

FOOD, FOOD PRODUCTION & CULTURE IN CHINA

an independent study course

Program Highlights

Dates

Summer Quarter,
June 29- July 12, 2011

Locations

Western and Southwestern
China: Xinjiang and Yunnan
Provinces

Academic Credit

Veterinary Medicine, Food
Science, or Human Nutrition

Application Deadline

April 1, 2011

Eligibility

- 2.5 minimum GPA
- Personal interview

Program Costs

OSU Tuition + approximately
3,487 program fee (see the
"program costs" section for
details)

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Program Goals

China is a vast country with a growing population and a rapidly growing economy. This intensive 15-day course has several objectives:

1. Introduce students to the diversity of primary food production systems in China.
2. Provide hands-on research experience with food safety research
3. Engage in the exchange of information at an international scientific meeting.
4. Gain greater understanding of Chinese culture in a global agricultural economy.

Students will explore how the interplay of geography, history and social structures led to the developed agricultural economy in place today. In addition to their active participation on field trips and in meetings, students will keep a reflective journal that will be graded for credit. Students will write papers, give presentations, to earn their 3 hours of Ohio State credit.

This is a collaborative program involving multiple universities. The trip will be combined with a group of students and faculty from Colorado State University. Our host institutions include the Yunnan University of Finance and Economics (Kunming), Xi'an Jiaotong College of Medicine (Xi'an), and the Xinjiang Agriculture University (Urumqi).

Who should participate?

This is an interdisciplinary program. Any individual interested in learning more about food production, notably food safety, and its influence and impact on Chinese culture, the environment or health will surely benefit from these activities. Participation is not restricted to student: Other faculty and staff can participate.

Field Trips and Activities

During the 15- day program students will tour many locations of both agricultural and cultural importance. Starting with a visit to the Great Wall upon arrival in Beijing, the group will travel Urumqi to explore food animal production and processing, grain production and participate in field research about foodborne pathogens. Subsequently, the group will travel to southwest China, to the beautiful province of Yunnan, where horticulture and floriculture is abundant. Farm visits will occur. Students will participate in the Second International Conference on Food, the Environment and Public Health in Kunming, before visiting some cultural and scenic sites of the region. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in some outdoor recreational activities while traveling.

Program Costs

The program fee for this Independent study abroad course for 2011 is 3,487. This includes housing, airfare, ground transportation, most meals and program field trips. The expense of this trip is largely related to the vast distances between destinations. For example it is over 2000 km between the arrival port (Beijing) and Urumqi. Ohio State tuition and fees (including health insurance), passport costs, pre-departure health consultations and vaccinations, a some meals and personal expenses are not included. Students will stay in hotels or cabins, typically with two per room. Because of the many field trips, students will not spend more than two nights at the same lodging. The program fee represents our best estimate of expected expenses. The program fee may increase if the actual airfare exceeds the estimated amount when ticketing occurs, however; students will be able to decline participation with full refund at that time.



Pre-Departure Orientation

All students will be required to participate in on-campus pre-departure orientations organized by the Office of International Affairs. These sessions will offer important information on travel, health, academic expectations, and Chinese history and culture. The dates and locations of orientation meetings will be provided in the letter of acceptance.

Application Information

Applicants are requested to contact the program director as soon as possible to indicate interest.

If you withdraw any time after the date of your notification of acceptance to a study, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs.

Passports

Passports are required for every program participant. For information about applying for a passport, go to travel.state.gov.

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)

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