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2021 Flagship Summer Program

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**Mandarin Training Center
NTNU**

Program Dates: June 21- August 13, 2021
(Application Period: February 14- February 28)



Program Calendar Overview

Pre Departure

2/2	Virtual Information Session
2/14-2/28	Application Period
3/12	Admission Announcement
4/10	Online Reading & Listening Test

Arrival & Quarantine Period

6/18	Arrival
6/19-7/2	Quarantine Period
7/3-7/9	Self-Health Management Period

Program Period

6/21	Orientation & Oral Assessment
6/22-7/9	Online Classes
7/3-7/9	In-Person or Online Classes <i>*depending on CDC regulations</i>
7/12-8/13	In-Person Classes
8/13	Final Presentation & Closing Ceremony

MTC's intensive program is tailored for Flagship students to enhance proficiency in all aspects of Chinese language in a condensed time period within 8 weeks.

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Program Description

The 8 weeks program includes 20 hours of Intensive Language Training per week, Monday through Friday. The daily schedule alternates between Class Lectures and Drill Classes to enhance and maximize language learning. 1-1 Personalized Training is included daily to cater to student needs.

For an immersive experience, the program also includes educational experiences such as cultural excursions, cultural classes, professional seminars, company visits, local lunch outings, and language partner activities.

Our courses and activities are primarily conducted in Chinese, and the design of our program requires students to be proactive and take the initiative to participate in all activities.



We are committed to provide a proficiency-based learning environment for Flagship students to achieve the goal of enhancing Chinese language proficiency and cultivating cultural competence.



Curriculum Design

Courses are offered from intermediate-high to advanced levels and are taught by professional instructors.

All materials are presented in both traditional and simplified Chinese. Students may choose either traditional or simplified Chinese for their homework and tests.



Class Lecture

- Small group of 5-6 students
- Intensive instruction

Drill Class

- Small group of 5-6 students
- Consolidating daily vocabulary & sentence structures
- Enhancing the fluency & accuracy in speaking

One-on-One

- Individualized instruction for reading & listening
- Developing narrative and descriptive speaking skill
- Developing functional writing ability



Co-Curricular & Extracurricular Activities

MTC enforces immersive learning and cultural understanding by providing 48 hours of various activities for the 8 weeks program.

Co-Curricular Activities features Language Practicum and Cultural Immersion by including cultural classes, field trips, professional guest seminars, and company visits. (ex: *Chinese culinary, National Palace Museum, Tea Appreciation, etc.*)

Extracurricular Activities features practical application of Chinese through lunch outing activities and language partner activities. (ex: *night markets, local food experience, short hiking or outing trips,*





Placement Testing

On the first day of program, all students are required to take an Online Oral Assessment Test. Students' class placements will be determined by the comprehensive assessment of Online Reading and Listening Assessment Test and Online Oral Assessment Test.

Sample Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:10-10:00	Class Lecture				9:00-11:30 Weekly Exam 11:30-13:00 Chinese Table Activity <i>*every other week</i>
10:10-11:00	Class Lecture + Drill Class				
11:10-12:00	Drill Class				
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break				
13:00-14:00/ 14:10-15:10/ 15:20-16:20	1-1 Class				14:00-16:00 Co-Curricular Activity or Extracurricular Activity

**Online Classes will also be held during the quarantine period.*

**The class time is subject to change. The official schedule will be announced when the program starts. MTC has the right to adjust the schedule when faced with weather irregularities, natural disasters and uncontrollable factors, which may affect the safety of the students during their stay at MTC.*



Teaching Materials

Teaching Materials for each class will be selected based on student proficiency level. A variety of materials will be used in the program to extend the range of vicarious experience and allow the student to explore the knowledge independently through various topics.

Most of the teaching materials used throughout Training Centers in Taiwan use the teaching materials developed at MTC. Link: <https://mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/eng/mtc-book.htm>



Assessment

1. Dictation quizzes, weekly exams (written tests or oral presentations), and weekly essays/articles
2. Final Assignment: a written report and an oral presentation
3. Participation and attendances of all classes and program activities



Transcript, Credit, and Grade Equivalencies

The grades on MTC's transcript will use a percentage grading system. The grade equivalency and credit transfer will be determined by student's home institution.

After successfully completing the program, and with the concerns of COVID-19 and relevant border control measures, MTC will email an official scanned copy of transcript to the student. The average processing time is 2-3 weeks.



How to Apply

Application Period: Feb. 14-28, 2021

Eligibility:
Flagship students proficiency level at or above the intermediate-mid level, equivalent to 3-4 years of college-level Chinese.

1. Complete Application



Deadline: **Sunday, Feb. 28 (Taiwan Time)**

VIA QR code or link: <https://forms.gle/mPuAKjVvujT7q5ji9>

**the application will require the following in JPEG, JPG or PNG format :*

- a digital photo of headshot
- a scanned copy of most recent transcript
- a scanned copy of valid passport information page

2. Admission Announcement

Announcement Date: **Friday, Mar. 12 (Taiwan Time)**

if you decide not to attend the program, send an email to studymtc@mtc.ntnu.edu.tw for cancelation by **Wednesday, Mar. 17 (Taiwan Time).*

3. Tuition Payment

**please check Q&A page for Refund information*

Please make the payments via wire transfer (either online transfer or in-branch bank transfer).

