

Summer Program in China, Beijing
July 6-August 9 2005

Department of Modern and Classical Languages
College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, UH

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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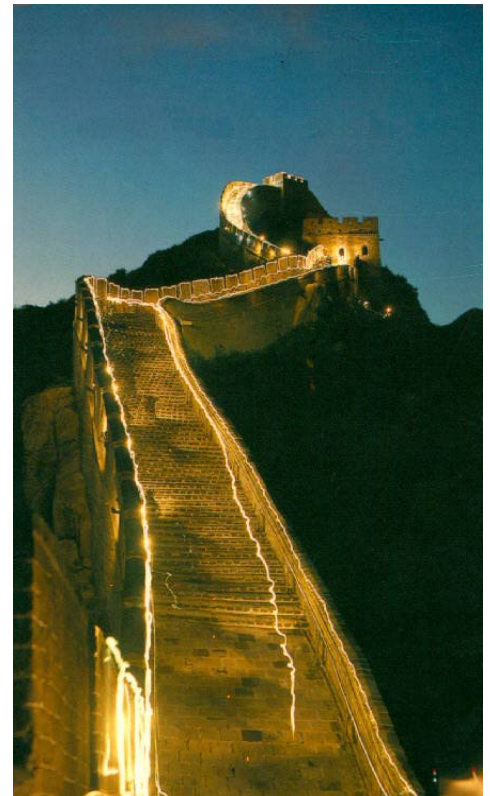
Dept. of Modern and Classical Languages,

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Houston, TX 77204-3784

713-743-3007 Applications also available

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SUMMER PROGRAM IN CHINA
STUDY CHINESE IN BEIJING-2004
July 6- August 9

Student may take up to 3 courses (9 credit hours) towards the Chinese minor and other major/minor at UH.

- CHNS 2301 Intermediate Chinese I
- CHNS 2302 Intermediate Chinese II
- CHNS 3301 Advanced Chinese I
- CHNS 3302 Advanced Chinese II
- CHNS 3352 Chinese culture and society through modern literature
- CHNS 1501 Elementary Chinese
- CHNS 3304 Business Chinese
- CHNS 3350 Chinese culture through films
- CHNS 3398 Chinese culture and history

All the courses offered from this program will have the same curriculum as the courses offered on the campus at UH. Student can continue to take Chinese courses after they are back to UH.

Students of all different schools and universities other than UH are welcome!

Living in Beijing will perfect your Chinese with native speakers. Language partners are available!

We will visit many historical and culture sites that include

*Forbidden City The Great Wall Temple of Heaven Red Bridge Shopping Center
Summer Palace, Boating in Kunming Lake Shanxi Province Taiyuan Temple Park
Jinci Qinglong Mountain Pingyao City, Ancient Walls & architectures
Yangqu City, Chang's Museum & park*

Program cost: \$1420 that includes

Housing in hotel and foreign student dorm

Tours and trips in Beijing and to other provinces and cities

Several group meals

China domestic travel expenses (round transportation from / to airport; bus, train to many historical sites)

Admission tickets for historical and culture sites and museums

Textbooks and learning materials

Insurance

Airfare and UH tuition is not included

Scholarships from UH and the Chinese Program, Department of MCL are available!

Registration fee of \$50 (nonrefundable) is due on Feb. 15, 2005

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Calendar and Payment

Feb. 20, 2005	Application Deadline(\$50 application fee, non-refundable)
March 3, 2005	Orientation through Email: Handbook for Study in Beijing Summer 05
March 10, 2005	Airfare cost due (not included in the package)
April 15, 2005	Program fee due (\$1420, including housing in hotel and foreign student dorm, tours and trips in Beijing and to other provinces and cities, several group meals, China domestic travel expenses (round transportation from / to airport; bus, train to many historical sites), admission tickets for historical and culture sites and museums, textbooks and learning materials, medical and travel insurance)
July 6, 2005	Leave for Beijing (tentative)
August 9, 2005	Return back to Houston (tentative)

Scholarships at the levels of the University and the Department of Modern & Classical Languages are available!

