

# Study Abroad for Chinese Language

RIT students majoring in Chinese must participate in an international experience before graduating. Eligible study abroad experiences include: a full semester program (fall or spring); academic year program; or a summer program with approval from the Chinese program director Dr. Yuhan Huang.

Students doing a minor or immersion in Chinese would greatly benefit from spending time abroad enhancing their Chinese language skills and learning about Chinese culture. Talk with your academic advisor or RIT Department of Modern Language & Culture about your language minor/immersion plans.



**Cultural immersion is the fastest, most effective way to learn a language leading to increased fluency.** (nafsa.org)

## For a culturally immersive experience

- Live with a local family in a homestay.
- Take elective courses in Chinese.
- Set English aside - join clubs and other activities that give you the opportunity to interact with Chinese-speaking students.
- Attend community events, festivals, and activities that are not typically for tourists.

## Next Steps

- 1) Talk with your academic advisor and CLA language faculty to discuss timing and coursework.
- 2) Use the program list on back as a starting point to explore programs. Or do a search in the RIT Study Abroad Compass:  
[www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply](http://www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply)
- 3) Make an appointment to meet with RIT Study Abroad Advisor, Roseanne Hernandez  
[www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting](http://www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting)



## Scholarships

- > **CLA Global Opportunity (GO) Grant** - automatic \$500 grant for CLA majors to study abroad
- > **Gilman Scholarship** - open to U.S. citizens who receive a Pell grant  
[gilmanscholarship.org](http://gilmanscholarship.org)
- > **Freeman Asia Scholarship**  
[www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia/](http://www.iie.org/programs/freeman-asia/)
- > **Critical Language Scholarship**  
[clscscholarship.org](http://clscscholarship.org)
- > **Boren Scholarship**  
[borenawards.org](http://borenawards.org)

# Programs for Chinese Language

## For Chinese Language Majors

### Chinese Language & Area Studies (CIEE)

#### Taipei, Taiwan | Full Semester - Fall or Spring

Fall semester: Late August to Mid-December

Spring semester: Mid-February to Mid-June

CIEE is an RIT study abroad partner and their Chinese Language & Area Studies program is based at the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) in Taipei, Taiwan.

On this advanced-level language program, you'll take 12 to 16 credits. At NTNU you can take courses in the arts, sciences, and Chinese language. You may also enroll in Mandarin or English courses from other departments at NTNU. To round out your academic experience, you'll participate in various cultural and educational experiences at NTNU and in the local community. **Internship option is also available.** Visit [ciee.org](https://ciee.org) for more details

## For Chinese Language Minor or Immersion

### Summer Accelerated Chinese Language (CIEE)

#### Taipei, Taiwan | Summer (8 weeks)

Mid-June to Mid-August

CIEE is an RIT study abroad partner and their 8-week summer program is based in Taipei, Taiwan. You'll earn 10 credits on this 8-week summer program.

You'll build a strong foundation in Mandarin through an intensive and Chinese language-only environment. Designed for beginners to advanced Mandarin Chinese students, the program includes five course levels to develop your listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing skills, or to elevate your language skills to a superior level, communicating with accuracy, fluency, and sophistication. Visit [ciee.org](https://ciee.org) for more details



NOTE: RIT Education Abroad only sends students to countries/regions with a Level 1 or 2 Travel Advisory from the U.S. Department of State.

As of June 2024, mainland China is at a Level 3 Travel Advisory (Taiwan is at a Level 1).

Students interested in study abroad programs to countries with a Level 3 or 4 advisory, would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Contact an RIT study abroad advisor.