

UH Faculty-led Summer Program
Study in Beijing, Travel to HeBei, TianJin China
July 4-August 7, 2018

Chinese Studies Program
Department of Modern and Classical Languages
College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, UH

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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THE CHINESE STUDIES Chinese Summer Program



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All the courses offered through this program will have the same curriculum as the courses offered on the UH campus. You can continue taking Chinese courses after returning to UH. Students need to petition if taking more than 6 hours.

This is a language immersion program! You will have the opportunity to improve your Chinese, learn about Chinese culture, and make friends with Chinese students via our Language Partner Program. The program is academically rigorous and culturally enriching. We will visit historical and cultural sites such as:

*Emperor's Summer Resort, Chengde, Hebei Province
Puning Lama Temple, Rehe River Park, Chengde
Happy Formars' Mountain Village, Huairou
The Great Wall, Tian Jin City Tour
The Forbidden City, The Summer Palace
The Temple of Heaven*



PROGRAM COST: \$1625 (Estimated)

Includes:

- Host college tuition
- Housing in hotel and foreign student dorm
- Tours and trips to Beijing, Tian jin , Chengde, and other cities.
- Several group meals
- China domestic travel expenses (round trip transportation from/to airport, bus or train to Hebei Province, and Tianjin.)
- Admission tickets for historical and culture sites, parks, and museums

Does not include: 1. International airfare; 2. UH Tuition & fees (UH fee discount up to \$500 for 2 courses); 3. CISI insurance card (\$50) purchased from Office of Learning Abroad.

Scholarships are available!

- <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/iefs/>
- www.class.uh.edu/mcl/chns

CALENDAR & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

02/22/18 Application (\$50.00 application fee, non-refundable)
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*After 5/20/2018, no refund for the program fee.

The Program Application:

<http://www.uh.edu/class/mcl/chinese/learning-abroad/>

The UH Learning Aboard Registration:

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/>

This program meets the learning abroad requirement of the Global Citizens Credential at UH!

It is mandatory to register and submit all required material to Learning Abroad Office:

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/>

E. W. Cullen Bldg. Suite 105

4302 University Dr.

Houston, TX 77204-2039

learningabroad@uh.edu

(713) 743-9167

It is mandatory to buy Health Insurance via UH Learning Abroad Office:

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) Student Insurance

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi/>

The UH Office of Learning Abroad

Students can find very useful information from the UH Office of Learning Abroad at

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/>

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/find-a-program/faculty-led-programs/>

You can find required documents at <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/>

Scholarships and Loans

You can apply for scholarships from the International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS) a Please check detail information for both scholarships from

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/scholarships/>

You may also apply for a scholarship from the Chinese Studies Program in MCL, UH. **The Shang-Zhih & Lucia Lee Wu Scholarship for Chinese Studies**

<https://www.uh.edu/class/mcl/chinese/scholarships/>

For Financial aid, please contact the University of Houston's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at

<http://www.uh.edu/about/offices/enrollment-services/financial-aid/>

Passport

If you do not have a valid passport, apply immediately. **Passport applications can be processed at many post offices or Learning Abroad Office at UH.** The following link will provide you information regarding passport application.

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/passport-for-coogs/>

http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html



Visa

All US citizen must obtain permission to enter China, you must apply for a Chinese visa. If you already have a Chinese visa with a multiple entry in 10 years, and the visa expiration date still valid during our summer program, you don't need to apply visa for this trip. To obtain the visa, you need to go to the Chinese Consulate in Houston to apply. When applying for a visa, you need to submit the following materials:

1. Passport: Your passport must be valid for at least another six months and have at least one blank visa page in it.
2. Application form: one completed Visa Application Form. You can download the visa application form and check visa application requirements from the following links:

<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/>

or

<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/P020130903788901728372.pdf>

3. Photos: one recent passport style color photo, 2x2 inches, glue or tape on the application form. Photo Requirements for Chinese Visa Application
<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/t1448271.htm>
4. Please fill out the form on your computer and print it. Do not hand-write. Follow the given instructions. This is very important; otherwise the consulate will not accept your form. Here is the link for instructions:

5. <http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/t1251839.htm>
<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/t1251844.htm#J2>

6. Visa Fees, Processing Time & Payments:

<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/t1251846.htm>

7. Visa Requirements:

Please select a visa category based on your purpose of visit to China and click the category code to see detailed requirements. You can choose visa type L, X2, or Q2.

