



## 2016-2017 Academic Year Program Description

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

The International Chinese Language Program (ICLP) at National Taiwan University provides intensive Chinese language training for students who have attained a high school diploma (or equivalent) and are interested in beginning or improving their Chinese language skills.

ICLP offers year-long intensive instruction in a democratic, increasingly multicultural, yet predominantly Chinese-speaking region that is permeated with Chinese culture. The program enrolls approximately 80-100 full-time students during the academic year. The Academic Year Program is divided into three quarters, each consisting of 9 to 12 weeks of instruction. The academic calendar runs from mid-September through late May, followed by a nine-week Summer Program.

ICLP provides students with intensive oral-aural language instruction, and strives to further their general reading ability. When appropriate, materials related to the student's fields of interest may be used in the classroom to improve their reading ability in specific areas and fields.

Instruction consists of 20 hours of class per week, including both individual instruction (單班課) and small group classes (合班課 2-4 students). The standard daily class schedule consists of one hour of individual instruction and three hours of group classes. Each student's schedule is determined by his/her level of language proficiency as measured by placement tests prior to the beginning of the program. In other words, courses are assigned the first quarter according to the placement test scores. Students will have some flexibility in choosing courses (but not class times) beginning the second quarter. Classes are scheduled between 8:10-12:00 in the morning and 1:10-5:00 in the afternoon, Monday through Friday. Class times are non-negotiable. They are assigned according to instructor and course availability. No evening or weekend courses are offered. Extensive out-of-class preparation is expected.

ICLP offers eight levels of courses ranging from beginner to advanced. Levels 1 through 6 have core courses, which students are required to take.

**Level 1:** 當代中文課程(一)  
A Course in Contemporary Chinese I

Or

實用視聽華語(一)  
Practical Audio-Visual Chinese I  
(Three hours: two group, one individual)

**Level 2:** 當代中文課程(二)  
A Course in Contemporary Chinese II

Or

實用視聽華語(二)  
Practical Audio-Visual Chinese II  
(Three hours: two group, one individual)

**Level 3:** 新編會話  
Modern Chinese Conversation

(Two hours: one group, one individual)

**Level 4:** 中國文化叢談  
Talks on Chinese Culture

(Two hours: one group, one individual)

**Level 5:** 思想與社會  
Thought and Society

(Two hours: one group, one individual)

**Level 6:** 台灣社會短文集  
Aspects of Life in Taiwan

(One hour: either group or individual)

## **SIMPLIFIED VS TRADITIONAL CHARACTERS**

ICLP courses focus on oral-aural training. Therefore, not much class time is spent on learning how to read or write Chinese characters. Reading and writing are done on the student's own time as part of the preparation for class.

ICLP offers textbooks and handouts in both scripts. However, some textbooks are available only in simplified or traditional characters. Please refer to the "Curriculum" page on the ICLP website for details.

Students who only know simplified characters before coming to ICLP will struggle at first, but will become accustomed to the traditional characters after some time.

Applicants who require textbooks and handouts in simplified characters should indicate so in their course history. Please refer to the application requirements on pages 5-6 for details.

## **ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS**

Depending on demand, ICLP offers optional courses such as courses on the Chinese writing system, Chinese tea culture, Chinese pronunciation, and Test of Chinese as a Foreign Language (TOCFL) preparation each quarter. In addition to the optional courses, ICLP also organizes hiking trips, DIY activities such as indigo dyeing and ceramics, and trips to famous places around Taipei such as the National Palace Museum (國立故宮博物院), Jiufen (九份), and Tamsui (淡水). In the fall, ICLP has Language Mission Days which help students apply what they learn in the classroom to real life situations. Students are required to participate in one or two activities and write a reflective essay about the experience. Activities range from learning to make pineapple cakes to participating in a mock trial in a Taiwanese courtroom. All the above mentioned activities require a separate fee.

## **LOCATION**

ICLP is located on the third and fourth floors of the Language Building on the National Taiwan University campus. Please check the NTU campus map for the exact location: <http://map.ntu.edu.tw/>. ICLP facilities include a language laboratory with 20 computers, lecture hall, reference library, student lounge, and wifi. ICLP students have access to the NTU Main Library with book borrowing privileges (no audio visual materials), Health Center, and Sports Center (gym and swimming pool). ICLP tuition fees do not cover health care services at the Health Center or membership at the Sports Center. Students are responsible for any health care service charges and gym membership fees.

## **GRADES AND CREDITS**

ICLP does not offer any academic credit but will provide grade reports upon request. Students who wish to receive credit from his or her home institution should request an official transcript and any supporting documentation such as course descriptions and syllabi prior to leaving Taiwan. Students' home institutions retain the right to evaluate coursework completed at ICLP according to their own standards. Therefore, applicants should check with his or her college or university first before applying.

