UConn Summer in China: Language and Culture Immersion (UConnSC-LCI) (May 15-June 21, 2014)

PROGRAM: UConnSC-LCI is a five-week intensive Chinese language and culture immersion program geared towards improving Chinese learners' linguistic competence and cultural awareness in context. The program consists of two components: a four-week language and culture course in Tianjin, & a one-week study trip to a range of sites of historical, cultural and economic significance in Xi'an, Hangzhou, and Shanghai. *Approx. cost:* \$6000, including airfare, lodging & insurance.



UConnSC-LCI is located in Tianjin, China. Tianjin is the third largest city in China and one of the biggest ports in Northern China. It is only an hour's drive from Beijing, and 50 minutes' drive from the seashore. With the completion of the C-Train (*Chengji* train, which means inter-city express) in 2008, the distance between Beijing and Tianjin is shortened to only 30 minutes. The proximity to Beijing makes Tianjin an excellent base exploring China's capital city and many other parts of the country while one enjoys the low cost offered in the city.



The hosting institution of UConnSC-LCI is Nankai University, one of the most prestigious universities in China. The College of Chinese Language and Culture was set up by the university specifically to offer Chinese programs to international students. The college began enrolling international students in the early 1950s, and since then, more than ten thousand overseas students have studied Chinese on the Nankai campus.

ACADEMICS: The UConn Summer in China curriculum consists of two primary components: CHIN 3293: Intensive advanced Chinese (5 credits) & CHIN 3293: Engaging Chinese Culture (1 credit). Through coursework, cultural activities and a guided field trip, the UConnSC-LCI curriculum provides participants an opportunity to get immersed in the Chinese speaking, and to encounter Chinese culture on a daily basis.



EXPERIENCES: UConnSC-LCI is designed to take full advantage of the in-country environment and thus addresses aspects of language learning unique to the China specific setting. Our focus is "doing things in Chinese" in live Chinese cultural contexts and the underlying theme of our in-country curriculum is "interacting in Chinese society as an American".

Hands-on cultural workshops

Weekend trips to Beijing, Tai mountain and Confucius temple







Faculty-led tours to local cultural/historical sites

Study trip to Xi'an, Hangzhou and Shanghai







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