Course Name: **Ceramics, Porcelain and the Culture of China**

Course Number: **ART 314**: Special Topics in Ceramics-Chinese Porcelain and Ceramics OR **IDS 397**: International Culture and Study Abroad-Chinese Culture and Ceramics

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate

**Course Overview & Objectives:**

Through travel, study, and “hands-on” studio experience, participants will learn about the rich, vibrant, and varied role ceramics has in the Chinese culture. This experience will allow participants to visit major cultural sites and cities as well as small towns to view how ceramics have been produced and used in historical and contemporary Chinese society. We will visit traditional and living history museums, tour factories that produce a plethora of ceramic products, ancient and contemporary kilns, and study with respected teachers and Masters to learn through “hands-on” experiences about historical and contemporary approaches to porcelain creation and decoration.

**Program Fee:** **$2,587.50**

**Program Fee Includes:** Lodging, some lunches/dinners, admission fees to activities in China, bus, train, and air transportation within China, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance, and access to private and/or public beaches; separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:** Round-trip airfare from the US to China, most meals, passport, ground transportation in Springfield, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit ($601.44). Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

**Applications are due by March 8, 2013. A nonrefundable deposit of $388 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

**Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid**

Study Away scholarship funds in variable amounts up to $2,000 are available to students studying abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time, degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA applying for an approved Study Away program. This may be a semester, summer, or short-term faculty led program offered during the terms listed above. Students must complete the application by February 19, 2013 to apply funds to this program.

**Interested in going?**

Contact the Program Director, Kevin W. Hughes, Department of Art & Design Assistant Department Head 417-836-5110 or KevinHughes@MissouriState.edu

**Informational Meetings in Ellis 303:**
November 19 - 6 p.m.
December 7 - 3 p.m.
January 18 - 3 p.m.
January 30 - 6 p.m.
February 4 - 6 p.m.
February 20 6 p.m.

**Application Due:**
March 8, 2013

**Depart Springfield for Shanghai:**
June 14, 2013

**Depart Shanghai for Springfield:**
July 14, 2013

**Post-Travel Meeting:**
TBA
Course Schedule & Itinerary

There will be one or two meetings prior to departure for orientation-related purposes. These meetings will be in Ellis Hall, Room 303, on Saturdays in April; dates and times are TBA. Students enrolled in either class will share the same itinerary of museum and culture site visits and “hands-on” experiences. Due to the small number of students required for the trip the program director will work individually with each student on their required research work.

STUDY TOUR

June 14, 2013: Depart Springfield for Shanghai.

June 16-19, 2013: Shanghai and Yixing for historical and contemporary uses of clay, ceramics, Chinese culture, and art.

June 20-26, 2013: Beijing and Xi’an for historical and contemporary uses of clay, ceramics, and Chinese culture.

June 27-29, 2013: Chengdu and Sanxingdui for historical and contemporary uses of clay, ceramics, and Chinese culture.

July 1-10, 2013: Jingdezhen for history, historical and contemporary, and “hands-on” experiences with Porcelain production, decoration, and firing.

July 11-13, 2013: Shanghai for historical and contemporary uses of clay, ceramics, Chinese culture, and art.

July 14, 2013: Depart Shanghai for Springfield.

POST-TRAVEL

Focus group regarding program evaluation and recommendations, reflection on the experience.

Course Credit & Requirements

Both courses will share the same grading components.

1. Exams: Two exams, one at the beginning of week 3 and the second at the end of week 4 covering materials presented during the first, second, and third, fourth weeks.

2. Short writings: This series of written reflections/responses will be required during the program. The writings will be collected at midterm and at the end of the program.

3. Visual Presentations: One week after we return from China each student will present a fifteen to thirty minute talk on a topic to be individually determined.


Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $388 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline March 8, 2013). You will receive a second billing on April 5, 2013 and a final billing on May 3, 2013, for the balance of the program fee ($2,199.50). MSU course tuition ($601.44) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $388 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline March 8, 2013). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee ($2,199.50) will be due by April 26, 2013. MSU course tuition ($601.44) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 31, 2013. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR’S OFFICE. 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 May 3, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $388 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.

• If a student is forced to withdraw after May 3, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $388 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.

• Students withdrawing voluntarily after May 3, 2013, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.

• Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.

• All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.

• This program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 8 participants. In this event, MSU students will receive a full refund.