## PROGRAM DATES

2016-2017 Academic Year Program: September 9, 2016, to May 26, 2017

Fall quarter: September 9, 2016, to December 16, 2016

Winter quarter: December 30, 2016, to March 10, 2017

Spring quarter: March 17, 2017, to May 26, 2017

2017 Summer Program: June 5, 2017, to August 11, 2017

Please refer to the "Calendar" page on the ICLP website for details.

## COST OF ATTENDANCE

### Program fees\*

**Academic Year Program US\$12,100**

Fall: US\$4,200

Winter: US\$3,950

Spring: US\$3,950

**Summer Program: US\$4,200**

\*Fees cover tuition only

Roundtrip airfare: on average US\$1,500

Accommodation: on average US\$500 per month

Textbooks: up to US\$100 per quarter

ICLP Accident Insurance: US\$20 per quarter

Food: around US\$450 per month (all meals dine out)

Other expenses: US\$200 per month

Expected total cost of attendance for the Academic Year Program (September-May) is approximately US\$25,000.

## FINANCIAL AID

Although ICLP does not offer any scholarships or tuition discounts, applicants can apply for the following scholarships to offset the cost of ICLP attendance:

### THE BLAKEMORE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

A fellowship for graduate students and professionals

Application deadline: December 30, 2015

Eligibility: U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States

The Blakemore Foundation

1201 Third Avenue, 40th Floor

Seattle, WA 98101-3099

206.583.8778 (phone)

206.583.8500 (fax)

[blakemore@perkinscoie.com](mailto:blakemore@perkinscoie.com)

<http://www.blakemorefoundation.org>

### NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (NSEP)

A fellowship for undergraduate and graduate students

Undergraduate application deadline: February 9, 2016

Graduate application deadline: January 28, 2016

On-campus deadlines vary, check with your home institution for details

Eligibility: U.S citizen at the time of application

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

Institute of International Education (NSEP)

1400 K Street, N.W., 6th Floor

Washington, D.C. 20005-2403

800.618.NSEP (phone)

202.326.7672 (fax)

[boren@iee.org](mailto:boren@iee.org)

<http://borenawards.org>

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS)**

Eligibility: U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States

Please check with your home institution.

### **HUAYU ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIP (HES)**

The scholarship is a monthly stipend of NT\$25,000 (US\$830). The award period ranges from 3 to 12 months. It does not cover tuition fees directly, nor does it cover the full cost of ICLP attendance. HES recipients should have other funding sources to cover tuition fees and cost of living in Taipei. The ICLP application process for HES applicants/recipients is the same. Please read through the application requirements carefully.

Application deadline: usually end of March of each year

Contact your nearest Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office for more information

[www.taiwanembassy.org](http://www.taiwanembassy.org)

### **VISA**

ICLP admission does not guarantee the issuance of an ROC visa. Many Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Offices only issue Visitor Visas for the purpose of studying Mandarin to language school students. Visitor Visas can only be renewed up to 180 days. Students must either leave and return to Taiwan with a new visa before the 180 days are up or apply for a resident visa after 4-months of study at ICLP.

Please refer to the Bureau of Consular Affairs website for more information: [www.boca.gov.tw/](http://www.boca.gov.tw/)

### **HOUSING**

ICLP offers limited housing in the Taipei Paradise serviced apartments. Please check the housing page on the ICLP website for a detailed description and photos of the apartments. Students who can attend the whole Academic Year Program (beginning in September and ending in May) will be given priority. Housing reservation forms will be emailed to all incoming students one month prior to the beginning of the Academic Year Program. Once the ICLP arranged housing is full, students are expected to find their own housing. Please refer to the "Housing" page on the ICLP website for information on how to find housing in Taipei.

### **INSURANCE**

All students are required to show proof of medical insurance for the duration of ICLP attendance upon enrollment.

## ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSIONS

The following persons are encouraged to apply for admission:

- (1) degree candidates at an accredited college or university who plan to pursue Chinese-related studies
- (2) degree candidates who show potential in a Chinese-related field of study
- (3) professionals whose careers require the use of Chinese

Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis. Although ICLP accepts applications up to one month prior to the beginning of each quarter of the Academic Year Program, beginner applicants are highly encouraged to apply to begin in the fall, because there are few beginners who apply for winter or spring admission.

Beginner students who start in the winter or spring quarter may be placed in two individual tutorial classes instead of three group classes and one individual tutorial class if there are no other beginners.

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship applicants: please submit your application by the end of March. If you have a scholarship/fellowship deadline to meet, make sure to submit your application well in advance of the deadline and inform ICLP at the time of application.

All successful applicants will receive an admission packet from ICLP via email and original letter of admission via post 4-6 weeks after the receipt of all the required application materials. A **non-refundable** deposit of US\$500 is required within a month of receiving the admission packet to secure the applicant's place in the Academic Year Program. The deposit will be applied toward the first quarter tuition fee.

