



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day on May 15, 2023. Tell us whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate hearing about concrete details -- What can you see and hear from where you are right now? What did you do for fun today? Who did you spend time with? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores?

This may term I have had the privilege of studying abroad in Taiwan. It has been a wonderful adventure full of delicious food and beautiful sites, from the teal blue water of the river in the Taroko Gorge National Park, to Fulong Beach, to the National Palace Museum, to the fun night life of Taipei in the night markets. Today in particular, I visited the Dalongdong Bao an Temple, the Taipei Xia-Hai Temple of the City God and the Bangka Qingshan temple. The architecture, murals and statues of the deities/gods in every temple was beautiful. I especially liked the Bangka Qingshan temple. Inside were beautiful carvings on the walls depicting different Chinese lore/stories. We also walked along the riverside park named Longshan park. For a snack on this hot day, we stopped at a shaved ice cafe and I got mango shaved ice. It was delicious and tasted like a fluffy snow cone! The mangos were incredibly juicy.

That evening we also enjoyed a four course meal from a restaurant called Teppanyaki. The food was incredibly good there too!

This trip has been a wonderful way to become immersed into Taiwanese culture and is most definitely a trip I will never forget.

We'd also like to hear about what learning looks like for you. When you think of the Hanover classes that have mattered the most to you, what do you see? A specific classroom, lab, or studio? your favorite late-night study location? What about lessons learned at Hanover outside of the classroom -- do you see conversations over meals? locker room celebrations? shared community service? the streets of a foreign city during an off-campus class? If you're no longer on campus, what does learning look like now?

This course is a testament to the fact that learning happens outside the classroom. While we have been reading diligently about Taiwanese culture, it has been hands on experiences such as partaking in a cooking class, thinking about questions and making connections to the sites we are seeing and what we have read about that has helped in my learning and appreciation for the course. I feel I have gained more worldly knowledge than I ever could have solely from a textbook.

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