<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/t1251844.htm>

An invitation letter from The Host University (The Chinese Studies Program will email you this letter once we receive it from the host university; you need to take the letter to the consulate for your visa if you apply on your own.). It seems they only give you one year with multiple entries with this invitation letter, if you have a family member or friend invite you to stay with them, you can apply for 10 years with multiple entries. Please read the instructions.

The Chinese Consulate of Houston

3417 Montrose Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77006

Phone: 7135201462; Fax: 7135213064

Website: <http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/>

E-mail: info@chinahouston.org

Hours: 9:00-11:30a.m; 1:30-3:00p.m.M-F

Email: visa@chinahouston.org

Information for non-U.S. citizens

Non-U.S. citizens should contact the International Student Office of UH to get related information. **Re-entry Permits:** In most cases, a re-entry permit is needed to travel abroad **if you are not a U. S. citizen and do not have a US passport or Green Card.** Re-entry permits can take a long time for processing. Initiate your re-entry permit application as soon as possible. Please contact the International Student Office of UH to get related information.

OISSS website: <http://www.uh.edu/oiss/>



Packing

Please remember to bring the following items with you.

1. **Text Books and study materials**
2. **Your UH student ID**
3. **Your Culture Insurance Services International (CISI) Card (as Health Insurance)**
4. **2 passport photos for a local student ID in Beijing**
5. **First Aid Kit**---Band-aids, Imodium AD, Neosporin, Tylenol, pills for diarrhea and cough. If you are taking any medication (like for allergies, asthma or other kind), please take plenty supply for

the trip. Please consult your doctor if you have serious medical condition that prevents you from travel.

6. Your passport with visa or green card (also make a copy for photo and visa page)
7. One shower towel and one roll of toilet paper

Please pack as light as possible. Carry what is essential for you. It is hot but not so humid in Beijing!

Students can find general travel information from UH Learning Abroad at

General packing tips: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/students/student-resources/>

Health & Safety: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/>

Arrangements to and from Houston Continental Airport

You need to make arrangements to and from airport by yourself. We will all meet at the airport before boarding the airplane!

Regulations in China:

1. This program integrates culture activities into academic courses. Students must take minimum one course.
2. Students may not travel by themselves and/or be away from the host campus for more than 16 hours. Please see the Contract.
3. Please be on time for classes and all the activities organized by the program. Your absence and tardiness in classes and trips will affect your overall course grades. Departures for trips and activities will be punctual. If you do not appear on time, we assume that you choose not to go.
4. Students must comply with rules and regulations of the Host University and hotels. A deposit is required from each student for the dormitory room. It will be refunded upon checking out if nothing is damaged in the room.
5. Students must buy the CISI.
6. Students must submit a copy of their passport (first page and visa page) to Learning Abroad via your study abroad account.
7. Late fees will be charged if the application or the program cost payment is late.
8. The program fee is nonrefundable after 5/20/2018
9. Students must sign the Contract stating they will comply with the rules above at the orientation before the trip.

Please do not believe that you will automatically receive grades of As and Bs by studying in China. You must earn these grades.

Host College: Beijing Qingnian Zhengzhi Xueyuan 北京青年政治学院 Beijing Youth Politics College (BJYPC). Address: 北京朝阳区花家地街 9 号 No.9 Huajiadi Jie, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China. Tele 010 647 25626

BJYPC is located in the Northeast of Beijing, the area between the High-Tech District and Central Business District. It is well known for its nice campus with modern equipment and conditions. It is a large undergraduate junior college with excellent sports and recreational facilities. BJYPC is international. It has many international exchange programs and training centers.

Room, Board, Telecommunications, and Banking

Students will stay in the Foreign Student Dormitory on campus and in a hotel when traveling. Two to three students will share one room. Each room is equipped with a TV, WiFi, twin beds, a bathroom with shower and toilet, etc. The room is air conditioned.

Several lunches and dinners are incorporated into the program-organized activities. There are many cafeterias and restaurants around the dorm and hotel. Grocery stores are easily accessible for fresh fruit and daily necessities. Western fast food restaurants are in the distance of 10-minute walk.