Only students who complete the entire Academic Year Program (fall, winter, and spring) will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the Academic Year Program.

## Academic Year 2016-2017 Application Requirements

### (1) Application form

(2) **ID photo:** the photo will be used for making your student ID card. Email it as an attachment in JPEG, JPG or PNG format to [iclp@ntu.edu.tw](mailto:iclp@ntu.edu.tw). Label the attachment *Firstname\_Lastname-photo* and clearly indicate your full name and which program you are applying for (the Academic Year Program, Summer Program, or both) in the body of the email. Be sure to send a high-resolution photo.

(3) **Statement of purpose:** Please describe your personal, academic, and career plans. Why do you want to study Chinese at ICLP? How can ICLP help you attain your academic and career goals? There is no word limit or requirement. However, please be clear and concise about your purpose in learning the language.

(4) **Résumé or curriculum vitae:** All formats are accepted. Be sure to include the following information: name, contact information, education, employment, achievements, skills, and qualifications. It should be no more than two pages long.

(5) **Course history (prior instruction in Chinese):** List all the Chinese language courses or courses taught in Chinese that you have taken in the past. Include the following information:

- Full name of applicant

- Level of course (include course name and number)
- Institution and dates for each course
- Names of instructors
- Class hours per week
- Textbooks used and extent to which the content of the text was covered
- Indicate whether you will require textbooks and handouts in simplified characters
- Other languages and proficiency level
- Language proficiency test scores

If you are a beginner, there is no need to include the course history with your application. Please indicate that you are a beginner on the application form.

- (6) **Official transcripts:** Official records of all your collegiate work must accompany your application. To be considered official, transcripts must be printed on the sending university's official transcript stationery, and received by the International Chinese Language Program in a **sealed envelope** with the issuing university's letterhead. PDF transcripts via email are accepted only through recognized secure transcript delivery services, such as Scrip-Safe or Parchment. No admissions decision will be made until official transcripts have been received.
- (7) **References:** Two references are required. Complete the information in the first part of the reference form and send it to your referees to complete. The references may be written in English or Chinese. The references must be from current or recent professors or work supervisors. **No references from family or friends will be accepted.** Any letters from family or friends will delay the admissions decision or will result in the outright rejection of the application. ICLP reserves the right to request for additional letters. If sent via post, please have your referees complete and sign the form and return it to you in a sealed envelope with his or her signature across the seal of the envelope. If sent via email, the letters must be sent as PDF attachments directly to ICLP by the referees. Please ask referees to label the attachments as *reference\_applicantfirstname\_applicantlastname* with the applicant's name and program in the email subject line (e.g. 2016-2017 Reference for *applicant name*).
- (8) **Non-refundable application fee of US\$100.** ICLP is unable to waive or defer the application fee. No application will be processed without the application fee. The following forms of payment are accepted: personal check, bank draft, postal money order, American Express traveler's check, or cash. Bank/wire transfers are also accepted. Please email ICLP for the bank details. Make all checks payable to *National Taiwan University*.
- Note 1: Banks in Taiwan do not accept checks with even the slightest correction. No abbreviations are accepted. Please make sure that all words are spelled out. Refer to the examples below before mailing your check.
  - Note 2: Banks in Taiwan will only accept checks with the date written in the order of *MM/DD/YYYY*. If the date must be written in the *DD/MM/YYYY* format, please make sure that the month is spelled out. For example, 02/10/2016 should be written as 02 October 2016.
  - Note 3: National Taiwan University only accepts U.S. currency issued in or after 1997. No U.S. currency with the series number beginning with "CB" will be accepted. The following major currencies are also accepted: euro, Japanese yen, and pound sterling. Only banknotes in

mint condition are accepted. Any banknote with pinholes and/or staple holes, markings, stains, or tears will be rejected.

- Note 4: New Taiwan dollar is also accepted. The application fee in NTD is 3,000.

If you are applying to the 2016-2017 Academic Year Program and the 2017 Summer Program, only one set of application materials is required.

Applicants to the beginner course are highly encouraged to apply for fall admission. There are few, if any, beginner applicants in the winter or spring. If there are no other beginner students in the winter or spring, then the Instructional Office may arrange two individual instruction courses for the beginner student, instead of the one individual instruction and three group courses. If you wish to have group courses, please contact ICLP before applying.