Once you have completed tuition payments, you must email proof of deposition and tuition payment to studymtc@mtc.ntnu.edu.tw by the payment deadline.

**The proof of payment can be a receipt (either a scan, a photo, or a PDF) from the bank or a screenshot (clearly shows amount, your name, account number, and the bank's name) from your online bank.*

Fee	Amount	Payment Deadline (Taiwan Time)
Non-Refundable Enrollment Deposit	USD500	Tuesday, March 30
Tuition Fee	USD4,300	Friday, June 4

Accommodation

Housing Option A: Taipei Teachers' Hostel

Room Type	Price	Check-In & Check-Out
2 person room	NTD800 night/room (including daily breakfasts)	Check-in Date: Saturday, July 3, 14:00p.m. Check-out Date: Saturday, August 14, 11:00a.m. Period of Stay: 42 nights

Reservation Quota: 24 students (Female: 12; Male: 12)

**reservations are first-come-first-serve basis*

**rooms are arranged for 2 people, if there is an odd number, MTC will notify you*

Booking Period: March 19 to March 29 (Taiwan Time)

MTC can help with booking Taipei Teachers' Hostel. (*applicants are required to share the room with other students, and the period of stay is scheduled by MTC*)

If you would like to stay at Taipei Teachers' Hostel, please send an email (provide your FULL Name and passport number) to studymtc@mtc.ntnu.edu.tw.

Payment Method: Students are required to **make direct payment to the hotel**; MTC does NOT handle any hotel payment/deposit.

Taipei Teachers' Hostel website: <http://www.tth.url.tw/>

Housing Option B

You may look for other private housing at: <http://www.mtc.ntnu.edu.tw/eng/rent.html>.

Rents for individual rooms in Taipei are around USD450-750 per month. Security deposits usually amount to one or two months.



COVID-19 Quarantine Policy and the Relevant Costs

In response to COVID-19, Taiwan CDC has announced that anyone entering Taiwan from overseas is required to undertake **14 days** of mandatory supervised quarantine (*the 14 days of quarantine is counted from the day after arriving, so the actual quarantine period is 15 days*) at a designated qualified hotel.

Program participants are required to follow this protocol and pay for the quarantine period:

1. The cost of the quarantine hotel. The room rate ranges from USD70-170 per person per day. All room rates include daily meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
2. The transportation fees, approx. USD70-170 per person.
3. Other possible medical related costs (*there could be other costs associated with testing after the quarantine*).

*Please note:

- I. MTC follows Taiwan CDC's prevention policy and regulations. We will update the CDC's latest changes of policy and regulations via email and/or website announcement.
- II. The cost of the quarantine hotel must be paid in full upon booking to confirm the reservation.
- III. The participants are required to **arrive in Taiwan on Friday, June 18 (Taiwan Time)**, and to undertake 14 days of quarantine from June 19-July 2 and 7 days of self-health management from July 3-July 9.





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General Q&A

Q1: What does tuition fee cover?

A1: The fee includes language classes, textbooks, handouts, field trips, culture classes, guest seminar, and accident insurance.

Q2: What does tuition fee **NOT** cover?

A2: The fee excludes international airfare, housing, daily meals, and the costs (meals, tickets, and transportation) of local lunch outing Activity and Language Partner Activity, and the relevant costs of COVID-19 quarantine.

Q3: How much does rent and living cost in Taipei?

A3: The rents for individual rooms in Taipei are around USD450-750 per month. For additional living costs, students are expected to prepare approximately USD300-500 a month for daily meals, transportation, and other personal expenses.

Q4: Will there be a class suitable for my proficiency level?

A4: Prior to arrival, MTC will send you an email notice of Online Reading and Listening Assessment Test. The test is required to be completed by Saturday, April 10 (Taiwan Time). On the first day of program, all students are required to take an Online Oral Assessment Test. Students' class placements will be determined by the comprehensive assessment of Online Reading and Listening Assessment Test and Online Oral Assessment Test. These assessment will help place students in the most suitable class level.

Q5: Is there a limit of students allowed to join the program?

A5: The minimum program size is 25 students, if the final student number registered in the program is below 25, the program will be cancelled. If the program is canceled due to low enrollment or other uncontrollable factors, MTC will notify the participants via email and/or website announcement and refund the whole tuition fee (including the non-refundable Enrollment Deposit) to the participants.

Q6: What is the refund policy?

A6: The deposit is NOT refundable.

The tuition fee refund policy follows the NTNU policy:

90% of tuition will be refunded for applications submitted no later than the day before the program starts.

50% will be refunded for applications submitted before 1/3 of the program is completed.

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Q7: How do I prepare for the online class during the quarantine period?

A7: MTC uses Zoom for online classes and will email students the account information before the program start date. Students are required to bring a laptop from the U.S. for the online classes.