

PLU IN

# CHINA

Continuity and Change in an Emerging World Power

Study Away 2012-13



*Photo taken by Greg Youtz*

# Chengdu, CHINA

## FALL 2012

August to December



### Academics

**Focus:** Chinese Language & Culture; International Business; Global Studies; Environmental Studies; Economics; Anthropology

Classes are taught at Sichuan University. All courses, excluding language courses, are taught in English from Sichuan University professors or by the PLU professor who is the Site Director. To provide an introduction to Chinese language, culture and society, all students are required to take a set of three core classes equaling 10-14 credits. Students then choose from a variety of elective courses to complete a total of up to 17 semester credit hours.

### Required Core (10-14 credits)

**Chinese Language** (4-8 credits)

**Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society** (4)

**Western China: The Rural and Minority Experience** (2)

### Electives (up to 7 credits)

Nestled in a rich agricultural basin near the foothills of Tibet, Sichuan Province is China's most populous. Within the mixture of modern cities and rural villages is Chengdu, the provincial capital – home to Western China's best universities and hospitals, and a major site for foreign and domestic investment, including global industry leaders like Microsoft, Boeing and Intel.

You'll study at Sichuan University, one of China's most prestigious universities. The campus is large and exciting, attracting students from all over China and the world. The university district outside the campus is fun and convenient, offering Internet cafes, restaurants, banking and shopping.

### Elective Courses

**My China: Book Arts, Cultural Perspective, & Memory** (4 credits)  
PLU Professor Spencer Ebbinga

**The 20th Century History of China** (3)  
SCU Professor Zhou Yi

**Chinese Politics: Historical Ideas to Contemporary Realities** (3)  
SCU Professor Zhou Yi

**Sino-American Relations** (3)  
SCU professor Song Zhihui

**Religion in Chinese Society** (3)  
SCU Professor Zhang Chongfu

**Environmental Issues in China** (3)  
SCU Professor Yang Jiong & Zhou Jin

**Global Business & Multinational Enterprises in China** (3)  
SCU Professor Wang Weicheng

**Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy** (1)  
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**Introduction to Taiji** (1)  
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### Living & Learning Requirement

This community-based education experience grants intimate access into the local community and provides reciprocal opportunity for both students and the community to learn from one another. Through the two-hour weekly commitment, you share your talents with the local community by tutoring English in a variety of venues, or performing other service work in the Chengdu area. Previous students have worked with the YMCA, neighboring schools, and "English corners" located around campus.

## Study Tours

### Entering China (August)

You will fly into Beijing, China's capital, where orientation begins. Highlights include visits to the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and more.

You will next travel inland, and stop at Xian where you'll see why this city is known for its history and culture. Finally, you'll arrive in Chengdu, your home for the next four months. You'll receive a tour of both the city and the campus at Sichuan University.

### Tibetan Region (October)

In October, you will visit a Tibetan Region, for a week of discovery. You will visit Buddhist temples and shrines along with experiencing a culture vastly different than its surrounding regions. An alternative excursion will be arranged as necessary.

### Emei Mountain & Village Experience (November)

Focusing on the environment and people of the Sichuan region, your next two study tours will take you outside of Chengdu.

First, you will travel to the sacred Buddhist mountain Emeishan to see the temples and the monkey preserve, as well as the Leshan Great Buddha, the largest stone sculpture of Buddha in the world.

Next, you will visit several villages in Sichuan Province to experience how many of the rural population live.

### On-site Support

Students are accompanied by PLU faculty, Spencer Ebbinga, who serves as the Site Director. SCU also has staff who provide support to students while they are living in China.



### Housing

You will stay in an international student residence hall, where you will meet students from around the world. You will have a single or double bedroom with your own bathroom and shower. You are provided with a monthly stipend for food, which gives you the freedom to eat at the nearby cafeteria, or to explore the many surrounding restaurants.

“The Chengdu program revealed to me some of the privileges I take for granted in the U.S. It profoundly encouraged me to be a global student, constantly learning from every interaction with food, music, dance and most importantly with every person.”

*Mycal Ford, Fall 2010 participant*

*photo by Thomas Nelson*



## At a Glance

### Program Features

- Fall Semester Program (with option to extend to full year)
- No previous language required
- 17 PLU credits
- PLU's comprehensive fee covers program costs

### Costs Include

- Tuition
- Study tours
- Room and board
- Medical insurance
- Visa expenses

Airfare and personal expenses not included

*Financial aid applies to Study Away program fees*

*Global Scholar Award eligible*



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## Application Procedure

- Sophomore, junior, or senior standing
- Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher; 3.0 preferred
- In good standing with the university

No previous Chinese language study required

Fall 2012 applications due to PLU Wang Center for Global Education by March 16, 2012.

Semester application available in the Wang Center and online at <http://www.plu.edu/studyaway/documents-forms/home.php>



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