

CHINA: GLOBAL AGING AND SOCIAL POLICIES IN CHINA

Maymester Study Abroad Program: May 15-29 2016

Sponsored by the Departments of Sociology

6 Credit Units

The Program

This study abroad program integrates book learning with real world experiences in both China and the U.S. The first week of the May semester will be held at GSU 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, pensions 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 it 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 Xian.

In the second week, students will be visiting Renmin University in Beijing, attending classes and lectures on campus at Renmin University. At the end of the week, students will participate in an international conference on social policies and aging in higher education held annually at Renmin University. Every day, students will have a cultural site-visit, such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, etc. On Sunday, students will head to Xian. In Xian, student will participate in round-table discussions with students at Shaanxi Normal University, exchanging ideas about aging, social policies, and the relationship between culture and social policies. Students will also visit aging services and cultural sites, such as Terracotta Warriors in Xian.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students interested in applying should find this program's listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

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.

Tentative Itinerary

May 9-13: On Campus classes
May 15: Depart for Beijing, China
May 16: Arrive in Beijing.
May 17 : Visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City
May 18: Visit the Great Wall
May 19: Summer Palace
May 20: Visit the long term care site
May 21: International Conference of Social Policy and Higher Education
May 22: Conference and departure to Xian by Bullet train
May 23: Xian Shaanxi Normal University, round-table discussion with students
May 24: Terracotta Warriors
May 25: Big Goose Pagoda
May 26: Visit a long term care facility in Xian
May 27: Cycling on top of the Ancient City wall.
May 28: Depart for Beijing
May 29: Depart for the U.S.



APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 1, 2015

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will stay in a comfortable, double-occupancy hotel near Renmin University in Beijing; and a hostel on campus of Shaanxi Normal University in Xian. Both hotels have air-conditioning in the summer, western toilet, and a shower in the room.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences. A course in Aging and Societies or Chinese Culture is preferred, but not required. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES

This course is registered by 6-credit hours under SOCI/GERO 4119 Study Abroad China—Global Aging, and SOCI 3390/GERO 4700 Chinese Culture and Societies for undergraduate students. Graduate students should register under SOCI/GERO 8119 Global Aging and Social Policies, SOCI 8900 or GERO 8700 Directed readings. The first course 4119/8119 examines aging-specific topics related to China and the U.S., the second course 3390/4700 introduces Chinese culture and societies that enhance students background knowledge not only about social policies but also Chinese cultures and travelling in China. Graduate students will have more assignments, including a term paper at the end of the program. Extension is allowed and expected for graduate students to complete the term paper at the end of July instead of the end of May to ensure a high quality paper. Students from other institutions should follow their institution's regulations concerning transfer credits.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at \$1980, **PLUS** regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a \$250 fee in addition to the program cost

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/ Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

COST INCLUDES:

- All ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
- All Food (except Alcohol) inside China
- Hotels
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Round-Trip Ticket to and from China
- Passport and Visa
- Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

December 1, 2015: \$500 deposit with application.

March 1, 2016: Remaining \$1,480 balance.

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.

