Name of Program: Arts and Architecture in China: Beijing, Xi-An, Hangzhou, and Shanghai

Name of Program Director(s): Dr. Kevin Hsieh, Ruth Standford

Location(s) of Program: Beijing, Xi-An, Hangzhou, and Shanghai, China

Dates of Program: May 06, 2015 to June 01, 2015

Program Description: This program will take place in Beijing, Xi’An, Hangzhou, and Shanghai, China. Students should expect some extremes in temperature and climate. During the summer, the days in these cities can be extremely hot and humid—temperatures can easily reach upwards of mid 90s degrees, sometimes 100 degrees. During the program, there will be lots of walking—generally 2 to 4 miles a day. We will be visiting Great Walls, palaces, museums, and historical sites with lots of steep staircases—escalators and elevators will mostly be non-existent. In Beijing, the air quality is not as good as one in the United States, preparation of proper allergy pills for breathing might necessary for those students who have serious lung problems. Rain is common during the summer in China. We will spend one day hiking about six miles through steep stair on the Great Wall. The Great Wall visiting requires climbing and there will be steep inclines and sharp descents. Throughout the program, participants will travel by plane, train, subway, taxi, and bus. There will be two over-night train trips. Additionally, students are advised to stay well hydrated through bottled water.