The room is air conditioned. Students will need to sign up a WeChat network account to communicate each other and to communicate with their family in US.

You need take your own cell phone with you, please make sure to unlock your phone code in order to use it in China. You need to install a WeChat account before leave for China to communicate with one another and with your family in US. Beijing is 13 hours ahead of Houston in summer. So, the best time that your family calls you is 8:00am to 10:00am in Houston time which is 9:00pm to 11:00pm in Beijing. Your family also have to have a WeChat account to call you.

Banks are available around campus. You can exchange money in the bank.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the Program Cost include tuition for the classes?

The tuition and fees from the host university are covered. UH tuition and fees are not covered. UH will send a bill to you after we register for the courses you wish to take in the study abroad program. Students receive a discount from UH.

Does the Program Cost include meals?

Several lunches are incorporated into the group activities. Food in China is inexpensive. There are many cafeterias and little restaurants around campus for you to explore. Grocery stores, McDonald's, KFCs, Subway, etc. are very close to the campus. The food in the campus cafeteria is very good and inexpensive.

Do I have to sign the contract of Agreement and Medical Release Form?

Yes. It is required. You **must** do so and return it to the Chinese Program..

Tours and Excursions

Historical Sites and Performances

Aside from the educational and academic value of the program, we organize tours for students to visit several cities, historical sites, parks, and museums at the beginning of the program and each weekend.

Forbidden City

The Forbidden City, also called the Purple Forbidden City or Gugong Museum in Chinese, is located in the center of Beijing, PRC. The Forbidden City was built between 1406 and 1420 during the Ming Dynasty. It had been imperial home of 24 emperors of the Ming(1368-1644) and Qing(1644-1911) dynasty. From their throne in the Forbidden City, they governed the country by holding court sessions with their ministers, issuing imperial edicts and initiating

military expeditions. After the Republican Revolution in 1911, the youngest and last emperor of the Qing Dynasty, then still a child, abdicated the next year. The emperor, his family and their entire entourage were allowed to stay in the palace.

They were finally expelled by Republican troops in 1924. It has been the Gugong Museum since 1950 and opened to the public. The Forbidden City is one of the largest and best-preserved palace complexes in the world. There are over a million rare and valuable objects in the Museum.



The Great Wall

The Great Wall is one of the architectural wonders of the world, a triumph of engineering, which has in the course of time won the name “a spectacle of the universe”. Its total length is more than 3,000 miles. It was first built about 2,500 years ago, during the Warring States period, and then extended and fortified in the subsequent dynasties—the Qin, Han, and Ming. Typicality of the Great Wall is the section at Badaling, a strategically important point and a hub of communication in the mountainous region north of Beijing since ancient times. This section, once a component part of the northern defense system of the Ming Dynasty, winds its way like a flying dragon among the steep mountains outside the Juyong Pass, having a height of 6-7 meters, and a width great enough for five horses to march abreast. There is a museum at this section now. The Juyong Pass was listed as one of the scenic highlights in the area of the ancient capital for its rolling green hills. Scenic spots near the pass are Guancheng of the Min Dynasty and Yuntai of the Yuan Dynasty, which are well known for their stone carvings.



The Temple of Heaven

Situated in the southern suburbs of Beijing, the temple was the site where emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties offered their sacrifices to heaven, praying for bumper harvests. It is the largest existing architectural complex for imperial sacrificial ceremonies in China, covering an area of 2.7 million square meters. The complex consists of the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, the Circular Altar and the Abstinence Hall. The Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest is 38m tall, cone-shaped and with three tiers of eaves, is supported by pillars standing in three rings-the inner, middle and outer rings-representing respectively the four seasons, the twelve months, and the twelve two-hour periods. At the southern end of the God's path in front of the hall stands the Circular Altar, where the sacrificial ceremony was held, and the Echo Wall, which greatly adds to the mystery of the altar, suggesting that a dialogue was going on between the emperor and heaven.

The entire temple was built in 1420 without a single nail.



The Summer Palace

Yi He Yuan, or the Summer Palace, is the best-kept existing royal garden in Beijing. With a concentration of the best of ancient buildings, it is also a virtual museum of traditional Chinese gardening. The Summer Palace was first named the Garden of Clear Ripples, which was burnt down by the allied forces of Great Britain and France in 1860. Reconstruction started 25 years later and was completed in 1895, and the name was changed to give it Yiheyuan (Garden of Good Health and Harmony). The design gives prominence to the Longevity Hill and the Kunming Lake. The total area is 290 hectares.



