

UH Faculty-led Summer Program
Study in Beijing, Travel to HeBei, TianJin China
July 8-August 10, 2014

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

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THE CHINESE STUDIES Chinese Summer Program



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Students from schools and universities other than UH are warmly welcomed!

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 while visiting historical and cultural sites such as:

*Puning Lama Temple, Chengde, Hebei Province
Rehe River Park, Chengde, Hebei Province
Black Dragon Pool, Qinglong Gorge, Miyun, Beijing
Mu Tian Yu Great Wall, Tian Jin City Tour
The Forbidden City, The Summer Palace
The Temple of Heaven*

COURSES

You may take up to 3 courses (9 credit hrs) toward the UH Chinese major / minor.

- CHNS 1398: Elementary Chinese
- CHNS 2301: Intermediate Chinese I
- CHNS 2302: Intermediate Chinese II
- CHNS 3301: Advanced Chinese I
- CHNS 3302: Advanced Chinese II
- CHNS 4301: Public Speaking
- CHNS 4302: Integrated Chinese
- CHNS 3350: Chinese Culture through Films
- CHNS 3352: Chinese Culture and Society thru Modern Lit.
- CHNS 3398: Chinese Culture through History

*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 hrs.***

PROGRAM COST: \$1585

Includes:

- 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 & museums

Does not include: 1. International airfare; 2. UH Tuition & fees (UH fee discount up to \$500!); 3. International student ID (around \$22).



CALENDAR & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 02/14/14* Application (**\$50.00 application fee**, non-refundable)
- 03/7/14 Mandatory orientation
- 03/17/14 Airfare due (not included in the package)
- 04/11/14 Program fee due
- 05/02/14 International Student I.D. must be obtained
- 07/08/14 Leave for Beijing
- 08/10/14 Return to Houston

*After 02/14/14 late fee charges will be added.

Scholarships are available!

For more information and application forms

Please visit www.class.uh.edu/mcl/chns
or e-mail xwen@uh.edu, jzhang5@uh.edu
cmmcarthur@uh.edu or yqin8@Central.UH.EDU

Passport

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

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



Visa

In order to obtain permission to enter China, you must apply for a Chinese visa. You can go to the Chinese Consulate in Houston to apply for a visa by yourself. The Chinese Studies Program will handle the visa application for you if you submit all the documents on time. When applying for a visa, you need to submit the following materials:

1. Passport: Your passport must be valid for at least another six (6) 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 link:

<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/t674824.htm> or

<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/12345/P020130903788901728372.pdf>

3. Photos: 2 recent passport style color photos, 2x2 inches, glued or stapled on the application form.
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:

<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/vp/zgqz/t1070951.htm>

5. Visa fees for regular service:

Number of Entry	U.S.Citizens	Citizens of 3 rd Countries
Single Entry	\$140	\$30
Double Entries	\$140	\$45
Multiple Entries for 6 Months	\$140	\$60
Multiple Entries for 12 Months or more	\$140	\$90

6. An invitation letter from 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.)

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.

ISSSO website: <http://www.issso.uh.edu/>



Packing

Please remember to bring the following items with you.

- 1. Text books and study materials**
- 2. Your UH student ID**
- 3. Your International Student Identity 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.
6. Your passport with visa, green card (make copies)
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!

General packing tips: <http://www.uh.edu/studyabroad/Packing.htm>

Students can find general travel information from UH OSPI at
<http://www.uh.edu/studyabroad/> ; <http://uh.edu/studyabroad/Calc.htm>

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 at least 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 comply with all UH rules and regulations. Please see UH Student Handbook for more details.
6. Students must buy an ISIC: International Student Identity Card (about \$25) and submit a copy of the card info to the MCL dept. by 5/1/2014. Students may buy the card from the UC Business Center, UH, or at OISP, or online at www.myISIC.com, or call 888-920-5985 or 469-453-8020, option #1.
7. Students must submit a copy of their passport (first page and visa page) to MCL.
8. Late fees will be charged if the application or the program cost payment is late.
9. The program fee is nonrefundable after 6/1/2014

10. 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 University, Beijing Qingnian Zhengzhi Xueyuan (BJYPC)

BJYPC is located in the Northeast of Beijing, the area between the Hi-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, telephone, internet cable, 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.

