Semester in China
Education Track
Spring Semester 2015

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Dates

* The spring semester in China begins March 9, 2015. Students will need to arrive in China approximately one week before classes begin.
* The semester will end sometime around the first week in July.

Purpose

* To learn some Mandarin Chinese
* To learn about doing business with the Chinese.
* To broaden your world view and cultural understanding.
* To develop valuable career skills.
* To travel the world and make new friends.
* To promote the mutual understanding between the young people of the U.S. and China.

Eligibility

* Any SC graduate or undergraduate education student. Three students are needed.

Language Requirement

* Previous knowledge of Chinese is not required.
* Beginning, intermediate, and advanced courses will be offered.
* Courses are taught by experienced teachers of Mandarin Chinese.
* Students will be given a placement examination soon after arrival.

Classes

* Students will take 12 hours. The hours will consist of Chinese language and culture classes and online education classes from Southwestern.
* Students will enroll in 12 hours using Self-Service during course selection that begins on October 27.
* Students will visit local schools during the semester to learn about the Chinese education system.
* Students will have the opportunity to teach English.

Preparation

* Dr. George Gangwere will help students prepare for their semester in China with weekly meetings during the fall semester. George and his wife lived and taught at Huangshan University for a semester on two different occasions.
* Emily Tilton, a Southwestern College junior, spent last spring at Huangshan University, and will be available to answer questions about the program from a student’s point of view.
* A visiting teacher from Huangshan University is here at Southwestern this semester and is available to answer questions.

The School

* Students will be living and studying on the campus of Huangshan University. The university has a student population of about 17,000 students.
* The campus is a gated community with security guards at the entrances.

The Dormitory

* Students will be living in the International Student Dormitory with other international students.
* The classrooms for the international students are located inside the dormitory.
* Each dorm room has two single beds, two study desks, western style bathroom with shower, air conditioning, and wi-fi.
* Each floor of the dormitory has a full kitchen.
* Washing machines are available.
* The dorm has a house mother who screens the people entering the dorm and locks the front doors at night.

Food

* Students may choose to eat in the school cafeteria, cook in the kitchen of the dorm, or eat at one of the many little restaurants near campus.
* Tunxi has a KFC and a Pizza Hut.

The Town of Tunxi

* Huangshan University is located in the town of Tunxi which has a population of about 130,000 people.
* Tunxi is a tourist town, catering to Chinese and international tourists from around the world.
* Tunxi has a well preserved ancient street lined with buildings from the Qing and Ming dynasties.
* Ancient Street has restaurants, bars, and outdoor cafes.

Activities

* The beautiful Huangshan Mountains, a UNESCO World Heritage site, are about an hour north of town.
* Two well preserved ancient villages, Xidi and Hongcun, are less than an hour away and are also UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Host Parent

* Each student will have a Chinese host mother or father who speaks English.
* The host parent will acquaint the student with the campus and the town.
* The host parent will help the student adjust to Chinese culture.

Health Issues

* Each student will be covered by Southwestern’s international travel policy.
* Each student will have Chinese health insurance.
* The host parent will accompany the student if he or she needs to see a doctor.
* The host parent will help the student acquire any needed medications.
* Medications in China are very inexpensive.

Cost of the Program

* Each student will receive a $1,500 scholarship from Southwestern College.
* Each student will receive a $1,660 scholarship from the Chinese government.
* The two scholarships will pay for the student’s roundtrip airfare to China, Huangshan University tuition, and room and board.
* The estimated costs of the program are shown below.

Southwestern College Semester Tuition for 12 hours: 12,343

Huangshan University tuition: 510
Huangshan University room (single): 451
Estimated roundtrip air from Wichita – Beijing – Huangshan: 1,700
Chinese health insurance: 65

Total China trip fee: 2,726

Chinese government scholarship: (1,660)
Southwestern College Semester in China scholarship: (1,500)
Average Southwestern College institutional aid (0.60\*2,500): (1,500)

Total aid: (4,660)

Costs not part of China trip fee

Food in China: 800
Chinese language textbooks: 45
Passport fees: 140
Chinese visa fees: 160

Total additional costs (estimate): 1,145

Total cost for going to China (estimate): 11,554

Average cost for staying on SC Campus (includes $550 for textbooks): 11,735

Difference: (181)