

China

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Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Semester • June 23 - July 9, 2013

Course Name: **School of Agriculture Trip to China**

Course Number:

AGR 399 Agriculture Experience in China, CRN# 33279, Section 001 (1 credit hour undergraduate)

AGR 499 Agriculture Internship in China, CRN# 33278, Section 032 (2 credit hours undergraduate)

AGR 628 Advance Agriculture Experience in China, CRN# 32642, Section 001 (1 credit hour graduate)

AGR 718 Advanced Agriculture Internship in China, CRN# 33308, Section 006 (2 credit hours graduate)

Course Overview & Objectives:

Participants in this program will:

- To develop an awareness of cultural issues in China that impacts agriculture
- To interact with the Asian student population in an effort to study agriculture programs
- To study food production in this international environment that can impact the feeding of starving populations across the world
- To identify and discuss differences in food production efforts by developing and developed world governments
- To learn assessment techniques for evaluating international food production initiatives appropriate for rural and urban settings, respectively
- To identify and discuss political and ethical issues impacting agriculture services in the developing world as compared to the developed world
- Understand international agricultural initiatives and contrast government support of agriculture in different countries

Program Fee: **\$2,950**

Program Fee Includes: Round-trip airfare, lodging, some meals, admission fee to national parks, historic sites, and temples, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, some meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. \$200.48/400.96 undergraduate or \$242.00/484.00 graduate MSU tuition for 1 or 2 hours of credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Applications are due by April 1, 2013.

A **nonrefundable deposit of \$400 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Informational Meeting:

TBA

Application Due:

April 1, 2013

Depart Springfield for China:

June 23, 2013

Depart China for Springfield:

July 9, 2013

Post-Travel Meeting:

July 28, 2013

Interested in going?

Contact the Program Director, Jim Bellis, Assistant Director, William H. Darr School of Agriculture
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Study Away!

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Course Schedule & Itinerary

PRE-TRAVEL

June 3, 2013: Missouri State University – Pre-trip Orientation (Mr. Jim Bellis) 2 hours Geography of China, Agricultural zones, Farm Animals, and Crop Production in China.

STUDY TOUR

June 23-24, 2013: Depart Springfield, Mo., for Beijing, China. Travel to Yinchuan, Ningxia.

June 25, 2013: Working in greenhouse.

June 26, 2013: Working in the laboratory and celebration with Chinese partners.

June 27, 2013: Visit Vinyards

June 28, 2013: Visit Sand Lake.

June 29, 2013: Visit Ningxia Museum and downtown Yinchuan.

June 30-31, 2013: Visit Ningxia University.

July 1, 2013: Working in Yinchuan Botanical Garden.

July 2, 2013: Working in greenhouse and visiting partners.

July 3, 2013: Give presentations, discussions, and pack for travel.

July 4, 2013: Depart Yinchuan for Beijing.

July 5-6, 2013: Tour the Great Wall and Summer Palace.

July 7, 2013: Tour the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

July 8, 2013: Visit with agriculture officials in Beijing.

July 9, 2013: Depart Beijing for Springfield. Post-trip debriefing

POST-TRAVEL

Students enrolled in the AGR 499 will submit blog kept on trip by July 28, 2013 (graded) and complete and exit interview (not graded).

Course Credit & Requirements

Reflection Blog: Student enrolled in the two hour section will submission of blog kept on trip due July 28, 2013 (Graded) A daily reflection blog will be required which 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. Another purpose of the blog will be to communicate with family members and friends at home. Grading will be equally weighed on content and organization of material. Graduate student will complete the same assignment as well as a 30 or more page Power Point with pictures from the trip.

Paper: Students enrolled in the 1 hour section level students will have 10 page White Paper due by August 9, 2013 (Graded). Position paper with references for Graduate students which will be at least 15 pages discussing the current status agriculture in China.

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 **\$400** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline April 1, 2013). The remainder of the program fee (\$2,550) will be due by June 17, 2013. MSU course tuition (\$200.48/400.96 undergraduate or \$242.00/484.00 graduate MSU tuition for 1 or 2 hours of credit) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of **\$400** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline April 1, 2013). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee (\$2,550) and course tuition (\$200.48/400.96 undergraduate or \$242.00/484.00 graduate MSU tuition for 1 or 2 hours of credit) will be due by June 17, 2013.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY **JUNE 17, 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 June 3, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$400** deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after June 3, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the **\$400** deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after June 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.

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