

China



Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Intersession • May 18-31, 2012

Program Name: **Life & Culture in China**

Course Numbers & Names:

LLT 215:

Asian Cultural Studies: Focus on China

CHI 297:

Special Topics in Chinese

Credit hours: **3** (undergraduate)

Course Overview

This program is for anyone who has a strong interest in China and its language, history, culture, economics and social institutions. The course is designed with the following goals in mind:

- To introduce participants to traditional and contemporary Chinese culture through visits to the metropolises of Beijing, Shanghai and Xi'an
- To expose students to sites of historical interest, including the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Terracotta Warriors, etc.
- To become familiar with the Chinese education system through visits to several schools
- To gain an understanding of Chinese business and trade practices through visits to several companies
- To help students practice their Chinese language skills by meeting informally with Chinese families, visiting markets, ordering from restaurant menus, etc.
- To experience some of the natural beauty of China by touring Suzhou and Hangzhou

Estimated Cost: **\$2,500**

Includes: All hotels and transportation in China, tour guides and admission fees, most meals; Study Away student fee, including International Student Identity Card. Separated costs not available.

Excludes: MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit; passport & visa fees; round-trip airfare from Springfield to Beijing (via Chicago); some meals; personal expenses.

Nonrefundable deposit due with application by Tues., Jan. 31, 2012: \$375
(will be billed to your student account)

Balance due Mon., April 16, 2012: \$2,125

Voucher Eligibility & Financial Aid

If you entered MSU as a freshman in 2009 or 2010, you may use the **Study Away \$500 voucher**. Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Informational Meeting(s): **TBA**

6 Pre-travel Class Sessions: **1-4 p.m., Saturdays, March 10 & 24; April 7, 14 & 28; May 5, 2012**
Siceluff Hall #225

Depart Springfield for Chicago, then on to Beijing, China:
Fri., May 18, 2012
(Arrive in Beijing on Sat., May 19)

Depart Beijing for Chicago:
Thurs., May 31, 2012
(Arrive in Springfield on **Fri. June 1**)

Post-travel Class Sessions:
Research papers due - **Sat., June 30, 2012**
Final Exam - **Sat., July 7, 2012**

Interested in going?

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Course Objectives & Activities:

With more than 1.3 billion people, China is the world's most populous country and fastest-growing economy. With its long history and rich culture, it is also one of the most fascinating, influential and rapidly changing societies.

This program offers an opportunity to get to know China and its people. Participants will explore several major cities and provinces of eastern China. Under the guidance of the Program Director and local tour guides, students will visit some of China's most famous historical sites, museums, cultural attractions and areas of scenic beauty, as well as schools, businesses and markets. Students also will have the opportunity to meet native Chinese people on an informal basis and learn from them about various aspects of Chinese culture. Lectures before and during the study tour will provide background to aid student understanding of their experiences and observations of life in China.

Course Schedule & Itinerary:

Six (6) Pre-travel Class Sessions: 1-4 PM, Saturdays, March 10 & 24; April 7, 14 & 28; & May 5, 2012, in Sicheluff Hall #225

Lectures by the Program Director will provide an introduction to China's:

- Geography, language and people
- Traditions, culture and history
- Philosophies (Confucianism and Taoism)
- Family life and women's roles, historically and at present
- Political, economic and education systems

Travel logistics, what to pack, Chinese customs and etiquette, etc., also will be covered in an orientation session.

Fri., May 18 - Depart Springfield for Beijing (via Chicago)

Sat., May 19 - Arrive in Beijing; welcome dinner at hotel

Sun., May 20 - Visit the Temple of Heaven and Pearl Market; evening **Gongfu show**

Mon., May 21 - Visit the Great Wall, Ming Tombs and Pearl Market

Tues., May 22 - Visit Tian'anmen Square and the Forbidden City; travel to Xi'an

Wed., May 23 - Arrive in Xi'an; visit **Big Goose Pagoda, Shaanxi History Museum, Old Town City Wall, Tang Dynasty show** and dinner

Thurs., May 24 - Visit Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum; Dumpling Banquet

Fri., May 25 - Travel from Xi'an to Shanghai; **cruise on the Huangpu River**

Sat., May 26 - Visit Yu Garden and the Jade Buddha Temple; **acrobatic show** at ERA Theatre

Sun., May 27 - Travel from Shanghai to Suzhou; visit the **Humble Administration's Garden, Tiger's Hill Park,** and a **silk factory**

Mon., May 28 - Travel from Suzhou to Hangzhou; attend a **Chinese tea ceremony;** visit a **private enterprise;** meet students at **Zhejiang University**

Tues., May 29 - Visit West Lake and Six Harmonies Pagoda

Wed., May 30 - Travel from Hangzhou to Beijing; **interviews with CEOs** at a Chinese enterprise; farewell dinner in the evening

Thurs., May 31 - Depart Beijing for the U.S.; arrive in Springfield on **Fri., June 1**

Post-travel Class Meetings (Details TBA):

Sat., June 30 - Research papers due

Sat., July 7 - Final Exam

Course Credit, Requirements & Assessment of Learning:

Pending successful completion of the program, students will earn 3 hours of credit. Final letter grade will be based upon the following components:

- **Attendance** at all pre-travel class sessions and all lectures and organized excursions in China (30%)
- **Assignments** - Students will keep a daily reflection journal during travel (20%)
- **Tests** - A test covering material presented during pre-travel sessions will be held on **Sat., May 5;** a test covering material presented during travel will be held on **Sat., July 7** (20%)
- **Research Paper** - Students will submit a 20-page paper on a social, political, economic or cultural topic related to China, due by **Sat., June 30** (30%)

Required texts:

- Patricia Buckley E., *The Cambridge Illustrated History of China*, 2nd ed., Cambridge UP, 2010.
- Wm. Theodore de Bary et al., eds., *Sources of Chinese Tradition*, 2nd ed., Volume 1 (Columbia UP, 2000).
- Additional handouts will be provided by the Program Director

Application & Payment:

Missouri State University students who are approved by the Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application. A **non-refundable deposit of \$375** will be billed to your student account upon application (due by **Jan. 31, 2012**). The balance of the program cost (\$2,125) will be billed to your account on **Mon., April 16, 2012**.

Students must register for either **LLT 215** (Asian Cultural Studies: Focus on China) or **CHI 297** (Special Topics in Chinese) during the 2012 Summer Session registration period. Tuition for the 3-credit-hour course will be billed to your student account.

This program is also open to non-students. For more information, contact the Program Director: **WeirongYan@missouristate.edu** or **417-836-5798**.

The published program cost is based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change.

Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% in the program fee if costs increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies:

- Students who withdraw prior to **April 6, 2012**, will receive a refund of fees paid, less their deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after **April 6, 2012**, for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less their deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after **April 6, 2012**, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- Any plans by a participant not to travel with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Director and the Study Away Office.
- The program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 15 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.