Foreign Language 190: Study Abroad in the People’s Republic of China • 2015

3 credits; Planned for mid-June to early July 2015

Study and travel destinations include:
Shanghai - China’s emerging commercial and financial center. Host city of the 2010 World Exposition.
Beijing - The national capital and political epicenter. Host city of the 2008 Olympics.
Hangzhou - Ancient capital and leading cultural center, with the country’s most visited temples and shrines. Hangzhou is also well known for as a trading center for silk and tea.
Xi’an - Hometown of Terra cotta Army of First Qin Emperor held more than 8,000 solders.

Our collaborative partner is East China Normal University (ECNU). ECNU, located in Shanghai, is one of the China’s leading or “key” universities.

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About the Instructors:
A native of Chinese, Dr. Jennifer Pomeroy is the primary course instructors. She is an Adjunct Professor of Chinese Language in Modern Languages Department at SU teaching all Chinese classes and developing Chinese program. She has taught this course in 2014, 2010, 2008, and 2005. She is also affiliated with Geography/Earth Science Department.
George Pomeroy is a Professor of Geography/Earth Science at SU. First traveling to China in 1987, George has studied urbanization and development in China for two decades.

As with the earlier courses, East China Normal University is a close collaborator in developing the program.

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Course Overview:

Urbanization, regional development, and planning are the particular focus of this field course to the People’s Republic of China.

As a whole, the program will provide an in-depth examination and immersion experience of China. In addition to the core items, the curriculum will broadly include elements of physical geography, human geography, history, religion, cultural studies, art, and architecture.

Through reading assignments, lectures, guided field tours, field exercises, and independent activities, including meeting with students and faculty, students will gain a broad and holistic understanding of China, particular with reference to urbanization, development, and planning. Given the logistical nature of the course, it is always “in session” - 24 hours a day, every day.

Featured Field and Other Course Activities:

Traditional lectures, student presentations, and seminar discussions are complemented by five lectures from ECNU faculty featuring hands on activities such as calligraphy, painting, and tai-chi. Enrolled students are required to engage and interact with ECNU students in both academic and formal social activities.

Using Shanghai’s urban landscape as a laboratory, along with assigned readings, we will study urban form, urbanization, development and planning via field visits to these sites:
- Bund historic district, site of late 19th and early 20th European trading houses;
- Pudong Development area (home to two of world’s six tallest buildings);
- Nanjing Lu pedestrian shopping area, which is ranked as one of world’s premier shopping streets;
- Xujiahui sub-CBD, a hot spot of commercial development in Shanghai;
- Shanghai Museum;
- Shanghai Urban Exposition Museum; and
- the rapidly disappearing “old town.”

We will also visit traditional tourist destination of outstanding cultural, political, and historical significance. In Beijing, these include the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, the Ming Tombs, and the Great Wall. In Hangzhou, these include scenic West Lake, Yue Fei’s Tomb, and the Lingyin Temple (China’s most heavily visited Buddhist temple). Other sites and features in Shanghai include the Jing-An Temple, the Huangpu River Cruise, and a visit the “water town” of Zhouzhuang, a United Nations World Heritage site.

Program Costs:

Program costs for 2015 is estimated based upon the 2014 trip that took place during this past June, which is in the $3,600 to $3,900 range, plus tuition.

The amount will include transportation (airfare and all ground), room, meals, taxes, and admission fees. Upon purchase of airfare, these costs are non-refundable. In addition, students are required to pay tuition for the three credits. Students taking six credits during the summer may be eligible for financial aid loans—including program costs.

Program Requirements:

For starters, students must be in good academic standing and possess a valid U.S. passport. There is an application process and a number of other lesser requirements. Contact Jennifer or George Pomeroy for more details.

Program participants visiting the Bund, Shanghai (2014).

Program participants including Ship students and ECNU students standing in front of Mao Zedong statue of ECNU campus, Shanghai (2014).

Student try their hand at calligraphy (2014).