

Telfort Study Abroad – Shanghai

Program Features and Academic Calendar*

Introduction

The Telfort Study Abroad Program for American and other foreign college and university students provides a rich cultural and educational experience in the People's Republic of China. This full semester in Shanghai is offered during a traditional U.S. based semester. Students are enrolled in up to the equivalent of 15 course credit units, courses include: Intensive Chinese Language Study, Introduction to China and its Culture, and two elective courses. All classes, except for Chinese Language, are taught in English by native English speaking faculty.

Buddy Program

All study abroad students will participate in the Peer Mentor/Buddy Program. Students will meet each other at the orientation session. English speaking Chinese students will assist study abroad students with various acculturation experiences throughout the study abroad experience. In particular they will act as a Shanghai mentor, helping participants learn about the city, and the Chinese language as spoken in Shanghai. The opportunity should exist for the Peer-Mentor-buddy to welcome the study abroad student into their home for a meal or two – especially during holidays or long weekends, as well as participate in any organized activities. Study abroad students will be encouraged to share their culture and native language with their Chinese “Buddy.”. The paired students will be required to participate in a few informal presentations during the study abroad semester. At the end of the semester, each pair will be responsible for a final formal presentation that focuses on their shared experiences.

Student Activities

Throughout the Fall 2013 study abroad semester students will have the opportunity to participate in required and elected activities outside of the classroom. Activities will focus on experiencing Chinese culture. Planned excursions in and around Shanghai are included as part of the Telfort Study Abroad Program. A student activities calendar will be provided to students at the orientation session. A list of supplemental experiences, with additional cost to student, will also be made available.



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Academic Calendar

Arrival in Shanghai	Wednesday Aug. 28th or Thursday Aug. 29th
Program Start – Formal Orientation	Sunday Sep. 1 st
Study Abroad Social and Welcome Dinner	Sunday Sep. 1 st
Classes Begin	Monday Sep. 2 nd
Holidays	Mid-Autumn Festival Thursday Sep. 19 th through Saturday Sep. 21 st
	Chinese National Day Tuesday Oct. 1 st through Monday October 7 th
	American Thanksgiving Thursday Nov. 28th
Last Class	Friday Dec. 13 th
Concluding Dinner and Celebration	Friday Dec. 13 th
Cultural Activities	TBD and scheduled

CHIN101A is delivered intensively in the first three weeks with four hours of class per day (three in the morning and one in the afternoon). Following this intensive introduction, students will follow a balanced schedule with two hours of classes in both mornings and afternoons.

Students and instructors may negotiate changes to the indicated dates for assessed items, papers and presentations. Presentations may be scheduled outside of regular class hours to facilitate the formation of assessment panels from among the department staff at SIT -Telfort Business Institute and the Study Abroad Academic Director.

Week-Day	Date	AM Classes	PM Classes
0-1	August 24	Acclimation to Shanghai	Acclimation to Shanghai
0-2	August 25	Activity: Formal Orientation	Activity: Formal Orientation, Activity: Group Social Gathering and Dinner
1-1	August 26	CHIN101A: Introduction to the Chinese Language and the Pinyin Phonetic System	CHIN101A: Initials and Finals Basic Strokes and Chinese Characters
1-2	August 27	CHIN101A: Pinyin Pronunciation (Listening and Speaking Exercises)	CHIN101A: Pinyin Pronunciation (Listening and Speaking Exercises)
1-3	August 28	CHIN101A: Pinyin Pronunciation (Listening and Speaking Exercises)	CHIN101A: Pinyin Pronunciation (Listening and Speaking Exercises)
1-4	August 29	CHIN101A: Introducing Yourself in Chinese	CHIN101A: Introducing Yourself in Chinese



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1-5	August 30	CHIN101A: Basic Chinese Grammar and Word Order	CHIN101A: Pinyin Review Vocabulary for “Survival”
1-6	August 31	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
1-7	September 1	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
2-1	September 2 Labor Day, USA	CHIN101A: The Classroom	CHIN101A: The Classroom
2-2	September 3	CHIN101A: The Post Office	CHIN101A: The Post Office
2-3	September 4	CHIN101A: Mid-Course Review	CHIN101A: Mid-Course Exam
2-4	September 5	CHIN101A: Describing People and Things	CHIN101A: Describing People and Things
2-5	September 6	CHIN101A: Telling Time	CHIN101A: Days and Dates
2-6	September 7	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
2-7	September 8 Grandparents’ Day USA	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
3-1	September 9	CHIN101A: Giving Directions	CHIN101A: Addresses
3-2	September 10	CHIN101A: Public Transport	CHIN101A: Public Transport
3-3	September 11	CHIN101A: Eating Out	CHIN101A: Eating Out
3-4	September 12	CHIN101A: The Market	CHIN101A: The Market
3-5	September 13	CHIN101A: Final Review	CHIN101A: Final Exam
3-6	September 14	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
3-7	September 15	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
4-1	September 16	CHIN101B: Buying Daily Necessities	ECON205: Course Introduction and Assessment Requirements Lecture: What is International Trade
4-2	September 17	CHIN101B: Buying Daily Necessities	ECON205: Lecture: The Importance of International Trade to the Chinese Economy Discussion: Reading 1
4-3	September 18	CHIN101B: Buying Clothes in a Shopping Mall	ECON205: Lecture: Why Nations Trade—Trade Theory Discussion: Reading 2



