

## RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

In addition to the general travel risks outlined in the [Study Abroad Risk Advisory](#), this program Pharmaceutical Chemistry in Taipei (hereinafter “Program”) has specific activities which may pose a heightened level of risk for participants. UC Davis Study Abroad provides this information so that I may make an informed decision about consenting to participate in the Program. Participants in the Pharmaceutical Chemistry in Taipei program will be expected to participate in these activities. If participants do not want to participate in an activity, they must inform the Faculty Leader or Program Coordinator immediately and ask to opt out. If participants do not ask to opt out, UC Davis Study Abroad will assume they consent to the risks associated with participating in the activities.

In some cases, an activity may be a required component of the Program (e.g. travel to another site) and if participants wish to opt out, they may not be able to participate in the Program at all. Because the Program travels as a group, it may be impossible for the decision to opt out to be kept confidential.

- **This Program includes non-traditional motorized transportation** both during Program hours and/or as the primary means of transportation for students during free time via
  - Private motorcoach or van-for-hire (similar to a small public bus but may be operated by regulated or unregulated private drivers)

This form of transportation is a common form of public transportation in the country abroad but may have limited or no governmental regulation. This means vehicles may or may not be inspected, drivers may or may not be licensed or certified, drivers may or may not have insurance, and safety standards (if they exist) may be significantly lower than those in the U.S.

- **This Program includes non-traditional non-motorized transportation** both during Program hours and/or as the primary means of transportation for students during free time via
  - Bicycle
  - Extended walking or hiking

This form of transportation is a common or elective form of public transportation in the country abroad but may have limited or no governmental regulation. This means that equipment or animals may or may not be inspected, that I may be at risk for injury due to contact with animals or their behavior, and that this form of transportation may require my own physical exertion.

**This Program requires the use of public transportation.** Travelers on this Program will be required to utilize public transportation (buses, trains, taxis, etc.) as the primary means of conveyance. Travelers may be provided with transportation passes as part of their Program fees. Public transportation services are regulated by local governments and are typically held to minimum standards of repair, safety, timely service and accessibility. Public transportation is often very safe and, in some areas, is the only means of transportation. However, local regulations may differ or be less than those for public transportation in the U.S. Use of public

transportation include the risk of injury from accident (including operator negligence), transit delays, fines or penalties for improper use, impacts or shutdowns related to worker strikes, petty theft and assault, and minimal but elevated risk from terrorist activities.

- **This Program includes work in a laboratory environment**

This program includes an optional research laboratory component at Academia Sinica. Students may be working in a variety of lab environments which may include the use of laboratory equipment, various chemicals, biological samples, and protective/safety devices. This lab is under direct control of Academia Sinica and students will adhere to safety and control standards required at the site which may vary from those at UC Davis or in the U.S. Although the lab (and samples) are considered safe, there is always a risk of injury associated with accidents in the lab. Lab work requires students to properly prepare for, learn about and understand the use of equipment and to follow strict protocols for the safety all in the lab.