Faculty-led Chinese Summer Study Abroad Program, MCL, CLASS, UH
APPLICATION FORM

Name (Exactly the same as on your passport):

Last Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ First Name: _____

UH ID: _____ Passport #: _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

Email: Note: students will be contacted by email. Please make sure that you give a working email address. _____ Birthday: _____

Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Person to contact in an emergency: _____ Phone: _____

Race or ethnic origin (Optional, for statistical purposes only), Please Check:

African American/Black __, American Native __, Asian __, Hispanic __, Pacific Islander __
White __

Country of your citizenship: _____

Current UH Status: First year _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate Student _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Overall GPA _____ GPA in Chinese _____

Chinese Language Background: _____

Please check 1 to 3 courses (see note 1) you plan to take

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Note:

- All the higher level courses fulfill Chinese Minor or Major Requirements.
 - UH grants 2 courses / 6 credit hours for one summer session. You must petition to your major department if you want to receive credits for 3 courses / 9 credit hours. In the past, these petitions have been granted.
 - Since this is a UH faculty-led program, you will receive a certain UH fee discount if taking two courses.
1. Are you allergic to any foods? Please provide a specific list. ("Allergies" is a medical term).

2. Do you have any other allergies in addition to food as specified above?

3. Do you have any health restrictions that may affect your ability to participate in some of the activities in China?

4. Do you suffer from anxiety, insomnia or other disorders that may affect your mood /wellbeing while in China?

5. Do you smoke? (when allowed, smoking is absolutely restricted to outdoor areas)

This application form must be submitted together with the following documents:

- 1) **Health Disclosure Form** <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/>
- 2) **CISI Insurance** <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/> (can submit later if don't have it now)
- 3) **Photocopy of Passport** (can submit later if don't have it now)

IMPORTANT NOTE

1. In addition to this form, all the participants **must** also complete a Learn Abroad registration with the Office of Learning Abroad by April, 24, 2018: <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/start-here/> You must submit all the forms required, including CISI: Cultural Insurance Services International:

<http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/health/cisi/> and the following forms:

- 1) **Image Release Form**
- 2) **Release and Indemnification Form**
- 3) **Conduct Affidavit**
- 4) **Learning Abroad GPA Waiver** (If GPA is 2.0 to 2.499)
- 5) **Health Disclosure Form**
- 6) **CISI Insurance**
- 7) **Photocopy of Passport**

2. If you do not have a passport, UH provides "Passport for Coogs"! Check if your passport is valid if you currently have one. <http://www.uh.edu/learningabroad/passport-for-coogs/>

3. This program meets the learning abroad requirement of the Global Citizens Credential at UH!

4. Scholarship from UH and the Chinese Studies Program are available. Be aware of the application deadlines for the scholarships (See the deadlines below)

5. Timeline and due days:

- 02/22/18 Application (\$50.00 application fee, non-refundable)
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PROGRAM AGREEMENT

(Please turn it in with program application)

The Chinese Summer Study Abroad Program in MCL is a UH-sponsored educational program. It offers

an opportunity for students to study Chinese language and culture, and explore career development, in

China. The program is academically vigorous and culturally enriching.

I, _____, will abide by the regulations as stated in the Chinese Summer Study Abroad Program Handbook, and will follow all the university guidelines and procedures as outlined by

the University of Houston Systems Administration. I also understand that any behavior deemed in appropriate during this visit is subject to disciplinary action by the University of Houston upon our return to the United States. In any and all cases of misconduct or non-compliance with program requirements while in China, I may be subject to disciplinary action which include, but may not be limited to, early expulsion from the program, non-eligibility for course credit from the University of Houston, and non-eligibility for participation in the future in this program sponsored by the Chinese Studies Program, Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

I, _____, understand that neither the University of Houston nor the Department of Modern and Classical Languages will be held liable for any accidents or cases of physical negligence for the duration of our travel to, from, and throughout China from July 4, 2018 to August 7, 2018.

_____, _____
Participant's Signature Date

Please submit the form to your Chinese course instructor, or to place it in Jing Zhang's mail box by the MCL department coordinator in 613AH.