Course Name: School of Agriculture Internship in China

Course Number:
- AGR 399 Agriculture Experience in China, Section 001 (3 credit hours undergraduate)
- AGR 499 Agriculture Internship in China Section 032 (3 credit hours undergraduate)
- AGR 628 Advanced Agriculture Experience in China, Section 001 (3 credit hour graduate)
- AGR 718 Advanced Agriculture Internship in China, Section 006 (3 credit hours graduate)

Course Overview & Objectives:
Participants in this program will:
- Be able to describe general culture in China
- Be able to describe general agriculture and diet in China
- Be able to recognize international agricultural initiatives and contrast government support of agriculture in different countries
- Be able to understand the goals of the Ningxia Forestry Institute and its Key State Laboratory of the Seedling Bioengineering ornamental plant selection program and how the NFI is implementing research findings to the benefit of the general population
- Gain hands-on experience in the propagation and maintenance of Chinese ornamental plants
- Be able to describe the rising Ningxia grape and wine industry as well as the climateand growing conditions of vineyards in the area, recognize the major grape varieties grown and note the predominate wine types and styles

Program Fee: $3,050

Program Fee Includes: Airfare, lodging, some meals, admission fee to national parks, historic sites, and temples, Study Away student fee, and insurance.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, some meals, incidentals/misc. personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612/750 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate/graduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Online applications are due by February 20, 2015. A nonrefundable deposit of $450 will be billed to your student account. To apply:
- Go to the Study Away website
- Click Apply Now
- Click Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
- Click Simple Search
- Type in China under Program Name
- Click on School of Agriculture Internship in China
- Click on Apply Now

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid
Students may apply for the William H. Darr School of Agriculture Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 10, 2015. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.
Course Schedule & Itinerary

PRE-TRAVEL
May 4, 2015: Pre-trip Orientation (Dr. Wenping Qiu or Dr. Remley) 2 hours Geography of China, General Culture, Ornamental Plant Selection at the Ningxia Forestry Institute, and the Emerging Grape and Wine Industry in China.

STUDY TOUR
May 17, 2015: Depart Springfield.
May 18, 2015: Travel to China, arrive in Beijing, then arrive at Yinchuan, Ningxia.
May 19, 2015: Visit Ningxia Museum and downtown Yinchuan.
May 21, 2015: Work in the laboratory and celebrate with Chinese partners.
May 22, 2015: Work in commercial vineyards and winery.
May 23, 2015: Work in greenhouse.
May 24, 2015: Visit Ningxia University.
May 26, 2015: Work in greenhouses and visit partners' apartments.
May 27, 2015: Give presentations, discussion, relax and pack up, leave Yinchuan to Beijing.
May 28, 2015: Tour the Great Wall and Summer Palace.
May 29, 2015: Tour the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.
May 30, 2015: Relax, reflection and discussion.

POST-TRAVEL
May 31, 2015: Post-trip debriefing. Students enrolled in the AGR 499 will submit a journal kept on trip (graded) and complete an exit interview (not graded).

Course Credit & Requirements

Reflection Journal: Student enrolled in the 3 hour section will submit a journal kept on the trip (Graded). This daily reflection journal will include the influence of that day's activities regarding the objectives of the course. Students will discuss how the general education goals outlined have been met and list specific activities (at least one per goal) that address each goal. Grading will be equally weighed on content and organization of material. Graduate student will complete the same assignment as well as a 30+ slide Power Point with pictures from the trip.

Paper: Students enrolled in the 3 hour section level will have 10 page White Paper (Graded). Position paper with references for graduate students which will be at least 15 pages discussing the current status China’s agriculture.

Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by the Program Director may apply.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $450 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Feb. 20, 2015). You will receive a second billing on March 20, 2015 and a final billing on April 17, 2015, for the balance of the program fee ($2,600). MSU course tuition ($612/750) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $450 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Feb. 20, 2015. The balance of the program fee ($2,600) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by April 10, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612/750) is also due by April 10, 2015 and must be paid at the bursar’s office or on-line through my.missouristate.edu.

In order to ensure participation in this Study Away program, each student must pay the entire program fee by May 1, 2015. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by April 10, 2015 in order to stay enrolled in the program. Estimated program fees are 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% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to April 3, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $450 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student must withdraw after April 3, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $450 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 3, 2015 will receive no refund.
- When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.