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4-4	September 19 Mid-Autumn Holiday China	Mid-Autumn Holiday China	
4-5	September 20 Mid-Autumn Holiday China	Mid-Autumn Holiday China	
4-6	September 21 Mid-Autumn Holiday China	Mid-Autumn Holiday China	
4-7	September 22 Work/Class day China Fall Equinox	CHIN101B: Buying Clothes in a Shopping Mall	ECON205: Discussion: Reading 3 Discussion: Reading 4
5-1	September 23	CHIN101B: Listening Lab Speaking Lab	ECON205: Lecture: Who Wins Who Loses? Discussion: Reading 5
5-2	September 24	CHIN101B: Booking an Airline Ticket	ECON205: Lecture: Arguments for Economies of Scale and Economic Growth Discussion: Reading 6
5-3	September 25	CHIN101B: Booking an Airline Ticket	ECON205: Discussion: Reading 7
5-4	September 26	CHIN101B: Making a Telephone Call	ECON205: Lecture: Tariff Based Trade Barriers Lecture: Non-Tariff Based Trade Barriers
5-5	September 27	CHIN101B: Making a Telephone Call	ECON205: Discussion: Protectionism or Free Trade
5-6	September 28 Work/Class day China	CHIN101B: Listening Lab Speaking Lab	ECON205: Discussion: Protectionism or Free Trade
5-7	September 29 Work/Class day China	CHIN101B: When I was young	ECON205: Discussion: China's Export Economy
6-1	September 30 Work/Class day China	CHIN101B: When I was young	ECON205: Case Discussion
6-2	October 1 National Day Holiday China	National Day Holiday China	
6-3	October 2	National Day Holiday China	



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	National Day Holiday China		
6-4	October 3 National Day Holiday China	National Day Holiday China	
6-5	October 4 National Day Holiday China	National Day Holiday China	
6-6	October 5 National Day Holiday China	National Day Holiday China	
6-7	October 6 National Day Holiday China	National Day Holiday China	
7-1	October 7 National Day Holiday China	National Day Holiday China	
7-2	October 8	CHIN101B: Listening Lab Speaking Lab	ECON205: Case Discussion
7-3	October 9	CHIN101B: Mid-Course Review	ECON205: Mid-Course Review
7-4	October 10	CHIN101B: Learning Chinese	ECON205: Mid-Course Exam
7-5	October 11	CHIN101B: Mid-Course Exam	ECON205: Lecture: Foreign Exchange Lecture: Payment Mechanisms
7-6	October 12	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
7-7	October 13	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
8-1	October 14 Columbus Day USA	CHIN101B: Learning Chinese	ECON205: Discussion: Foreign Exchange Workshop
8-2	October 15	CHIN101B: Sports and Leisure	ECON205: Lecture: ForEx Markets Discussion: Reading 8
8-3	October 16	CHIN101B: Sports and Leisure	ECON205: Lecture: Forward Exchange Discussion: Reading 9
8-4	October 17	CHIN101B: Listening Lab Speaking Lab	ECON205: Discussion: Trading in Foreign Currency Workshop
8-5	October 18	CHIN101B: A Letter Home in Chinese	ECON205: Lecture: The Macro Economy 1 Lecture: The Macro Economy 2
8-6	October 19	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:



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8-7	October 20	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
9-1	October 21	CHIN101B: A Letter Home in Chinese	ECON205: Fixed Exchange Rates and External Balance Discussion: Reading 10
9-2	October 22	CHIN101B: Eating Out (Part 1)	ECON205: Floating Exchange and Internal Balance Discussion: Reading 11
9-3	October 23	CHIN101B: Eating Out (Part 2)	ECON205: Class Debate: Should China Speed Up its Currency Reform Process Reading 12
9-4	October 24	CHIN101B: Listening Lab Speaking Lab	ECON205: Lecture: Policy Alternatives Discussion: Reading 13
9-5	October 25	CHIN101B: Planning a Winter Vacation Trip	ECON205: Case Discussion
9-6	October 26	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
9-7	October 27	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
10-1	October 28	CHIN101B: Planning a Winter Vacation Trip	ECON205: Case Discussion
10-2	October 29	CHIN101B: Listening Lab Speaking Lab	ECON205: Case Discussion
10-3	October 30	CHIN101B: Final Review	ECON205: Final Review
10-4	October 31 Halloween USA	CHIN101B: Final Exam	ECON205: Final Exam
10-5	November 1	CHIN161: Course Introduction and Assessment Requirements Wisdom and Belief: Confucianism	BUS271: Course Introduction and Assessment Requirements Lecture: The Multinational Corporation and Its Role in the 21st Century
10-6	November 2	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
10-7	November 3 Daylight Savings Time ends USA	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
11-1	November 4	CHIN161: Wisdom and Belief: Confucianism Wisdom and Belief: Taoism	BUS271: Lecture: Multinational Corporations Operating in China
11-2	November 5	CHIN161:	BUS271:



