

College of Lake County - ICISP

Xi'an International University

Study Abroad Experience of a Lifetime in Xi'an, China

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Spend a semester abroad in Xi'an (pronounced "shee-on"), China - one of the four great ancient capitals of China - and experience first-hand the rich culture and history that China has to offer while earning college credit! Sponsored by the College of Lake County (CLC) and the Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP), students will study at Xi'an International University (XAIU), a well-respected university, with ties to other academic institutions in the United States and around the world. While at XAIU, students will have the opportunity to study Chinese language and take other classes in English from XAIU faculty and accompanying faculty members from the College of Lake County and an ICISP member institution. As part of the program, students will also have the chance to visit seven historical and culturally significant sites in and around Xi'an, such as the Terra Cotta Warriors and the Big Goose Pagoda. Students will also play an important role in sharing their American culture with Chinese students via the newly established CLC-XAIU American Culture Center housed at the University.

Why study abroad?

Have you considered studying abroad, but wondered whether it is worth the time and money? If you ask anyone who has studied abroad, he or she will most certainly tell you that it is a life-changing experience and one of the most rewarding things he or she has ever done. Perhaps you are unsure of the benefits you could reap through an extended stay in a foreign country. Below are a few excellent reasons why you should consider taking the plunge:

Study abroad—

- enhances employment opportunities;
- provides a global perspective on your major;
- provides the opportunity to make friends around the globe;
- is the optimal way to learn a language;
- provides the opportunity to travel;
- allows you to know another culture first-hand;
- helps you to learn about yourself and your personal goals.



QUICK FACTS

Program Cost

\$5,550*

Includes tuition for 12-13 credits, international airfare, in-country travel, cultural excursions, shared lodging, and travel insurance.

*Cost subject to change

*Excludes cost of food (approximately \$500-\$700)

Don't forget to apply for Financial Aid!

Fall 2016 Dates:

August 24, 2016 - December 18, 2016

Course Credits

Obtain 12 - 13 credit hours

Courses Available

Chinese (all levels of proficiency)
Variety of courses from a multitude of disciplines

Housing

University dormitory

Who Is Eligible?

- Students who have completed at least 12 credit hours of college coursework
- Completed English Composition or the equivalent with a grade of "B" or better
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better

Application Deadline

4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2016

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Why Study in China?

You might be wondering what makes studying in China a better option than other study abroad programs in, say, England or France. There are a multitude of reasons why you might want to take this option more seriously than other programs, and these are listed for you below:

- One-fifth of the world's population currently lives in China.
- China's economy is ranked 3rd in the world.
- The number of non-Chinese natives who speak proficient Chinese is increasing exponentially each year.
- Chinese companies are booming, even growing to the extent that some companies are trying to take over major multinationals.
- More and more companies from across the globe desire business with China.
- China has a history that covers over 4,000 years, making it one of the oldest societies in the world.
- China represents a giant consumer market, with over 1.3 billion consumers.

STUDY ABROAD MYTHS

Misinformation and outright falsehoods keep many students from even considering studying abroad each year. Below are some of the most common myths students believe about studying abroad, and, more importantly, facts that debunk them.

MYTH #1: I can't study in China—I don't speak Chinese!

You don't need to have ANY Chinese proficiency to study at XAIU! Many courses are available in English. Of course, if you would like to take Chinese coursework while in China, courses are available for all levels of proficiency, from beginner to advanced.

MYTH #2: I won't graduate on time if I study in China.

There are a multitude of classes available to you that will help you finish your program within your desired timeframe.

MYTH #3: I don't have enough money to study abroad.

The XAIU program is very affordable, particularly in comparison with other study abroad programs. Further, scholarships and financial aid are available in many cases to help students cover costs.

MYTH #4: I can always travel later, once I have a job and am earning money.

Once you are locked into a job and responsibilities, it is very difficult to get away for any length of time. Further, independent travel does not offer the comfort, safety, or experience of a trip to China organized through the College of Lake County.

MYTH #5: Study abroad is not for everyone.

No matter what your major, age, gender, ethnic background, or interests, studying in China will benefit you personally, professionally, and academically.

“My experience in China was the best kind of culture shock, an intense and enjoyable experience that taught me so much about Chinese culture and allowed me to see my own society with new eyes.”

—Patrick Gonder, CLC faculty

“Students will have an extraordinary experience at this vibrant university in Xi'an. The beauty of XAIU's campus is a symbol of the institution's rich tradition and history as well as the continuation of academic excellence for the future.”

—Tammy Mireles, International Student Recruitment Coordinator

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Courses offered (in English) in a multitude of disciplines!

Schedule an appointment today to speak with your ICISP representative to learn more about course options!



THE XAIU PROGRAM

Xi'an International University is a modern institution located in the city of Xi'an, China. XAIU is a large school, but it maintains a small school feeling. The university has over 40,000 students enrolled, including students interested in Associate's and Bachelor's degrees, as well as post-graduate work. There are 7 colleges, 17 departments and 79 programs in foreign languages, Chinese, law, business administration, humanities, social sciences, science, engineering, information technology and medicine. In addition, the university has over 1,728 full-time faculty and staff and a multitude of foreign experts and guest professors each year.