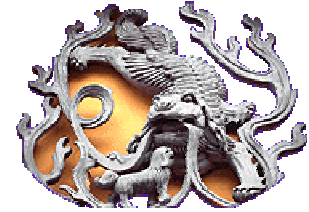
For More information and application forms, please visit <http://www.class.uh.edu/mcl/>



Passport

If you do not have a passport that is valid through August 30, 2005, apply for a new U.S. Passport applications can be processed at many post offices. Here are some of them at the locations:

1. Airport Mail Facility
Houston International Airport
Houston, TX 77205
Tel: 1-800-275-8777
2. Fairbanks Station
7050 Brookhollow West Dr.
Houston, TX 77040
Tel: 713-937-9458
3. Fleetwood Station
315 Addicks-Howell
Houston, TX 77079
Tel: 1-800-275-8777
4. South Post Pak Po
5505 Belrose
Houston, TX 77035
Tel: 1-800-275-8777
5. University Station
1319 Richmond Ave.
Houston, TX 77006
Tel: 1-800-275-8777
6. Westfield Station Houston
17119 Red Oak
Houston, TX 77090
Tel: 1-800-275-8777



Visa

In order to obtain permission to enter China, you must apply for a China visa. You can go to the Chinese Consulate of Houston to apply visa by yourself. MCL-Chinese Program will handle visa application for you if you hand in all the documents on time. When you apply visa, you need:

Visa application form, \$50, one passport size photo, a letter from RM University (Chinese Program will email you this letter, you need take the letter to the consulate for your visa.)

Information of the Chinese Consulate of Houston

3400 Montrose Blvd (7th Floor)
Houston, TX 77006
Tel: 713-524-2304 (9:00-10:00am, M-F) Fax: 713-524-8466
Email: visa@chinahouston.org
Office Hour: 9:00-11:30am, 1:30- 3:30pm, M-F

Information for non-U.S. citizens

Non-U.S. citizens should contact International Student Office of UH to get related information. **Re-entry Permits** In most cases, a re-entry permit is needed to travel abroad **if you are not a U. S. citizen and do not have a passport**. Re-entry permits can take long time for processing. Initiate your re-entry permit application as soon as possible. Please contact International Student Office of UH to get related information.

Packing

Please remember to bring the following items with you.

1. **Text Books and study materials**
2. **UH student ID**
3. First Aid Kit---Band-aids, Immodium AD, Neosporin, Tylenol, antibiotics, vitamins, cough drops
4. Passport with visa, green card (make copies)
5. Travel Binder
6. Towels and Wash Clothes
7. A lock to keep your personal belongings safe at dorm

Note. Please Pack as light as possible. Carry only what is essential for you. It is hot (but not so humid) in Beijing!

Arrangements to and from Houston Continental Airport

You need to make arrangements to and from airport by yourself. We will all meet at the airport before get on airplane or on the airplane!



Regulations in China

1. This program integrates culture activities into academic courses. Students must take minimum one course (3 credit hours), up to maximum three courses (9 credit hours).
2. Students may not travel by themselves and/or be away from the host campus for more than 16 hours. Please see the Contract of Agreement for violation.
3. Please be on time for classes and all the activities organized by the program. Your absence and tardiness in classes and trips will affect your overall course grades. Departures for trips and activities will be on time. If you do not appear on time, we assume that you choose not to go.
4. Students must comply with rules and regulations of the host university and hotels. A deposit of \$10 is required from each student for the dormitory room. It will be refunded back to the student after he/she checks out and nothing is damaged in the room.
5. **Student must sign the Contract of Agreement before the trip.**

Note. Please do not believe that you will naturally receive grades of As and Bs by studying in China. You earn the grades.

Host University, Beijing Qingnian Zhengzhi Xueyuan (BJYPC)

BJYPC is located in the Northeast of Beijing, the area between the Hi-tech District and Central Business District. It is well known for its beautiful campus with modern equipment and conditions. It is a large undergraduate college with excellent sports and recreational facilities. BJYPC is international. It has many international exchange programs and training centers.

Room, Board, Telecommunications, and Banking

Students will stay in the Foreign Student Dormitory on campus and hotel when travel. Two students will share one room. Each room is equipped with a TV, telephone, 2 twin beds, a bathroom with shower and toilet, etc. The room is air-conditioned.

