

## China: Chinese Emersion Experience

This 4-week language program immerses students in Chinese language and culture through rigorous coursework and hands-on cultural practices such as taiji, Chinese calligraphy, and traditional dancing.

### PROGRAM LEADERS

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### COURSES

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Students can earn 3 or 6 hours in:

CHIN 102: Elementary Chinese II  
CHIN 108: Chinese Calligraphy\*  
CHIN 306: Experiencing Chinese Abroad

\* Pending Approval -- This class will fit into Exploration Level of the Colonnade Program under category 1 Arts & Humanities.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

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Hotels and Dorms

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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The courses we offer are tailored to students' interests at the appropriate level. Upon successful completion of this program, students may receive 3 credit hours towards their Chinese Major or Minor. Successful completion of this program also fulfills students' foreign language requirements for their general education.

The hosting university, North China Electric Power University, is a partner institution of WKU Confucius Institute, located in the capital of China. It is well known for teaching Chinese to speakers of other languages. We will take several cultural excursions around Beijing and travel to Shanghai. The program provides ample opportunities for students to observe, contemplate and interact through daily communication with their native speakers in China. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of China's history, society, and political and economic environments, all while advancing their Chinese skills in and out of the classroom.

The WKU Modern Languages Department faculty members work closely with the instructors at North China Electric Power University to ensure quality instruction and curriculum alignment with the WKU Chinese Program. Students will be placed in the appropriate class based on their proficiency level at the beginning of the program. Upon returning, students will experience a smooth transition into their Chinese major or minor. This program also helps prepare motivated students to join other Confucius Institute summer programs in the Summer of 2016 for further studies and potential internship opportunities.

### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Students will increase their language proficiency and intercultural competence through the following activities:

- Regular, evaluated language instruction in a venue approved by the WKU Modern Language Department.
- Participation in a series of assigned activities designed to expose the student to various aspects of the foreign society and culture.
- The compilation of a portfolio of cultural work (photographs, genuine culture artifacts, videos, etc.) and reflective essays on the experiences the student gathers.

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

**LOCATION:** China: Beijing, Shanghai, and Tianjin **ACADEMIC TERM:** Summer 2016: May 20 – June 17, 2016

**ITINERARY** (subject to change) for full itinerary see syllabus

Week	Date	Task / Content
Week 1	5/20/16	Departure from Nashville National Airport
	5/21/16	Arrival in Beijing. Meet host families. Group dinner.
	5/22/16	Orientation & Campus Tour
	5/23/16	City tour with host families.
	5/24/16	Module 1: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	5/25/16	Module 1: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	5/26/16	Module 2: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
Week 2	5/27/16	Module 2: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	5/28/16	Presentations & Assessments of Module 1 & 2.
	5/29/16	Host family activities
	5/30/16	Module 3: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	5/31/16	Module 3: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	6/1/16	Module 4: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	6/2/16	Module 4: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
Week 3	6/3/16	Presentations & Assessments of Module 3 & 4.
	6/4/16	Cultural activities with language partners
	6/5/16	Module 5: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	6/6/16	Module 5: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	6/7/16	Module 6: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	6/8/16	Module 6: Language classes in the morning and cultural projects in the afternoon
	6/9/16	Presentations & Assessments of Module 5 & 6.
Week 4	6/10/16	Cultural activities with language partners
	6/11/16	Travelling to Shanghai
	6/12/16	Excursion in Shanghai
	6/13/16	Travelling to Shanghai
	6/14/16	Excursion in Shanghai
	6/15/16	Returning to Beijing (Overnight train on Saturday)
	6/16/16	Departure from Beijing International Airport
	6/17/16	Arrival in Nashville National Airport.

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

## ELIGIBILITY

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- Permission of instructor(s) is required.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

## BASE PACKAGE

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**WKU Student Cost: \$2,175**

**Mills College Student Cost: \$1,475**

### Included in Base Package

- Round-trip flight to/from Beijing, China
- Undergraduate tuition for 3 – 6 credit hours (\$1,090 value for 3 hours, \$2180 value for 6 hours)
- All lodging accommodations during program in China
- Entrance fees for all program related excursions
- All meals in China
- Course-related ground transportation
- International medical insurance

### Excluded from Base Package

- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access.
- Tips for guides and drivers not included in program-related activity.
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Meals, services, and beverages not mentioned in the program, see syllabus
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00
- Chinese visa – approximately \$240 (Contact Dr. Peng if you need assistance obtaining the visa).

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.**

**Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

**Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

## WKU TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p>December 1, 2015 – Program Fee will be charged to student's TopNet account (minus \$250 non-refundable deposit). Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p>Before March 1: 25% of program cost          After March 1: 50% of program cost          After April 1: 75% of program cost          After May 1: 100% of program cost (No refund)</p> <p><b>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</b></p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program's Green Sheet for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email [facultyled.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:facultyled.abroad@wku.edu).

## LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.
- **This program requires a visa to travel. Contact Dr. Ke Peng if you need assistance.**
- Students from Mills College will have a separate application to complete. Please contact Dr. Ke Peng for more information.

## LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

*Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.*