

# 文藻外語大學公共關係室剪報表格

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SIU has partnered with **Wenzao** Ursuline University of Languages in Taiwan, where the SIU students are currently enjoying a study abroad learning and teaching experience. Meanwhile, Wan-Jun Wu, a visiting instructor from Taiwan, is teaching at SIU and leads the weekly Chinese Table, which provides language practice opportunities and cultural activities for SIU students.

“She has enriched our Chinese courses by offering independent study classes tailored for students’ current proficiency level,” Shu-Ling Wu said.

## Immersive learning and teaching

Funding for the SIU students to attend Wenzao – the only university in Taiwan exclusively devoted to language education – comes through the scholarship program, which is covering their tuition, housing and a stipend for six months. They have been in Taiwan since mid-December – the first group able to enter the country to study since the COVID-19 pandemic hit, officials said.

SIU’s study abroad in Taiwan group includes:

Tyler Barnfield, a junior foreign language and international trade (Chinese) major from Goreville, Illinois.

Jacques “Mina” De Villiers, a senior linguistics major from Buffalo Grove, Illinois.

Andrew Manier, a junior English major from Golconda, Illinois.

They say the host university has been very helpful, and the study abroad program provides a special supportive framework that enables them to accomplish their goals.

“It took me a little while to get settled, but I’m happy with this program,” Manier said. “Trying new things and having an experience like this isn’t something I would have ever done on my own. Study abroad allowed me to do what I always wanted.”

The students are studying the Mandarin language and culture as they earn 15 college credit hours, transferable to SIU. In addition, they are teaching English for a few hours each week to K-12 students in Taiwan.

Students from any major can participate. They can study the Chinese language at various levels; little or no previous knowledge of the Chinese language is required, as some of the students currently there can attest.

“I’ve had nothing but amazing experiences so far,” De Villiers said. “Most of the people have been more than accommodating. I’ve gone out to eat most days, so I’ve interacted a lot with people in local restaurants and service people. Even though most people here don’t know much English, getting around hasn’t been that hard, despite the language barrier. Recently, I’ve built up enough vocabulary to be able to order most things in Mandarin, which has helped a lot.”