Several lunches and dinners are incorporated into the program-organized activities. Food is inexpensive. There are many cafeterias and restaurants around the dorm and hotel. Grocery stores are easily accessible for fresh fruit and daily necessities. Western fast food restaurants are in the distance of 10-minute walk.

You can make international calls in your room by using a phone card. Phone cards can be purchased at stores on campus. You might want your family or friend to call you from US because phone calls from China to US is much more expensive than from US to China. Beijing is 13 hours ahead of Houston. So, the best time that your family call you is 8:00am to 10:00am in Houston time which is 9:00pm to 11:00pm in Beijing. You can use internet in the computer lab on campus.

Banks are available around campus. You can open an account free of charge and change money in the bank. They are friendly with good service.

Scholarships and Grants

You can apply for scholarship from the International Education Fee Scholarship for Study Abroad from 501, 114 or 27 E Eullen, UH. The deadline for IEFS is at the beginning of March (March 1)

You may also apply scholarship from the Chinese Program in the Dept. of MCL, UH. Grants are also available through the Institute of International Education.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the Program Cost include tuition for the classes?

UH tuition is not included in the Program Cost. UH will send a bill to you after we register for the courses you wish to take in the study abroad program.

Does the Program Cost include meals?

Several lunches and dinners are incorporated into the activities. Food in China is inexpensive. There are many cafeterias and little restaurants around campus for you to explore. Grocery stores, Mcdonald's, KFCs, Schlotzshy's, etc. are very close to the campus.

Do I have to sign the contract of Agreement and Medical Release Form?

Yes. It is required. You **must** do so and return it to the main office of MCL, 413AH.



Tours and Excursions

Historical Sites and Performances

Aside from the educational and academic value of the program, we provide students the opportunity to visit national treasures in Beijing. Students will visit the following sites: Power point presentation for each site is provided in the program.

Forbidden City

The Forbidden City, also called the Purple Forbidden City or Gugong Museum in Chinese, is located in the center of Beijing, PRC. The Forbidden City was built between 1406 and 1420 during the Ming Dynasty. It had been imperial home of 24 emperors of the Ming(1368-1644) and Qing(1644-1911) dynasty. From their throne in the Forbidden City, they governed the country by holding court sessions with their ministers, issuing imperial edicts and initiating military expeditions. After the republican revolution in 1911, the youngest and last emperor of the Qing Dynasty, then still a child, abdicated the next year. But he, his family and their entire entourage were allowed to stay in the palaces. They were finally expelled by republican troops in 1924. It has been the Gugong Museum since 1950 and opened to the public. The Forbidden City is one of the largest and best-preserved palace complexes in the world. There are over a million rare and valuable objects in the Museum.

The Great Wall

The Great Wall is one of the architectural wonders of the world, a triumph of engineering, which has in the course of time won the name “a spectacle of the university”. Its total length is more than 3,000 miles. It was first built about 2,500 years ago, during the Warring States period, and then extended and fortified in the subsequent dynasties-the Qin, Han, and Ming. Typicality of the Great Wall is the section at Badaling, a strategically important point and a hub of communication in the mountainous region north of Beijing since ancient times. This section, once a component part of the northern defense system of the Ming Dynasty, winds its way like a flying dragon among the steep mountains outside the Juyong Pass, having a height of 6-7 meters, and a width great enough for five horses to march abreast. There is a museum at this section now. The Juyong Pass was listed as one of the scenery highlights in the area of the ancient capital for its rolling green hills. Scenic spots near the pass are Guancheng of the Min Dynasty and Yuntai of the Yuan Dynasty, which are well known for their stone carvings.

The Temple of Heaven

Situated in the southern suburbs of Beijing, the part used to be the place where emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties offered their sacrifices to heaven, praying for bumper harvests. It is the largest existing architectural complex for imperial sacrificial ceremonies in China, covering an area of 2.7 million square meters. The complex

consists of the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, the Circular Altar and the Abstinence Hall. The Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest is 38m tall, cone-shaped and with three tiers of eaves, is supported by pillars standing in three rings-the inner, middle and outer rings-representing respectively the four seasons, the twelve months, and the twelve two-hour periods. At the southern end of the God's path in front of the hall stands the Circular Altar, where the sacrificial ceremony was held, and the Echo Wall, which added greatly to the mystery of the altar, suggesting that a dialogue was going on between the emperor and heaven.