You can make international calls in your room by using a phone card. Phone cards can be purchased at stores on campus. You can take your own cell phone with you, but you need buy a SIM card in China. Please make sure to unlock your phone code in order to use it in China. You might want your family or friend to call you from US because phone calls from China to US are much more expensive than from US to China. 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. You also can communicate with your family using Skype.

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

Scholarships and Loans

You can apply for scholarships from the International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS) or Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce Scholarship(HJCC) for Study Abroad from UH. Please check detail information for both scholarships from: <http://www.uh.edu/studyabroad/Scholar.htm> You may also apply for a scholarship from the Chinese Program in the Dept. of MCL, UH.

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 \$250 fee discount for the first course and another \$250 for the second course 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 main office of MCL, 613AH.

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) dynasties. 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 gives to 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

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ UH ID # _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____ Gender: M ___ F ___

Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Person to contact in an emergency: _____ Phone: _____

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 (All the higher level courses fulfill Chinese Minor or Major):

- _____ CHNS 1398: Elementary Chinese
- _____ CHNS 2301: Intermediate Chinese I
- _____ CHNS 2302: Intermediate Chinese II
- _____ CHNS 3301: Advanced Chinese I
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- _____ CHNS 3398: Chinese Culture through History

Please submit the form to your Chinese course instructor or to Rishika, the MCL department coordinator in 613AH.

NOTE:

1. UH generally 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.
2. Since this is a UH faculty-led program, you will receive a \$500 UH fee discount if taking two courses. \$250 if taking one course.
3. The program fee due date is 4/11/2014. Late fee charges will be applied after the due day.
4. ISIC: International Student Identity Card (about \$22) is required. Submit the card info. to Rishika, the MCL department coordinator, by 5/5/08. Students may buy ISIC from UC Business Center, online at www.myISIC.com or call at 1-800-209-0425.
5. The program fee is nonrefundable after 6/10/2014.

Contract

(Please turn in with program application)

The Program of Study in Beijing, summer 2014 from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, CLASS is a UH sponsored educational program designed to provide all students to study Chinese language, culture, and explore career development in China. It is an academically rigorous and culturally enriching program.

I, _____, understand that as a representative of the University of Houston in China, I am to abide by the regulations as stated in the Study Chinese in Beijing Program Handbook, and to follow all university guidelines and procedures as outlined by the University of Houston Systems Administration. I also understand that the behavior deemed inappropriate 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 of program requirements while in China, the student may be subject to disciplinary action which include, but may not be limited to, early expulsion from the study in Beijing 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 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 8, 2014 to August 10, 2014.

Participant's Signature

Date

Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages Representative

Date

Required forms (continue)

UH Office of International Studies and Program(OISP) requires students to submit the following forms, please download from the links. You can submit to Dr. Wen's mail box in the MCL department, 613AH. We will submit all forms to OISP for students.

<http://uh.edu/studyabroad/Faculty%20Led%20Programs.htm>

You can find all forms link at the bottom of the page. For your convenience, the forms with * are posted at the end of this handbook:

1. [Health Disclosure Form](#)*
2. [Consent to Release Information](#) (notarize at OISP)*
3. [Authorization for Use of Image, Voice, Performance or Likeness](#)*
4. [State Registration Form](#)
5. Submit to OISP a copy of your Passport page and Visa (if applicable)
6. Get your ISIC Card and submit a copy

University of Houston Scholarships

1. **International Education Fund Scholarship (IEFS)**
Apply online: <http://uh.edu/studyabroad/scholarship/newapp.php>
2. **Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce Scholarship(HJCC)**
Apply online: <http://uh.edu/studyabroad/hjccscholarship/HJCC.html>

Both Scholarships are available to All UH Students who have completed 12 Hours of course work. Deadline is MARCH 1. For information and to download the application forms please go to:

<http://www.uh.edu/studyabroad/Scholar.htm>

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/>

3. **The Shang-Zhih & Lucia Lee Wu Scholarship for Chinese Studies Abroad**
Sponsored by the Chinese Studies Program, MCL, CLASS, UH. The application form is on next page.

