

China at a Crossroads: Political, Economic and Social Change

Preprogram Dates: 3 sessions – June 6 & 7 (two-sessions on June 7) TBC
Program Dates: June 19 – 29, 2008 (June 18th Arrival)

Registration: Registrations accepted on a first come, first serve basis. To reserve your place, please complete the CGA Summer Intensive Study Abroad 2008 form and forward to MyKellann.Ledden@nyu.edu. **Priority registration deadline is April 25th. Rolling admission as space permits after April 25, 2008.**

Curriculum: Y45.3000.999 **China at a Crossroads: Political, Economic and Social Change** fulfills the International Relations Concentration, Private Sector Concentration as well as elective requirements.

Documents: For U.S. citizens, a valid passport is required along with a travel visa (see information below). Be sure that your passport is up-to-date. Non-U.S. passport holders should check with the Chinese Consulate for your required documentation.

Health: Due to the short duration of this study program as well as the limited travel outside of metropolitan areas, special vaccinations for this trip may not be necessary. Please consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website for health advisories and recommended vaccinations at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/eastasia.htm#vaccines>.

Program Description

The course, “**China at a Crossroads: Political, Economic and Social Change,**” will enable graduate students to study and actively engage in the tremendous transitions facing China today. The program features senior academic, policy and professional presenters and affords participants a two-day practicum to shadow municipal, corporate, educational and non-profit leaders shaping modern Shanghai, a global economic, finance, design and arts destination. Understanding the new global order without attempting to understand and account for China is impossible. China is changing rapidly, asserting itself on the world stage, buying itself into Africa and possibly offering the world a new model of development assistance, expanding its spheres of influence and will undoubtedly continue to increase its impact globally. We believe that in order to provide our students with the best possible opportunity to understand China, it is necessary to travel there and engage not only with China’s economic, political and social changes but also to interact with leaders in the different spheres. The program aims to harness transitions facing China today and articulate to students the dynamism and strategic realities and dilemma facing decision-makers today.

The curriculum will present: 1) a concise history of China, with particular focus on modern transitions; 2) an examination of political realities facing the local, provincial and national governments, with specific attention to the consolidation of power under Chinese President Hu Jintao; 3) exploration of the realities of rural to urban migration, provincial/coastal disparities and other economic and political challenges; 4) the growth of China’s oil sector and resource management issues, with an eye toward external relations development aimed at energy acquisition; 5) marketing, public relations and business climate in Shanghai today; 6) discussion of China’s security perceptions vis-a-vis, Taiwan, the Korean Peninsula, Japan, the United States and elsewhere; 7) China’s emerging regional and global role, with an eye toward the 2008 Olympiad.

Faculty Escort

Carolyn Kissane, M.A., Ph.D.

CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Dr. Carolyn Kissane has worked as a researcher and consultant in Kazakhstan, Russia, Mongolia, Argentina, Japan and Sweden for educational and nongovernmental organizations including World Teach, The Academy for Educational Development, Soros Foundation, United States Institute of Peace, U.S Department of Education and the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). She also works with CIMERA, a NGO she helped set up in New York which works in the Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia. She has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in the areas of international affairs, nongovernmental organizations and international development, and education and international development at Teachers College Columbia University, CUNY Queens College, Colgate University and New York University. She holds a two year fellowship from the Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs for her work on post-Soviet history education in Kazakhstan. In addition she received a Fulbright Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, Teachers College Columbia University Dean’s Grant, IREX Caspian Sea Fellowship, IREX travel grant and a National Security Graduate Enhancement Fellowship.

Dr. Kissane’s publications include an article on history education in Comparative Education, Freedom House Countries at the Crossroads report on Kazakhstan, Evaluating Human Rights Education and a forthcoming chapter on History Education for Reconciliation and Understanding and new research on the impact of oil revenues on educational policy and financing in resource rich countries. She received her Ph.D. in Comparative Education and Policy Studies from Columbia University.

NYU Shanghai Site

NYU in Shanghai, located in the heart of China's most dynamic city, opened in fall 2006. Known for its economic prowess and long history of foreign influence, China is the world's fifth largest exporter and one of the fastest-growing economies. Shanghai, a busy metropolis with strikingly modern architecture, is the perfect locale from which to observe the interplay of various forces moving China forward.

Shanghai is the largest city in China, with best estimates placing the population at 20 to 24 million inhabitants. The city has a truly unique history, even though it could be considered relatively young when compared with Beijing and other cities. This characteristic, however, is central to the framework that makes Shanghai what it is today. Besides being China's economic center, it is also an increasingly popular tourist destination with more than three million tourists annually, a number that is on the rise.

Unlike other Chinese cities, Shanghai is a great city for day walking, and is easily accessible by public transportation and taxi. Though it can be an expensive city, your cost of living depends on where you shop; for the most part, however, students from the United States will find that Shanghai is very affordable. While the city gives you the wonderful opportunity to fully immerse yourself in local Chinese culture and history, it is also the most cosmopolitan city in China and offers a truly unique perspective on Chinese life.

