

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY ▪ ICISP  
**XI'AN SEMESTER ABROAD PROGRAM APPLICATION**  
**FALL 2016**

**(DATES: AUGUST 24, 2016 – DECEMBER 18, 2016)**

**Revised: September 23, 2015**

Participate in a semester abroad program to Xi'an, China through the College of Lake County and the Illinois Consortium of International Studies and Programs (ICISP). One of the oldest cities in China, with more than 3,100 years of history, Xi'an is home of the four great ancient capitals of China.

Participants will study at Xi'an International University (XAIU) in China, taking courses in English in a variety of disciplines. Students will be required to take 2 Chinese culture courses taught by XAIU faculty: History of Chinese Culture and Society and Introduction to East Asian Civilization. Students may also choose 2 other electives. Although it is not required, students are strongly encouraged to take a Chinese language course as one of those electives. Credit will be granted by either the College of Lake County or your own participating ICISP consortium institution.

One or more faculty members from CLC or another ICISP member institution will be on-site in Xi'an to serve as a faculty liaison to students, the XAIU faculty and administration, College of Lake County, and ICISP. While this person(s) will be a support for students and other individuals, s/he will also provide service to Xi'an International University as a visiting professor(s).

#### **Program Cost**

- \$5,550\* includes:
  - Round-trip international airfare, visa fee and in-country transportation
  - XAIU tuition and fees for 12-13 credit hours
  - Lodging – double occupancy (additional cost for single occupancy)
  - Cultural field trips
  - Emergency medical and travel cancellation insurance
  - ICISP program fee (\$50)

\*Price is subject to change based on airline fuel surcharges and/or currency exchange rates

#### **Additional expenses not included**

- Home institution tuition and fees, if applicable (no additional tuition is required for CLC students)
- Cost of food (approximately \$500 - \$700)
- Personal expenses (approximately \$500 - \$1,000)
- Passport (\$175)

**Application Deadline:** Friday, May 13, 2016

Applications must be received by CLC by this date. As such, please make sure that you submit your application to your ICISP representative at least a week or two prior to May 13. However, the program will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so prospective applicants are encouraged to apply early.

## Lodging and Meals

Students will live in an international dormitory with other international students. Rooms are double occupancy and each room has its own Western style bathroom and kitchenette. Students will have access to both traditional Chinese foods and Western cuisine. Xi'an International University does have a large cafeteria where students can obtain meals at very affordable prices. The cost of food, however, is NOT included in the price of this semester abroad program so as to allow students the flexibility to eat at locations of their own choosing.

## Pre-Trip Orientation

Participation in a pre-trip orientation is required of all participants. The orientation will be approximately six weeks prior to departure at the College of Lake County. Details will be sent upon acceptance.

## Passport

Students will need to have or acquire a current passport no later than July 1 so as to allow sufficient time to obtain the required Chinese student visas. As standard processing for passports can take 8 weeks, it is advisable that prospective applicants consider applying for a passport prior to the application due date to avoid having to pay expedited passport processing fees. An application and information can be acquired at your local post office or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).

## Eligibility Requirements

This program is open to serious students who desire the opportunity to immerse themselves in Chinese culture. All participants are required to register for 12-13 credits at Xi'an International University and to participate in all classroom and program activities. To be considered for admission, students must meet the following criteria:

- Completed at least 12 hours of college-level coursework
- Completed English Composition or its equivalent with a B or better
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better

## Application process and fees

Complete the attached application and other required components (see below) and submit it to your school's ICISP Representative. Please submit the application a week or two prior to the May 13 deadline to allow time for your ICISP representative to submit it to CLC by May 13, 2016. A deposit of \$500 is due at the time of application in the form of personal check or money order payable to your home institution. A copy of the check must be sent along with your application to CLC by your ICISP representative. This money will be applied towards the total cost of your program, if you are accepted. If you are not accepted, the money will be refunded to you.

Students accepted to the program will be required pay an additional **\$2,550 by June 1, 2016**. Final payment of **\$2,500 will be due by July 1, 2016**. A full refund will be made available to students who withdraw from the program up until June 15. After that time, a partial refund may be available, but is not guaranteed.

All payments for the program must be made to your home institution, who must then process payment to CLC. Please check with your study abroad advisor about deadline for payment.

If you are accepted to this program, you will be provided with further documents that will be required to be filled out for your submission to be complete for the Xi'an Semester Abroad Program, including medical history, emergency contact information, etc.

## Financial Aid and Scholarships

**Non-CLC students can apply for the ICISP Founders Scholarship. See the ICISP representative on your campus for more information. Applications are due May 13.**

Students may also be able to obtain U.S. Federal Financial aid to help cover the cost of program participation. For more information, see your Financial Aid Office on campus.

### Application Components

- \_\_\_ Completed application form
- \_\_\_ Statement of Purpose essay: Prepare a two to three page essay in response to the following questions:
  - Why do you want to participate in this study abroad program?
  - How will this program relate to your personal and/or academic goals?
  - What cultural experiences are you seeking during your stay abroad?
  - How do you plan to prepare for and get the most out of your study abroad experience?
- \_\_\_ 2 Faculty recommendation forms. These forms may be mailed directly to the College of Lake County, if desired
- \_\_\_ An official college transcript to verify student's GPA and completion of English 101 or equivalent.
- \_\_\_ Proof of the \$500 application fee – a copy of your check or a letter from your study abroad advisor that payment has been received if payment was made by credit card to your home institution. The fee is applied to the program cost after the student is accepted. If student is not accepted, the fee will be refunded.
- \_\_\_ 2 passport type photos signed on the back.

**Please ask your ICISP representative to mail all the above items by May 13 to:**

Beth Tinkham  
College of Lake County  
Center for International Education – E101  
19351 West Washington Street  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

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**Directions:** This application is to be used by individuals who wish to apply for the Semester Abroad Program in Xi'an, China coordinated by the College of Lake County.

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ School E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (mm/dd/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Must be 18 years of age prior to departure*

Citizenship:  United States  Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**II. ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

College at which you are currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of college credits completed \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

**III. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Have you previously studied or traveled abroad?  Yes  No

If yes, list the location and approximate dates of travel:

Location	Dates	Reason for travel
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List any foreign language skills that you have: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that the above information is correct and that I understand the conditions for participation in this program outlined in the application. I also understand that mere submission of this application does not guarantee participation in the indicated study abroad program.

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Signature of Student Participant

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Date

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If non CLC student, Signature of Campus Study Abroad Representative

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Date

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Please indicate below your evaluation of this student: *(A formal letter is not required.)*

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	N/A
Probable academic success	5	4	3	2	1	0
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Ability to get along w/others	5	4	3	2	1	0
Adaptability to new environment	5	4	3	2	1	0
Independence	5	4	3	2	1	0
Trustworthiness	5	4	3	2	1	0
Open-mindedness	5	4	3	2	1	0
Social contact	5	4	3	2	1	0
Sense of humor	5	4	3	2	1	0
Strong CLC/U.S. ambassador	5	4	3	2	1	0

Please comment on the student's ability to do academic work abroad and to adjust to living in a foreign environment (attach separate document if needed).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Faculty Member (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Division/Department and College

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Faculty Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return this form to \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible.  
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