School of Social Sciences
Asian Studies
China Field Study CHIN2801
2012-2013

Unit Outline

Instructions: Please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions contact the unit co-ordinator (see below for details).

Note: The Confucius Institute at The University of Western Australia runs the ‘China Study Tour’ which is held at the same time and place as the Asian Studies ‘China Field Study’. The difference between the two programmes is that students in the Asian Studies program are officially enrolled as UWA students during the course of study in China. They are also covered by UWA insurance and eligible to apply for a Study Abroad Bursary. Students in China Field Study do not pay any tuition fees, but rather will be required to pay HECS or the full international student fee to UWA (whichever is applicable). Students in the Confucius Institute ‘China Study Tour’ pay a tuition fee to the Confucius Institute and apply for credit upon successful completion of the program and return to Australia. Students in the Confucius Institute programme are responsible for their own insurance. In both cases (China Field Study and China Study Tour) you should consult your relevant Faculty Student Adviser on advice on which course of study suits your requirements. This unit outline only covers the ‘China Field Study’. For details on the ‘China Study Tour’ please contact the Confucius Institute: www.confuciusinstitute.uwa.edu.au

Application Process and Timeline:

1. Read the unit outline carefully. Check your eligibility and options.
2. Meet with Unit Coordinator (see below).
3. Consult with your GP or a Travel Doctor about necessary vaccinations and health issues.
4. Attend the China Field Study Application Meeting at 1 pm on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August in Asian Studies G25. Bring a photocopy of the main page of your passport and two passport size photographs of yourself. We will complete the applications forms to study at Zhejiang University and Beijing Institute of Education at this meeting, so it is vital you attend. There forms are then sent to China for processing. In due course the institutional partners in China will send us special visa application forms for each individual student. You will be notified when the visa application forms arrive and how to collect them.
5. Collect a hard copy Change of Enrolment form from Linda Cresswell (when advised via email) and take it to your relevant Faculty Student Adviser for approval.
6. Apply for the Study Abroad Bursary (applications close on 31\textsuperscript{st} August).
7. Join the dedicated Facebook Group (more details to come).
8. Make travel arrangements (do not do so until notified, more details to come).
9. Collect visa application forms and apply for visa.
10. Register with Australian Embassy (or your relevant diplomatic mission if not an Australian citizen).
11. Coordinate your travel arrangements (arrival in Hangzhou) with Zhejiang University.
12. Leave for China.
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Consultation Hour: Wednesday 12 – 1 pm.
Note: Will be absent from campus from mid-September but will still be contactable via email and a China mobile number (+86 15910590977).

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Outcomes

Students develop a significant consolidation of their current Chinese language base; increased recognition of the most commonly used Chinese characters through immersion in a Chinese city; the ability to compose simple but informative sentences and passages in Chinese characters; the ability to use their Chinese in everyday situations in a Chinese-speaking environment; and greater awareness of the cultural and social context of modern Chinese through firsthand experience in China. Students also reflect on their in-country experience by participating in cross-cultural projects.

Content

This unit is an intensive eight-week unit of study in Chinese language and society. The unit is conducted offshore in China and is split between the cities of Beijing and Hangzhou. Students at any level of Chinese language can participate (beginner, intermediate, advanced and native speaker). The Chinese language component consists of daily intensive classes in all facets of the language—speaking, listening, reading and writing. Extracurricular activities that introduce Chinese culture and lifestyles are also provided. On completion of this unit students are able to consolidate their Chinese language skills and have a sound knowledge of daily life in contemporary China. They will also develop a strong self-awareness of the issues surrounding cross-cultural communication and interaction.
Enrolment in the Unit:

You may only enrol in the unit with the prior approval of the unit co-ordinator and after consultation with the relevant Faculty Student Adviser. Due to financial considerations the School may decide to place a limit on the number of students that can take this unit.

China Field Study Dates 2012-2013:

Hangzhou: 2nd to 27th December 2012.
Beijing: 4th January to 1st February 2013.

There is break from 28th December 2012 to 3rd January 2013. Class attendance is compulsory and attendance will be taken.

University Insurance:

Whilst you are enrolled in the China Field Study program you will be covered by the University insurance policy. For more information contact the Insurance Office via insurance@uwa.edu.au, or telephone (08) 6488 6748. Or visit the website: http://www.staff.uwa.edu.au/governance/risk/insurance

You come under ‘Category E’ of the Corporate Travel Insurance section. Be aware of the coverage and requirements including ‘Special Conditions’, requirement to register with DFAT, and Overseas Emergency Medical Assistance details.

Please note that you are only covered for 10% of the trip outside of the official class period (that is, 55 days of study = 5.5 days of free insurance coverage). Please carefully calculate your length of stay in China and consider topping up your insurance with UWA (contact the Insurance Office).

Travel Arrangements:

Details on the procedures for making travel arrangements will be announced in the near future. You should not make any travel bookings until given approval to do so.

Austudy Entitlements:

To receive Austudy (if you’re entitled to it), you will need a letter confirming that you are enrolled as a full-time UWA student. This condition is met by enrolment in CHIN2801 (China Field Study), which is full-time unit of 12 points. You should contact Linda Cresswell for such a letter (see above for contact details).

Conduct:

In being accepted for the China Field Study program, which is part of the University’s overall study abroad program, you should be aware that you represent UWA and that your conduct in China should take this into consideration.