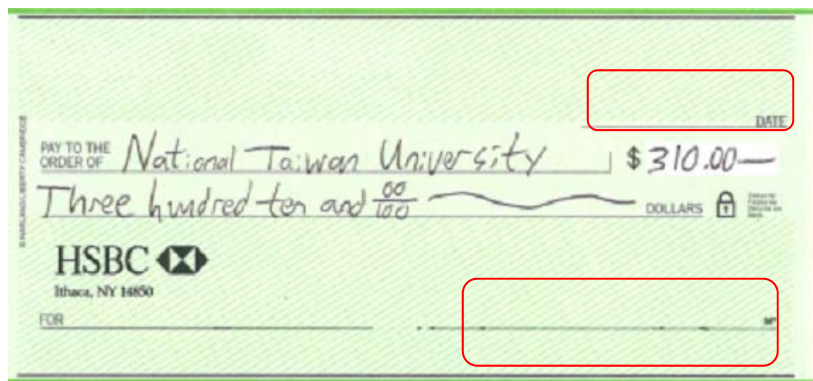
### DEFERRAL OF ADMISSION

No requests to defer an offer of admission will be accepted. Applicants who are unable to attend the program will have to reapply.

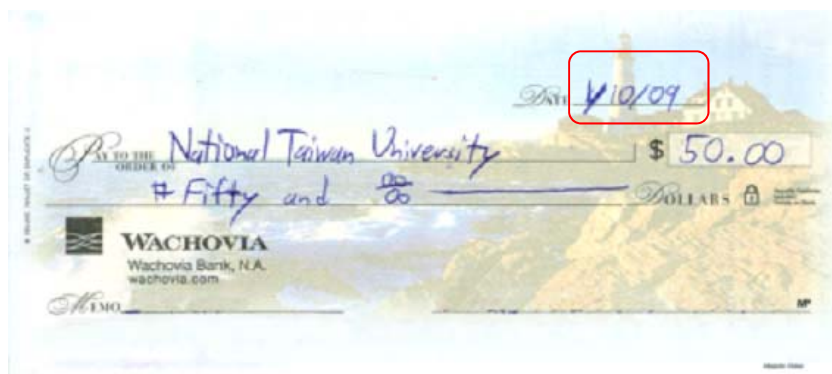
### ICLP ALUMNI AND PREVIOUS APPLICANTS

If you attended ICLP or applied to ICLP within the last two years, your official transcripts and references are still valid. Therefore, there is no need to resubmit these items. Please indicate on the application form that you have attended or applied to ICLP before and when.

### **\*\*Examples of unacceptable checks\*\***

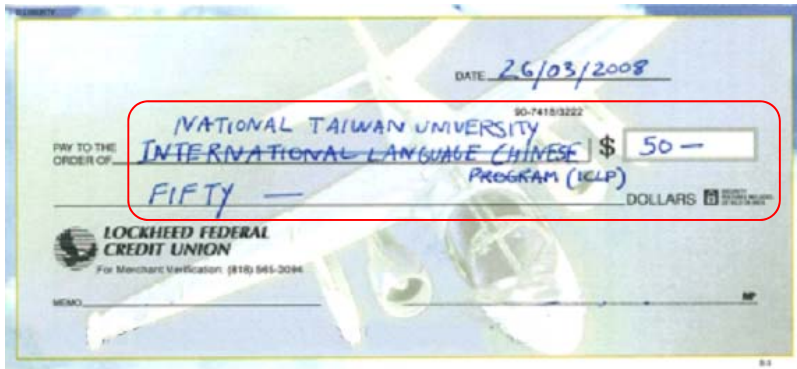


**\*\*“Date” and “signature” are required.**



**\*\*Corrected or unclear writing is unacceptable.**





**\*No corrections are accepted.**

**No application will be processed without all the above required items. Any missing items will delay the admissions decision.**

**How to submit an application:**

**Method 1:** mail all the required application materials listed above to the following address

International Chinese Language Program  
Language Building, National Taiwan University  
Office 420, 170 Xin-hai Road, Section 2  
Da-An District, Taipei 10663, Taiwan

**or**

International Chinese Language Program  
Language Center, National Taiwan University  
P. O. Box 13-204, Taipei 10663, Taiwan

Mail from abroad takes at least two weeks to reach Taiwan. Applications sent via courier service such as DHL, EMS, FedEx, and UPS should be sent directly to the ICLP office on Xin-hai Road.

**Method 2:** email all the required application materials to [iclp@ntu.edu.tw](mailto:iclp@ntu.edu.tw)

Official transcript(s) and references must be sent to ICLP directly by the issuing institution(s) and referees respectively. Be sure to label all the attachments with your full name and write in the subject line “2016-2017 Application—applicant name”; otherwise, your application will be lost somewhere in our email system.

The application fee must be received before the application is processed; please mail the fee before emailing your application or email a bank/wire transfer confirmation along with your application materials.

**Method 3:** drop off application in person

ICLP is open Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our administrative office is on the fourth floor of the Language Building in Room 420 on the National Taiwan University campus. Applications can be dropped off anytime during our office hours.