Housing

In Shanghai, all students will be staying at the Changning Equatorial Apartments. Changning Equatorial Serviced Apartments <http://www.equatorial-cesa.com/> are located in the commercial heart of Changning District, Shanghai, near the Hongqiao Development Zone. The renowned and historical Zhongshan Park is opposite the apartment building, and department stores and restaurants are available close by. The Changning Apartments are located at the entrance to Metro Line 2, and the Light Rail Transit is just an easy 5 minutes walk.

There will be one overnight in Hangzhou, details to follow.

Booking Flights – ARRIVE/DEPART: SHANGHAI

Student participants will be responsible for booking flights to and from China. Students should plan to arrive in Shanghai, China no later than Thursday, June 19th. Departure for the United States should be booked for Sunday, June 29th from Shanghai unless the student plans to remain in the country or go elsewhere for additional travel. **BEFORE YOU COMMIT TO PAYING FOR YOUR AIRLINE TICKET, PLEASE CHECK WITH US ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM.**

Registration Deadline

Registration is open until Friday, April 25th. After April 25th, you must contact the department at 212.992.8380 to register if space is available.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations up to and including April 25th: Refund of payment, less \$200 cancellation fee to cover NYU administrative costs and expenses. Cancellations received on and after April 25, 2008: Subject to full forfeiture of the entire program cost as well as tuition penalties. **Cancellations must be made in writing. To protect yourself, we recommend that your purchase trip cancellation insurance.**

International Students

Contact OISS regarding your travel plans. You must attend and OISS "Travel Workshop" if this is your first time traveling with NYU. Visit the OISS website <http://www.nyu.edu/oiss/index.html> for further information.

Cost for the Program

Students will be responsible for covering the cost of the program fee, 3 credits, and airfare expenses. The program fee will cover student lodging (in Shanghai and one night in Hangzhou), most breakfasts, lunches, and dinners/special receptions, all meetings/special guest lectures, all in-country travel (including airport transportation), and planned cultural excursions.

- Confirmed Program Fee as of April 21, 2008: \$1050 (three per room) – Please note that these are apartment style facilities with 3 singles per unit.
- 3 Credits: \$4274 (includes registration and service fees)
- Estimated Airfare: \$1000-\$1600

NOT Included

Airfare, passport and visa fees, personal items such as wines, liquors, laundry services, lunches, dinners (other than those specified in the program), special arrangements before or after the program, and other items not specifically mentioned as included. Insurance for trip cancellation, flight cancellation, luggage loss or damage, medical and accident is not included but is strongly recommended.

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Sample Itinerary June 18-29, 2008

Wednesday, June 18

Arrival and airport pickup

Thursday, June 19 - Orientation

AM: Survival Chinese lesson
General meeting: administrative, academic, and cultural issues
PM: Neighborhood tour
EVE: Welcome dinner: Zhongshan Park Restaurant

Friday, June 20

AM: Survival Chinese lesson
Lecture and discussion: China's International Relations
PM: City tour
EVE: Free

Saturday, June 21

AM: Survival Chinese Lesson
Lecture and discussion: China's Economic Reforms
PM: Museum visits (Shanghai Urban Planning, History, and Chinese Art)
EVE: Bike ride of Shanghai

Sunday, June 22

AM: Historic Watertown
Noon: Picnic lunch with Chinese graduate students
PM: Dragon Boat Race
EVE: Ethnic Thai Restaurant Dinner

Monday, June 23

AM: Survival Chinese Lesson
Lecture and discussion: Contemporary Chinese Society
PM: Chinese university campus visits (Fudan University and ECNU)
EVE: River Cruise

Tuesday, June 24

AM: Survival Chinese Lesson
Lecture and discussion: Urban Development and Environmental Protection
PM: Experience Chinese Culture (cooking, calligraphy, martial arts, etc.)
EVE: Acrobatic Show; Peking Duck Dinner

Wednesday, June 25 - Practicum Day

Group One: Business associations: (e.g. American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai)
Group Two: Government think tanks (e.g. Shanghai Institute of International Relations)
Group Three: NGOs (e.g. Roots and Shoots, Hands on Shanghai)
Group Four: Multinational companies (e.g. Coca Cola, General Motors, Microsoft)

Thursday, June 26

AM: Depart for Hangzhou by train: a city known for its history and West Lake two hours by train south of Shanghai
EVE: Overnight in Hangzhou

Friday, June 27 - Sightseeing in Hangzhou Full Day

EVE: Return to Shanghai by train

Saturday, June 28

AM: Debriefing and evaluation
PM: Free
EVE: Farewell Dinner; Mayfair Hotel

Sunday, June 29

Airport drop off and departure