UH Faculty-led Summer Program in China
The Shang-Zhih & Lucia Lee Wu Scholarship for Chinese Studies Abroad

**If you are interested, submit this form with the Study Abroad Program Application
no later than Feb. 14th, 2014.**

The scholarship is largely merit-based and is limited.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ UH ID _____

Current Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Permanent Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Current UH Classification: First year ____, Sophomore ____, Junior ____, Senior ____, Graduate ____.

Courses you have taken on or related to Chinese/Asian language and culture studies:

Your Overall UH GPA _____

Overall GPA of the courses from Minor or Major in Chinese Studies _____

Your aspiration for the scholarship (approximately 200 words, Feel free to use the back of the page).



(Please turn in with program application)
501 Ezekiel W. Cullen Building, Houston, Texas 77204-2039
Tel. 713-743-9167 Fax. 713.743.9196

HEALTH DISCLOSURE

In the event of any medical emergency (physical or mental), the student hereby grants to UH or any of its representatives on the Program the full authority to take any action deemed necessary to protect student's mental or physical health and safety at student's own expense, including, but not limited to, placing student under the care of a doctor or in a hospital or any place for medical examination and/or treatment or returning the student to the United States at student's own expense if such return is deemed necessary after consultation with medical authorities. In the event student is returned to the United States, the student shall not recover any money paid for and in connection with the Program. Student agrees UH is not required to take any such actions if it is not aware of the emergency or in its discretion determines no emergency exists. Should the need arise, UH, OISP representative is authorized to provide any personal information of student to any health care provider.

Please read these forms and follow all instructions for completion. FULL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED. The information on these forms will assist health care providers in the event of a medical emergency. It is very important that this is completed fully and accurately. If a section is not applicable, enter N/A.

Medical insurance is highly recommended for course participation. Health care providers may require proof of ability to pay for services before services are rendered. If you do not have health insurance, trip insurance may be purchased from an independent insurance agency. If you purchase temporary health insurance, you must provide the name of the carrier and the policy number in the blank provided. Please consult Macorie Inc., Student Insurance Agency.

Primary Care Physician:

Name: _____ Office Phone: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Please use this space to inform OISP on your medications in use at present. Please specify special requirements if any.

I verify that all information in this health disclosure is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

DATE

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF IMAGE, VOICE, PERFORMANCE OR LIKENESS
(Please turn in with program application)

I, (printed name) _____ do permit and authorize the University of Houston (University) and its employees, agents, and personnel who are acting on behalf of the University to use my photograph or other likeness for purposes related to the educational mission of the University, including publicity, marketing, and promotion of the University and its various programs without compensation to me. I understand my photograph or likeness and voice may be copied and distributed by means of various media, including video presentations, simultaneous television, rebroadcast, radio distribution or retransmission, news bulletin, mailouts, billboards or signs, brochures, placement on University websites, other electronic delivery, or publications. I acknowledge that the University has the right to make one or more photographs, audio recordings, videotape or disk presentations, or other electronic reproductions of my image, voice or performance in accordance with this agreement. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, or any material in which the University may eventually use the photographs.

I relinquish and give the University all rights, title and interests in and to the photographs, including any copyright therein. This consent and release shall be binding upon my heirs, successors, assigns, and legal representations.

I understand that, although the University will endeavor to use my photograph or likeness in accordance with standards of good judgment, the University cannot warrant or guarantee that any further dissemination of my photograph or likeness will be subject to University supervision or control. Accordingly, I release the University from any and all liability related to dissemination of my photograph or likeness, reproduction, distribution, and display of the photographs in print or any and all other media, and any alteration, distortion or illusionary effect, whether intentional or otherwise, in connection with said use. I also understand that I may not withdraw my permission for the use of any photos or other likeness at any time in the future.

I have read and understand the conditions of this consent form.

Signature _____ Age (if minor) _____ Date _____

Printed or Typed Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

CONSENT OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIRED IF ABOVE INDIVIDUAL IS A MINOR

I am the parent and/or guardian of the above minor and hereby consent and agree to the foregoing terms and provisions on his or her behalf.

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed or Typed Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____