

Chinese Language and Culture

A two-week university study and experiential education course



Description

Chinese Language Group Immersion

Beginning this year, our Chinese Language Immersion Programs will be based in Shanghai. This program is designed specifically to help elevate students confidence in usage of spoken Chinese through focused morning classes, and constructive afternoon activities, while providing opportunities to explore the culture and bustling neighborhoods of China's largest city –and our home base – Shanghai. Based on one of China's largest, and most prestigious campuses, students will have a chance to get a feel for life on a college campus while still being immersed in Chinese culture.

Group Language Immersion*

This language program offers two tracks. Our Group Language Immersion Program places students into group classes designed first to improve spoken ability. This is a great option for students hope to get a leg-up before classes kick back up in the fall, but still wanting the support of peer students and a collaborative classroom environment.

Independent Study**

The Chinese Language Independent Study provides a one-on-one classroom experience with personalized instruction, and the chance to hone in on problem areas in your language studies. The program is designed to accommodate any level of proficiency, from beginners seeking an accelerated first introduction to the language to those students intending to major in Chinese at a university. This flexibility will allow you to continue your studies at whatever level you find comfortable. The individual attention Independent Study offers is an incredible opportunity to take your Chinese to the next level and prepare for success in honors, AP or college classes. Chinese Language Independent Study and Chinese Language Group Immersion offer thirty-six hours in the classroom during each two-week session, with the option to extend your stay for up to six weeks.

Conversational Confidence

Your learning will continue outside of the classroom. Our program leaders have developed a unique itinerary that will empower you to take a leadership role after class as we explore and apply what you learn each morning. Tailor-made vocabulary sheets that match up to each day's activity will reinforce what you have learned at the university and encourage you to put your skills to practice. Want to ride a horse up the mountain? Learn how to ask the way! Activities might include exploring local markets or getting a traditional massage; visiting ancient temples or spending some free time on campus.

Dynamic Shanghai

Mixing the old and new; traditionally Chinese and recently globalized, Shanghai is best place to see China as it was and as it will be. Based at East China Normal University our home is far enough away from the center to provide a quiet oasis and a buffer from the buzz of central Shanghai, but still close enough to access everything the city has to offer when necessary.

Exploring the Region

To balance each week's studies, we will plan a one night, 2 day excursion to another regional location of interest. During the course of the summer, we will travel Hangzhou and Suzhou – two important cities in this region known for their natural beauty and deep history.

This trip connects with our other China programs, as well as with our programs in Southeast Asia, India, and Mongolia.

Highlights

LEARN from university professors and native Mandarin speakers in a small group setting and receive 38 hours of classroom time.

ENJOY the beauty of Yunnan Province as you take part in outdoor activities alongside empowering leaders who will challenge you to use your language skills in a variety of settings.

STUDY for two, four, or six weeks and build your language skills throughout the summer.

Program Details

Ages: 14 and up

Length: 17 days from the USA

Language Study: 36 hours of instruction

Cost: CHF *3'740 / **4'620 + 790 Internal Airfare

Departures

Departs Tue	Returns Thu	Availability
2 Jul	18 Jul	Available
16 Jul	1 Aug	Available