Coursework

Students participating in the XAIU study abroad program will select CLC classes taught at the XAIU campus in English with other Chinese students. Students must take a minimum of four courses. Required courses for all XAIU study abroad program participants include History of Chinese Culture and Society (HST 127) and Chinese Literature and Art (HUM 129). Selection of the remaining two courses is at the discretion of the student. Students can choose from two or more courses offered by the lead faculty who is typically selected in November of each year.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to take Chinese coursework; classes are available at all levels of Chinese proficiency, from beginner to advanced speaker. All students applying for the program should make an appointment for an individual advisement session with one's ICISP representative to assess the student's needs as well as courses that will enable the student to finish his/her degree on time. Enrollment in Chinese language is not required, but strongly encouraged.





Housing/Lifestyle

Students will live in an international dormitory on campus with other international students. Rooms are double occupancy, and each room has its own bathroom and kitchenette. Students are encouraged to experience life as a Chinese university student and will have the opportunity for an active campus life, including involvement in sports as well as social and academic activities. Further, during their stay in Xi'an, students will have access to both traditional Chinese foods and Western cuisine.



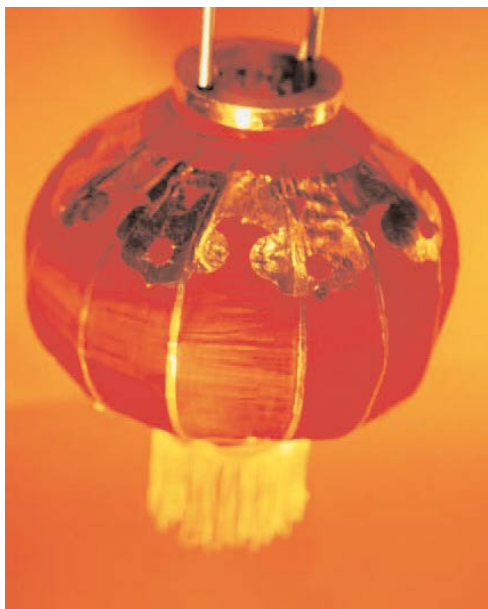
Program Duration

The XAIU semester will run from **August 24 - December 18, 2016** and students must be in attendance for the entire period. Students are encouraged to invite family and friends to visit and XAIU staff will be happy to make arrangements for students' guests.

Program Costs

The total cost of the program is estimated at **\$5,550**** for the Fall 2016 semester. (Cost is subject to change without prior notification).

This amount includes double occupancy housing (\$1,502/semester), roundtrip airfare from Chicago O'Hare to Xi'an, China (\$1,545), XAIU planned field trips (\$257/semester), travel insurance (\$375), visa fees (\$140), XAIU tuition and fees (\$1,298) and administrative fees (\$433).



NOTE: The cost of food is not included in the total cost of the program.

**Students from other ICISP institutions should check with their ICISP representatives if other fees apply.

Scholarships and financial aid may help students to cover program costs. Please see your ICISP representative for more information.

Payments for program costs are due according to the following installment plan:

Amount	Due Date
\$500 deposit with application	May 13, 2016
\$2,550 installment	June 1, 2016
\$2,500 installment	July 1, 2016
\$5,550	Total estimated cost

NOTE: The cost of food is not included in the total cost of the program.



Lead Faculty Exchange Member

One to two lead faculty members will accompany CLC semester abroad students and each will teach two courses at Xi'an International University. During the faculty members' stay in Xi'an, the professors will teach a variety of classes in his or her field. These courses will be available to CLC's semester abroad students as well as traditional XAIU students.

Students who plan to apply for the XAIU study abroad program are encouraged to make an appointment to speak with the ICISP representative on one's campus (see contact information below) to discuss their interests, course selection possibilities and financing the program.

APPLICATIONS & DEADLINES:

Applications for the XAIU Study Abroad Program must be received by CLC from your ICISP representative by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2016**. Please submit your application to your ICISP representative a week or two in advance to ensure your application is received on time.

Check out one of our INFORMATION SESSIONS

Interested in hearing more?
Plan to attend one of the
information sessions.

**All accepted students are
required to attend the
pre-departure orientation
session at the College of
Lake County. Details will be
sent upon your acceptance.**

A COMPLETE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

- **Completed and signed application form**
Passport number can be provided after the student receives his/her passport. ****Strongly recommended that you apply for your passport as soon as possible as it could take up to 8 weeks to process.**
- **Faculty recommendation forms**
- **A statement of purpose essay (See application for details)**
- **\$500 deposit due with application**
Any deposits made prior to the purchase of any airline ticket may be refundable after meeting with the program coordinator.
- **An official college transcript**
- **(2) Passport-style photos for visa application**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION
MATERIALS TO YOUR
ICISP REPRESENTATIVE.**

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