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		Wisdom and Belief: Taoism Wisdom and Belief: Zhouyi	Discussion: Reading 1
11-3	November 6	CHIN161: Wisdom and Belief: Zhouyi Wisdom and Belief: Sun (Art of War)	BUS271: Lecture: Why do Companies Go Global Discussion: Reading 2
11-4	November 7	CHIN161: Wisdom and Belief: Sun (Art of War) Wisdom and Belief: Concept of Harmony	BUS271: Lecture: Environmental Conflict Discussion: Reading 3
11-5	November 8	CHIN161: Wisdom and Belief: Concept of Harmony Wisdom and Belief: Summary	BUS271: Lecture: Competitive Advantage Discussion: Reading 4
11-6	November 9	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
11-7	November 10	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
12-1	November 11 Veterans Day USA	CHIN161: Chinese Civilization: Chinese Characters	BUS271: Case Discussion:
12-2	November 12	CHIN161: Chinese Civilization: Chinese Inventions	BUS271: Case Discussion:
12-3	November 13	CHIN161: Chinese Civilization: Dynastic China	BUS271: Lecture: Effective Integration Discussion: Reading 5
12-4	November 14	CHIN161: Chinese Civilization: Dynastic China	Lecture: Managing the Knowledge Resources of International Companies Discussion: Reading 6
12-5	November 15	CHIN161: Chinese Civilization: Traditional Medicine	BUS271: Lecture: Fostering Collaboration among Business Units Discussion: Reading 7
12-6	November 16	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
12-7	November 17	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
13-1	November 18	CHIN161: Chinese Civilization: Interaction with Alien Cultures	BUS271: Case Discussion
13-2	November 19	CHIN161: Chinese Civilization: Great Wall and Forbidden City Chinese Civilization: Summary	BUS271: Case Discussion



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13-3	November 20	CHIN161: Mid-Course Review	BUS271: Mid-Course Review
13-4	November 21	CHIN161: Art and Literature: Music and Peking Opera Art and Literature: Bronze, Porcelain and Jade	BUS271: Lecture: Creating Multidimensional Capabilities Discussion: Reading 8
13-5	November 22	CHIN161: Art and Literature: Calligraphy and Traditional Painting Art and Literature: Folk Art	BUS271: Lecture: The Future of the Multinational and its role Discussion: Reading 9
13-6	November 23	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
13-7	November 24	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
14-1	November 25	CHIN161: Art and Literature: Poetry and Novels	BUS271: Case Discussion:
14-2	November 26	CHIN161: Art and Literature: Hands on Calligraphy and Ink Painting	BUS271: Case Discussion
14-3	November 27	CHIN161: Art and Literature: Hands on Calligraphy and Ink Painting	BUS271: Lecture: The Chinese Economy Discussion: Reading 10
14-4	November 28 Holiday Thanksgiving Day USA	Thanksgiving Day USA	
14-5	November 29	CHIN161: Art and Literature: Art and Literature: Hands on Calligraphy and Ink Painting	BUS271: Lecture: Managing an International firm in China Discussion: Reading 11
14-6	November 30	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
14-7	December 1	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
15-1	December 2	CHIN161: Traditional Life: Dress and Fashion Traditional Life: Architecture	BUS271: Discussion: Reading 12 (Marketing)
15-2	December 3	CHIN161: Traditional Life: Chinese Food Traditional Life: Tea Culture	BUS271: Case Discussion: Marketing
15-3	December 4	CHIN161: Mid-Course Exam	BUS271: Mid-Course Exam
15-4	December 5	CHIN161: Traditional Life: Chinese Martial Arts	BUS271: Case Discussion: Human Resource Management
15-5	December 6	CHIN161: Traditional Life: Tai Chi Practice	Activity: BUS271: Lecture: Business Strategy in China



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			Discussion: Reading 13
15-6	December 7	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
15-7	December 8	Cultural Activity:	Cultural Activity:
16-1	December 9	CHIN161: Traditional Life: Tai Chi Practice	BUS271: Lecture: Government Negotiation in China Discussion: Reading 14
16-2	December 10	CHIN161: Traditional Life: Tai Chi Practice	BUS271: Case Discussion
16-3	December 11	CHIN161: Final Review	BUS271: Final Review:
16-4	December 12	CHIN161: Traditional Life: Tai Chi Practice	BUS271: Case Discussion:
16-5	December 13	CHIN161: Final Exam	BUS271: Final Exam Activity: Closing Dinner
16-6	December 14	Departure Travel Day	Departure Travel Day
16-7	December 15	Departure Travel Day	Departure Travel Day

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