



Spring School

Introduction to Taiwanese (Tâi-gí) and Taiwan's Contemporary Popular Culture

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This Spring School is designed to teach elementary Taiwanese and explain its application in contemporary Taiwanese popular culture.

The main content is a language course in the Taiwanese (Ho-lo) language. It will be taught by the Tâi-gí lecturer Ms. Kho Poe-bin. The course includes a systematic introduction to Tâi-gí phonetics, phonology, morphology, grammar and syntax as well as practical exercises in listening, speaking, reading and writing. The course will also provide a general overview of the history and current situation, the writing systems, dialectal differences, idiomatic expressions, linguistic research, and language development of Tâi-gí. It is intended as a fresh-up for those who participated in the Spring School in 2025 or who already have knowledge of Taiwanese, or for beginners.

In addition, aspects of contemporary Taiwanese culture, such as the performing arts, cinema, and literature, will be introduced in special lectures and excursions. The School is organized in the framework of the "Teaching Program for History, Culture, and Languages of Taiwan". Students who successfully finish the course will be awarded a certificate.

Schedule

- Thursday 5 February: preparatory online session, 8.30 – 10 AM.
- Monday through Friday, 9-13 February, 9 AM – 1 PM: online classes on language and culture.
- Tuesday through Friday, 17-20 February, 9 AM – 1 PM: on site classes in presence, final presentations and award of learning certificate.

Participation

Students at the Ruhr University Bochum and all other UAR universities can obtain 3 ECTS for this course for regular attendance, completed class assignments, and a final presentation.

External students can obtain a certificate for regular attendance, completed class assignments, and a final presentation. The course is offered with the support of the Taiwan Ministry of Education. It is free of charge.

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