It was built in 1420. The entire temple was built without a single nail.

Summer Palace

Yi He Yuan, or the Summer Palace, is the best-kept existing royal garden in Beijing. With a concentration of the best of ancient buildings as well as styles of gardening, it is a virtual museum of traditional Chinese gardening. The Summer Palace was first named the Garden of Clear Ripples, which was burnt down by the allied forces of Great Britain and France in 1860. Reconstruction started 25 years later and was completed in 1895, and the name was changed gives to Yiheyuan(Garden of Good Health and Harmony). The design gives prominence to the Longevity Hill and the Kunming Lake. The total area is 290 hectares, and the building are measured in over 3,000 bays.

Taiyuan- “Metropolis of Cathay”

Taiyuan is the capital of Shanxi Province. Ideally situated in the Taiyuan Basin in the central part of the province, it is bordered by the Taihang Mountains in the east and the Luliang Mountains in the west. The Fenhe River flows through the city.

Taiyuan has grown into a booming industrial city in the past few decades. Its network of railway lines provides a link to all parts of the country, and its coal and steel industries occupy an important position in China's industrial system.

The turbulent history of Taiyuan can be traced back to the Spring and Autumn Period more than two thousand years ago. But it was not until the Tang Dynasty, about one thousand years ago, that Taiyuan really became known as a “metropolis of Cathay.” The first empress in Chinese history, Wu Zetian (624-705), was born here. When she came to power, she appointed Minister Cui Shenqing as governor of Bingzhou (Taiyuan). He was instructed to have a bridge built over the Fenhe River to connect the towns of Xicheng (West City) and Dongcheng (East City), making Taiyuan a true metropolis.

With its mountains and its river, Taiyuan was an important military town for which war strategists of various dynasties contested. For more than a thousand years, many battles were fought here. In A.D. 975 Zhao Guangyi of the Song Dynasty dispatched 400,000 troops to conquer Taiyuan. In view of the fact that local forces of various dynasties often set up separatist regimes by force of arms, he had the town burned down completely because of what he believed were “unduly great ambitions to rule here.” Seven years later (A.D. 982), General Li Mei of the Song Dynasty began the reconstruction of the town, establishing the city of Taiyuan, as we know it today.

Memorial temple of Jin (*Jinsi*) This temple is located at the fountainhead of the Jinshui River twenty-five kilometers southwest of the city of Taiyuan. The weather here is warm in winter and cool in summer, and the land is beautiful. Ancient buildings, blue spring water, and superb clay sculpture have been attractions to tourists for centuries.

Legend says that the Memorial Temple of Jin was first built in the twelfth century B.C. The first attraction here is the “Immortal Spring,” so named because the spring water has flowed steadily for centuries. If you walk along the spring and down the stone steps, you will find a big pool of crystal-clear water that gushes out from the walls. Bypassing the pool, you will come to the uniquely constructed “Flying Bridge over the Fish Pond Spring” in front of the Hall of Holy Mother (Shengmudian). This double wooden bridge in the shape of a cross is supported by thirty-four stone posts embedded in the spring. Crossing the bridge you come to the Hall of Holy Mother, the center of the temple. The Holy Mother was regarded as the noble model of motherhood in feudal Chinese society. Flanking the sculpture of Holy Mother is an array of forty-two young maidens, each with distinct expression and posture. They are perfect examples of the skill of the sculptors of the Song Dynasty. Not far from the hall is a grove of ancient cypress trees, one of which is said to have been planted during the Western Zhou Dynasty, making it more than two thousand years old.

Tianlongshan Grottoes There are twenty-one grottoes halfway up Tianlong Mountain, forty kilometers southwest of Taiyuan. They were carved during the Wei, Qi, Sui, and primarily, Tang dynasties. The stone Buddhist statues are lifelike examples of fine workmanship.



