

Chinese Flagship - Chinese Language and Culture Odyssey

An interdisciplinary exploration of Chinese culture, with special focus on language and society.

COURSES

HON 300 (3 credits): Chinese Language and Culture Odyssey

ARC 401 (3 credits): Chinese Language and Culture Odyssey

ACCOMMODATIONS

Beijing, Xi'an and Luoyang

Dorms and Hotels

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide students a first-hand experience in learning and improving their knowledge of the Chinese language and culture. Through in-class language trainings and academic excursions in and to three major Chinese historical cities, students will explore China's rich traditions, modern changes, regional cultures and people's daily life.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Demonstrate language skills engaging in daily conversations in various topics at the beginning high level and above
- Recognize and display proper non-verbal communication and etiquette in a Chinese context
- Demonstrate the understanding of the roles of culture and tradition play in contemporary Chinese society

PROGRAM DETAILS

LOCATION: Beijing, Xi'an and Luoyang, China

ACADEMIC TERM: Winter 2014: December 27, 2013 - January 17, 2014

ITINERARY (subject to change)

Dec 27	Arrive in Beijing, China	Jan 7	Xi'an, China
Dec 28	Beijing, China	Jan 8	Xi'an, China
Dec 29	Beijing, China	Jan 9	Xi'an, China
Dec 30	Beijing, China	Jan 10	Xi'an, China
Dec 31	Beijing, China	Jan 11	Luoyang, China
Jan 1	Xi'an, China	Jan 12	Luoyang, China
Jan 2	Xi'an, China	Jan 13	Xi'an, China
Jan 3	Xi'an, China	Jan 14	Xi'an, China
Jan 4	Xi'an, China	Jan 15	Xi'an, China
Jan 5	Xi'an, China	Jan 16	Xi'an, China
Jan 6	Xi'an, China	Jan 17	Xi'an, China

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

- Undergraduate students with 3.2 cumulative GPA or good standing in the Honors College for HON 300 Course
- 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

Cost: \$3,895

Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,090 value)
- Twenty-one nights of accommodations in China
- Daily breakfast and some lunches and some dinners in China
- Course-related ground transportation in China
- Course-related excursions in China
- Round-trip flight between Nashville, TN and Beijing, China
- Chinese visa and entrance fee
- Cuban exit fee
- International medical insurance

Excluded from Base Package

- Items not explicated list in package.
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included on-board or during course-related field programs.
- 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.*
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight changes.
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**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.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:

October 1 - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit *
 October 1, 2013 - First installment: \$1,000
 November 1, 2013 - Second installment: \$1,500
 December 1, 2013 - Balance due.

* This is paid by student directly in the StudioAbroad application system – Not billed through TopNet

Refund due to Withdrawal or Non-payment:

After October 1: 75% of program cost
 After November 1: 50% of program cost
 After December 1: No refund.

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.

LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Visa Requirements** - Each participant must have a Chinese Visa. The program leaders will arrange for this. Cost is included in you program costs.
- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program.

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