualien, and the historical charm of Sanxia have painted a vivid picture of Taiwan's diverse landscapes. In addition, navigating the bustling streets as a novice scooter-rider has been an exhilarating and efficient way to experience local life.

Taiwan's culinary scene has been a delightful adventure. Indulging in savory bowls of braised pork rice, the ubiquitous and refreshing bubble tea, fluffy bao, surprisingly delicious Taiwanese sushi, and the vibrant atmosphere of the night markets has been a daily pleasure. Immersing myself in the local culture through visits to ancient temples and even trying my hand at aboriginal life as in the mountains has provided a deeper understanding of Taiwan's rich heritage.

While still a work in progress, my journey with Mandarin has been rewarding, opening doors to more meaningful interactions. Above all, the genuine friendliness of the Taiwanese people has made this experience truly special. From helpful strangers to welcoming locals, their warmth has created a strong sense of belonging. Taiwan has offered a unique blend of intellectual growth, natural wonder, and cultural immersion, leaving an indelible mark on my journey.

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Summer Short-courses in Taiwan

Feel like going abroad this uni-break? Taiwan's world-class universities offer an exciting range of summer short-courses options around the July-August break open to Australian students!

Jill Lai, Director at the TECO Education Division, spruiked as much when she attended the 2025 University of Melbourne Study Overseas Fair in April. Programs range from cultural and language immersion courses to research and academic intensive sessions. We have outlined the programs promoted at the Study Fair below below. Applications periods for some courses have closed since, however readers can still consider applying next year.

National Chengchi University (NCCU)

NCCU's International Summer School (ISS) offers interdisciplinary English-taught short-courses over two-weeks covering topics such as international relations, AI, and history. NCCU ISS also offers an intensive four-week Mandarin language program featuring a range of exciting cultural field trips.

 [Explore NCCU ISS](#)



Soochow University

Soochow University offers a selection of 3-week intensive international programs at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, with accredited courses in business, computer science, economics, and more. Applications close June 8.

 [Explore Soochow University's programs](#)



National Taiwan University (NTU)

NTU offers a 'Summer+ Chinese Language & Culture' intensive 3-week course from August 3-23 for students of all levels (applications close June 30). NTU also offers a range of research and academic summer courses in natural and social sciences and engineering, with applications usually closing around March-April.

 [Explore NTU short-term programs](#)



National Cheng Kung University (NCKU)

NCKU's International Summer School offers a range of short-courses, such as in semiconductor design (from NCKU's renowned and Semiconductor School) and medicine. Applications usually close around late April.

 [Explore NCKU's programs](#)





Study in Taiwan Workshop at the ANU

On March 17, the TECO Education Division hosted a Study in Taiwan Workshop at the Australian Centre on China in the World, a research institute at the Australian National University (ANU). The event promoted opportunities for studying, working, and receiving scholarships in Taiwan.

The workshop was co-organised with the ANU Taiwanese Students Association (ANU TSA) who regularly host fun social events on ANU campus. Check out their Facebook [here!](#)

Before the formal program began, attendees had the chance to enjoy delicious food and connect with fellow students and guests. The event officially opened with welcoming remarks from Education Division Director, Jill Lai, who encouraged participants to explore the enriching experiences Taiwan has to offer to Australian students.

The session continued with a presentation by Sam Wade, a local engaged staff at the Education Division, who introduced a wide range of study abroad programs, internships, and scholarships across Taiwan.

A highlight of the event was a personal story shared by Stella Walker, a 2023 recipient of the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship. Originally planning to study Mandarin at National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) Mandarin Training Centre (MTC) for only six months, she found the experience so rewarding that she extended her stay to a full year! Stella spoke about her language journey, cultural immersion, and encouraged others to take advantage of similar opportunities.

The final segment featured Joseph Brake and Kira Atkins from the Asia-Australia Youth Association (AAYA), a multilateral youth organisation connecting students across all of Asia and Australia. Joseph, AAYA's Founder and President, and Kira, AAYA's ANU Chapter President, introduced AAYA's mission and upcoming events as well as encouraged participants to take advantage of the great opportunities on offer to study in Taiwan. You can check out AAYA's website [here!](#)





The task of the Education Division of TECO in Australia is to facilitate cooperation between Taiwan and Australia in areas of education.





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