

China

MAY 10 – JULY 7, 2012

Application Deadline

February 15, 2012

Cost

Approximately \$5,300

Payment Schedule

- Non-refundable \$150 deposit due March 1st, 2012 (make check payable to the University of Richmond, designated China Study Abroad Program, and submit with your application) Payments are paid in the Student Accounts office.
- 1st payment due March 15
- Final payment due April 15

Beijing

Beijing has been a capital city for China for the last 800 years. Its rich heritage manifests itself in historical sites, museums, and daily life. Ancient wonders, such as the Forbidden City and the Great Wall coexist with modern marvels like the Bird's Nest. Beijing is not only China's political and cultural center, it is also a cosmopolitan city where people from every corner of the world live, do business, and interact.

Program

SSA at China Studies Institute is a unique program designed for UR students who have taken at least one year of college-level Chinese. We especially recommend this program for students who will have just completed CHIN 102 or CHIN 202 or CHIN 302. After an initial placement test, students will be placed in small groups and taught by the by the talented CSI faculty. Most students will complete 2 units (2 semesters) of Chinese in 8 weeks. Thus, returning SSA participants should be able to advance a full year (201-202 or 301-302, resp.) over the summer.

The eight-week summer study begins with five weeks of intensive daily instruction in Chinese language, and concludes with three weeks of continued Chinese language instruction alongside a fascinating short course (taught in fluent English by Dr. Sun) called "China in Transformation." The program includes eleven field trips and excursions to places of interest in Beijing and its surroundings. Students will visit the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, 798 Art Village, the city markets, Lama Temple, and other historic and cultural sites, all under the guidance of CSI faculty who help provide linguistic and cultural context.

Program Directors

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Housing

Students will be housed in the dorms of the suburban Peking University campus, in double or triple occupancy rooms equipped with private bath, air conditioning, TV, internet access and phone. The experienced CSI staff is always available to help students with daily concerns.

Orientation

There will be a short orientation sessions on campus before the trip. There is a full onsite orientation for students as soon as they arrive in Beijing.

Courses

Students will get 2.5 units of academic credit for the following courses:

- 2 units for CHIN 201-202, CHIN 301-302, CHIN 401-402, depending on incoming proficiency.
- .5 unit for China in Transformation: elective credit towards the Chinese Studies minor or major.

What's Included

- 2.5 units
- pick-up service from airport
- on-site orientation and residential support from CSI staff
- use of onsite internet and TV services
- faculty-led field trips and excursions both within the city and beyond
- welcome and farewell dinners

All dates and costs are approximate and subject to change as are program details. The University of Richmond reserves the right to alter the program costs as a result of fluctuations of international currency.

- eleven field trips and weekend excursions
- on-site supervision by program director

What's Not Included

- roundtrip airfare
- most meals

Scholarship money

Students are encouraged to apply for the Holt summer scholarships, which award roughly \$1800 - \$2000 to qualified students. See <http://mlc.richmond.edu/program/awards.html> (note that the updated Holt application form does include Czech Republic and Beijing, China as eligible programs)

Directors:

Dr. Youli Sun, Academic Director of China Studies Institute, Dr. Yvonne Howell, Chair, Department of Modern Literatures and Cultures

Dr. Youli Sun has a PhD from the University of Chicago and has taught courses on Chinese cultural history and Chinese foreign relations at many US universities since 1988. Dr. Sun founded the China Studies Institute as an affiliation between American University and Peking University. He now serves as the permanent resident Director of CSI in Beijing.

As Chair of the MLC department at the University of Richmond, Dr. Howell currently oversees the growth of the Chinese Studies program and works with Dr. Sun in developing high quality study abroad programming.



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