CHINA: GLOBAL AGING AND SOCIAL POLICIES

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Maymester Study Abroad Program
May 14 - 28, 2017

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Program Description

Global Aging and Social Policies—Study Abroad China program is a May semester course that integrates book learning with real world experiences. The first week of class in the May semester will be held at GSU downtown campus to provide a background knowledge regarding issues of demography, global aging, and social policies in the contexts of the U.S. and Chinese cultures and societies. Students will read and discuss comparatively about work and retirement, pension and social insurance, social services and long term care in both China and the U.S. Each student will prepare a power point presentation of a site visit of an aging service organization in Atlanta and will present in class before heading to China at the end of the one-week class. And this presentation will be shared with Chinese students in Beijing and Chengdu.

In the second week, students will be visiting Renmin University in Beijing, attending classes, conferences in Beijing on issues of aging and long term care. Students will also travel to visit the Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, etc. In the third week, students will spend one-week in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. Our GSU students will be paired with students at the Southwestern University of Finance & Economics to learn and discuss major social policies affecting aging and long term care. Plenty of opportunities will be provided for students to travel and site-seeing independently and with Chinese students.

Application Information

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences. Program Size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the program Director. Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application.

Transient Students: please see the Transient Student tab on the How to Apply page on our website.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2016
TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

Atlanta, GA

May 8-12th: on campus at GSU, classroom learning.
May 14th Sunday, heading to China, arriving on 15th Monday in Beijing

Beijing, China

May 16- May 21
Sites: Renmin University, the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, and Forbidden City, Summer Palace, etc.

Chengdu, China

May 22 to May 26
Sites: Southwestern University of Finance & Economics, Panda Reservation Center, Local tourist sites.
May 27: Flight to Beijing, spend the night in Beijing before departure
May 28: Return to the U.S

Courses and Credits
This program fulfills two course goals—Soci/Geron 4116/8116, Global Aging and Social Policies, and Soci 3390/Geron 4700 or Soci 8900 & Geron 8700, Directed Reading: Aging Cultures and Societies. The total of 6 course credits at Georgia State University. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $2200 PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. An additional $1400 for airplane tickets and $200-500 out-of-pocket expenditure is anticipated for a total cost of approximately $4000. Non-resident/out of state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost. For more information on what the program cost does and does not include, please visit:
http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=ZhanChina

Scholarships & Financial Aid
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit
http://mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/funding-study-abroad or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 to learn more about scholarships & financial aid for study abroad.

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