Dept. of Modern and Classical Languages
Study Chinese in Beijing Program
Application form

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____
SSN# _____

Birthdate: _____ Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Local Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

WK Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address: _____

Permanent Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Race or ethnic origin (Optional, for statistical purposes only) Check one:

Latino/Mexican American _____ Black/Non-Hispanic _____ Spanish American _____
American Indian/Alaskan Native _____ Asian/Pacific Islander _____ White _____

Country Citizenship: _____ TX Residency: Resident _____ Nonresident _____

Major Field of Study: _____ Minor Field of Study: _____

Current UH Status: First year _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ Graduate Student _____

Overall GPA _____ GPA in Chinese _____

Chinese Language Background: _____

Please check 1 to 3 courses you plan to take (All the higher level courses fulfill Chinese Minor):

- ___ CHNS 1501: Elementary Chinese I
- ___ CHNS 2301: Intermediate Chinese I
- ___ CHNS 2302: Intermediate Chinese II
- ___ CHNS 3301: Advanced Mandarin Chinese I
- ___ CHNS 3304: Business Chinese
- ___ CHNS 3350: Chinese Culture through films (Taught in English)
- ___ CHNS 3352: Chinese culture and society thr modern literature (Taught in English)
- ___ CHNS 3398 Chinese culture and History (Taught in English)

Student statement. Please attach one typewritten page explaining the reasons why you want to participate in Study Chinese in Beijing program.

Summer program in China
Study Chinese in Beijing, MCL, UH

Scholarship Application from MCL

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____
SSN# _____

Local Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

WK Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address: _____

Permanent Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Major Field of Study: _____ Minor Field of Study: _____

Current UH Classification: First year _____ Sophomore _____
Junior _____ Senior _____
Graduate Student _____

Anticipated date of graduation: _____ Degree: BA/BS MA/MS

Chinese Language Background: _____

Overall UH GPA _____

Overall GPA of the courses from Minor in Chinese Studies _____

Your aspiration for the scholarship of Summer Program in China. Please use the back of this page if necessary.

Contract of Agreement

The Program of Study in Beijing, summer 04 from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages is a UH sponsored educational program designed to provide all students of UH to study Chinese language, culture, and explore career development in China. It is an academically vigorous and culturally rich program.

I, _____, understand that as a representative of the University of Houston in China, I am to abide by the rules and regulations as stated in the Study Chinese in Beijing Program Handbook and to follow all university guidelines and procedures as outlined by the University of Houston Systems Administration. I also understand that from of behavior deemed inappropriate during this visit is subject to disciplinary action by the University of Houston upon our return to the United State. In any and all cases of misconduct or non-compliance of program requirements while in China, the student may be subject to disciplinary action which include, but may not be limited to, early expulsion from the study in Beijing program, non-eligibility for course credit from the University of Houston, and non-eligibility for participation in the future in this program sponsored by Department of Modern and Classical Languages.

I, _____, understand that neither the University of Houston nor Department of Modern and Classical Languages will be held liable for any accidents or cases of physical negligence for the duration of our travel to, from, and throughout China from July 6, 2005 to August 9, 2005.

Participant's Signature

Date

Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages Representative

Date

Medical Release Form

In the event of any medical emergency (physical or mental), Student hereby grants to UH or any of its representatives on the Program the full authority to take any action deemed necessary to protect Student's mental or physical health and safety at Student's own expense, including, but not limited to, placing Student under the care of a doctor or in a hospital or any place for medical examination and/or treatment or returning the Student to the United States at Student's own expense if such return is deemed necessary after consultation with medical authorities. In the event Student is returned to the United States, Students shall not recover any money paid for and in connection with the Program. Student agrees UH is not required to take any such actions if it is not aware of the emergency or in its discretion determines no emergency exists. Should the need arise, UH, OISP representative is authorized to provide any personal information of Student to any health care provider.

Please read these forms and follow all instructions for completion. FULL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED. The information on these forms will assist health care providers in the event of a medical emergency. It is very important that all sections are completed fully and accurately. If a question is not applicable, enter N/A.

STUDENTS' FULL NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Other: _____

Primary Care Physician:

Name: _____ Office Phone: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Medical insurance is highly recommended for course participation. Health care providers may require proof of ability to pay for services before services are rendered. If you do not have health insurance, trip insurance may be purchased from an independent insurance agency. If you purchase temporary health insurance, you must provide the name of the carrier and the policy number in the blanks provided. Please contact Macorie Inc., Students Insurance Agency.

I verify that all information in this health disclosure is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Print your name

Date