In applying for admission to the Chinese university, students undertake to observe the laws and decrees of the People’s Republic of China as well as the rules and regulations of the institution you are attending in China.
Consular Protection:

For Australian citizens, Hangzhou (Zhejiang Province) comes under the consular jurisdiction of the Australian Consulate General in Shanghai. Beijing comes under the jurisdiction of the Australian Embassy in Beijing. (Citizens of other countries come under their respective embassies and it is your responsibility to register with your country’s diplomatic mission).

Shanghai:
Level 22, Citic Square
1168 Nanjing West Road
Shanghai 200041
China (People's Republic of)

Beijing:
21 Dongzhimenwai Dajie,
Beijing, 100600 (in the San Li Tun consular area in the northeast of the city).

You should contact the consular section of your Embassy if you:

- Lose your passport or need a replacement.
- Are involved in an accident or other incident that subsequently involves the Police.

You should also register with the Embassy. You should register by visiting the registration website at www.orao.dfat.gov.au and registering your details online.

If you are unable to access this website, you can download the Registration of Australian Citizens in China form from this site, complete it, and return it by mail, fax or in person to the Australian Embassy in Beijing.

Study Program:

You will attend full-time language courses which is normally Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 12.00 pm (four session of 45 minutes each), as well as doing all prescribed tests, assignments and examinations. You are expected to attend classes regularly, class attendance will be noted, this is a condition of the credit you will receive (12 points).

Upon arrival in Hangzhou (Zhejiang University) you will be allocated to a course at the appropriate level, though you may have the opportunity to “demote” or “promote” yourself if you think you would benefit more from being at another level. Your general aim should be to study at a level where you feel challenged but “comfortable” to ensure you gain the maximum benefit from your studies.

Assessment:

CHIN2801 (China Field Study) is assessed on a pass or fail basis and will appear on your UWA academic transcript as an Ungraded Pass (UP) or Ungraded Fail (UF). You will also receive an academic transcript from the Zhejiang University and the Beijing Institute of Education which will specify the course level and your actual results. This will be useful to complement your academic record.
To achieve an Ungraded Pass in the unit you will be required to achieve the following:

You must obtain a final average mark in your language course of at least 60%. (The Chinese grading system is different from that of UWA and good students should aim at receiving at least 80-90%)

**Study Abroad Bursaries:**

You may be eligible to apply for a Study Abroad Bursary valued at $1,250 if you meet the following criteria:

- Minimum of 65% weighted average
- Normally no fail grades (unless exceptional circumstances)
- Once you have met with the Unit Coordinator and been approved to take the unit you can apply via: http://hermes.international.uwa.edu.au
- You are required to complete a purpose of statement and list two referees with your application.
- You must apply for a bursary before August 31st, 2012 to be considered.

**Self-Incurred Expenses:**

You are responsible for the following expenses. Before leaving for China you should devise a realistic budget. There will be opportunities to communicate with previous China Field Study students via the dedicated Facebook Group. They will be able to provide you with more information on the costs of living in Hangzhou and China (and more besides).

**Note:** you do not pay any tuition fees to the Chinese institutions. You will be liable for HECS or the UWA International Student Fee, whichever is applicable. AUD = Australian Dollars, CNY = Chinese Yuan.

**Note:** These figures were accurate at the time of writing but due to various reasons may change without notice.

1. **Accommodation:**
   - Zhejiang University: CNY70.00 (per day) for a shared room.
   - Beijing Institute of Education: CNY60.00 (per day) for a shared room or CNY120.00 (per day) for a single room (depending on availability)

2. International air travel (see ‘Travel Arrangements’). Approx AUD1700 return.

3. Visa application fee (AUD60 for Australian passports; AUD90 for non-Australian passports) (see ‘Applying for Visa’).

4. Living expenses: Allow a budget of between AUD100.00 to AUD150.00 per week. (There will be opportunities to interact with previous Field Study students and get further information about the cost of living in China).
Handbook

Note that the Confucius Institute at The University of Western Australia has a useful information handbook which you can use to prepare yourself for study in China:


Facebook Group

A Facebook Group will be created in due course. You may use this group to communicate with fellow students about organising travel arrangements and so forth. The group will also include former participants who will be able to share their experiences.

Applying for the Visa

Once you have received the special visa application form (see the ‘Application Process’ below) you may apply for a visa. You may apply for the visa in any Chinese diplomatic mission that provides visa services.

In Perth the Chinese Consulate is located in East Perth. Check the website for the latest visa fees and visa office hours. Note that the consulate does not accept cash payments for the visa.

http://perth.chineseconsulate.org/eng/

Student Checklist:

- Meet with Unit Coordinator
- Collect your Change of Enrolment form from Linda Cresswell and take it to the relevant Sub-Dean for formal approval
- If approved, apply for a bursary before August 31st, 2012
- Complete your participation agreement (at the end of this document) and forward it (along with your itinerary) to Linda Cresswell (linda.cresswell@uwa.edu.au)
- Apply for a visa
- Register with the embassy (details above)
The University of Western Australia
Asian Studies
CHIN2801
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Zhejiang University
Beijing Institute of Education

Participation Agreement

1. I have read all the material in the Unit Outline:
   • The in-country program (dates, conduct, insurance, consular protection, and assessment).

2. I have read and understood all the material in the briefing papers provided by Asian Studies.

3. I am willing to participate in the program on this basis.

Name of participant: ………………………………………………………………………

Student Number ………………………………………………………………………

Signature of participant: ………………………………………………………………

Date: …………………………………………………………………………………