WMU Confucius Institute Educational Exchange

July 1 – July 14, 2012

Confucius Institute
Western Michigan University

Introduction

The Confucius Institute at Western Michigan University will organize and host a study abroad tour to China for July 1st through 14th, 2012. On this tour, participants will visit famous attractions and historical sites in Beijing (Beijing Municipality), Shaoxing (Zhejiang Province), Hangzhou (Zhejiang Province), and Shanghai (Shanghai Municipality). Participants will also engage in a structured course of Chinese language, which will be immediately beneficial to them as they interact with people in China and learn about the various places they will visit.

Attendees

For this study abroad tour, the following persons are invited to join: Portage Public Schools (PPS) principals, PPS teachers, PPS educational officers, and university students.

Cost

The following table shows the fee schedule as paid by Confucius Institute headquarters or by attendees.

Fee Description	**Paid by CI Headquarters**	**Paid by WMU**	**Paid by Attendee**
Registration	✓		
BLCU Tuition	✓		
Books	✓		
Standard dormitory accommodation in Beijing	✓		
Hotel accommodation in Shaoxing	✓		
Hotel accommodation in Shanghai	✓		
Local transportation (group tour bus)	✓		
Sight-seeing tour tickets	✓		
Travel insurance		✓	
Optional WMU Graduate Credits (3)		✓	
Airfare from USA to Beijing			✓
Airfare from Beijing to Shaoxing[1]			✓
Airfare from Shanghai to USA			✓
Visa application			✓
Food			✓
Personal activities outside of the group schedule			✓

[1] Please note that the city of Shaoxing does not have an airport. In order to arrive in Shaoxing by air, one must purchase a plane ticket traveling from Beijing to Hangzhou. ***This*** fare must be paid by the attendee. From Hangzhou, personal bus transportation to Shaoxing will be provided to the attendee at no charge.

Application

If you are interested in this study abroad tour and would like to apply, please complete the following steps:

1. Apply for the Educational Exchange in China trip through WMU Study Abroad at http://broncosabroad.international.wmich.edu/.
2. After completion of your online application, email or mail a **copy of your passport** (valid for at least 6 months beyond stay in China) and a **copy of your driver's license** or another form of legal identification to the following address:

   Christina Paruch
   Confucius Institute
   Ellsworth Hall 2501, Western Michigan University
   1903 W. Michigan Ave Kalamazoo, MI 49008

   wmu-confucius@wmich.edu

The registration deadline for all interested participants is ***May 11, 2012***. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Paruch at (269) 387-3951, or send an email to wmu-confucius@wmich.edu.

Graduate Credit

If you are an educator/teacher and are interested in receiving graduate credit, you can enroll in INTL 6050: Foreign Studies Seminar for the program. Please contact Christina Paruch at christina.m.paruch@wmich.edu for course requirements. Course tuition will be covered by Western Michigan University.

Schedule

Below is a tentative schedule of events. Please note that the actual schedule may experience small changes depending on the situation.

May 11, 2012- Application deadline
May 18, 2012- Pre-Departure Meeting

All participants must attend this mandatory Pre-Departure meeting. Topics of discussion will include visa applications, travel insurance, schedule, what to pack, what to expect, currency exchange, etc.

Week One (Beijing): July 1st – July 8th

Time	July 1st (Sun)	July 2nd (Mon)	July 3rd (Tue)	July 4th (Wed)	July 5th (Thu)	July 6th (Fri)	July 7th (Sat)	July 8th (Sun)
8 am - 12 pm	Depart USA	Arrive in Beijing	Register for class at BLCU[2] Campus tour and money exchange	Chinese Class: * Greetings * Self-Introductions	Chinese Class: * Counting * Making Phone Calls	Chinese Class: * Time * Days of the Week	Chinese Class: * Shopping	Shopping at the famous Silk Street Market
2 pm - 5 pm			Cultural Class: * Tai Chi * Chinese Paper Cutting	Visit the Forbidden City	Cultural Class: * Beijing Opera and Opera Facial Makeup	Conversations with students of BLCU	Visit the Great Wall of China	Travel to Shaoxing by airplane[3]
6 pm - 7:30 pm			Welcome Banquet	Free Time	Attend Beijing Opera	Free Time		

Week Two (Shaoxing-Hangzhou – Shanghai): July 9th – July 14th

Time	July 9th (Mon)	July 10th (Tue)	July 11th (Wed)	July 12th (Thu)	July 13th (Fri)	July 14th (Sat)
8 am - 1 pm	Arrive in Shaoxing	* Calligraphy Lecture * Practice Calligraphy	* Visit the Lanting Institute * Lecture on Calligraphy Rubbings	Travel to Hangzhou by Bus Visit Nature Reserve: West Lake	Visit Nanjing Road	Prepare for Return
2 pm – 5:30 pm	Visit the Historical Home of Luxun Visit Shen Garden	Visit Historical Food Street	Visit the Yellow Wine Museum	Visit Historical Cultural Street	Visit the Bund of Huangpu River	Return to USA
7 pm - 8:30 pm	Free Time	River Tour Around the City[4]	Free Time	Travel to Shanghai by Bus	Visit the East Pearl Tower	

[2] BLCU = Beijing Language and Culture University
[3] (See Note 1 on page 2)
[4] This activity is optional and can be participated in at one's own expense

Additional Resources

Below are several resources that may be useful in understanding the scope and details of this trip.

1. About the WMU CI: www.wmich.edu/Confucius
2. About Hanban: http://english.hanban.org/
3. About Beijing: www.ebeijing.gov.cn/
4. About BLCU: www.blcu.edu.cn/blcuweb/english/index-en.asp
5. About Tai Chi: www.everyday-taichi.com/
6. About Chinese Paper Cutting: www.travelchinaguide.com/intro/arts/paper_cut.htm
7. About the Forbidden City: www.chinahighlights.com/beijing/forbidden-city/
8. About Beijing Opera: www.beijingtrip.com/feature/opera.htm
9. About the Great Wall: www.greatwall-of-china.com/
10. About the Silk Street Market: www.silkstreet.cc/templet/en/
11. About Shaoxing: www.shaoxing.gov.cn/en/index.htm
12. About Lu Xun: http://mclc.osu.edu/rc/bios/lxbio.htm
13. About Shen Garden: http://en.sx.gov.cn/20050914000022/
14. About Chinese Calligraphy: www.chinavoc.com/arts/calligraphy/origin.asp
15. About Yellow Wine Museum: www.china.org.cn/english/MATERIAL/230192.htm
16. About West Lake: www.chinahighlights.com/hangzhou/attraction/west-lake.htm
17. About Shanghai: www.sh.gov.cn/shanghai/node23919/index.html
18. About the Bund: www.warriortours.com/cityguides/shanghai/bund.htm
19. About Oriental Pearl Tower: www.chinatour360.com/shanghai/tv-tower.htm