Beijing, China

Georgetown University Summer Study Abroad

Program Dates
June 16 - August 13, 2016

Language
Mandarin Chinese

Requirements
Students who have completed at least one year of college-level study of Mandarin Chinese and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 are eligible to apply.

Open to non-GU students
No

Tuition and Fees
The program cost for summer 2016 is $7,250. The program price includes registration, tuition and fees, housing, books and audio tapes, guest lectures, field trips and local excursions, and extracurricular activities. Airfare to/from China, meals, travel to/from the university, passport fees, visas, vaccinations, and other individual expenses are not included in the program cost. All fees should be paid to Georgetown University. Georgetown will in turn pay student tuition and application fees directly to ACC. Students who participated in last year's program report that in addition to money for food, $600-$900 was sufficient for personal expenses during the summer session.

Application Deadline
February 4, 2016

Apply Online at:
studyabroad.georgetown.edu

Program Description

Administered by Hamilton College and hosted by the Minzu University of China (MUC) in Beijing, the innovative ACC Summer Program is designed for students seeking highly intensive Chinese-language study. Students attend four hours of class per day. In order to maximize student participation and the rapid utilization of new materials, classes are structured along the following format:

LARGE GROUP LECTURE AND DRILL
The primary teacher explains new grammar and vocabulary in a class of approximately ten students.

SMALL GROUP DRILLS AND DISCUSSION
Students practice using new concepts in a group of no more than five.

TWO-ON-ONE CONVERSATION
Two students work with one instructor to practice conversation skills, debate recent events, and discuss assigned topics.

ONE-ON-ONE INDIVIDUAL CLASS
Each student works alone with a program instructor to review and practice new material.

It is important to note that the ACC program is highly demanding. In addition to attending four hours of class per day, students should expect to spend four to five hours per day preparing for class.

Faculty office hours are scheduled for each evening so that students can receive additional help and instruction from an instructor while preparing for the next day's classroom activities.

Additional Information

Language Pledge
All entering students sign a formal language pledge, agreeing to speak only Chinese for the duration of the program. A key component of ACC’s intensive program design, the language pledge is strictly enforced. Failure to abide the pledge will result in disciplinary action, including possible expulsion from the program and loss of credit.

Language Practicum
Each week, students participate in two to four hours of language practice, during which they are assigned interactive projects that require them to use their Chinese with local
citizens outside the classroom. Projects may include information-gathering, interviews, oral presentations, news reports, and debates.

**Host Families**

All students are assigned to host families with whom they may visit during the weekends. Host families provide students a unique opportunity to participate in Chinese daily life and to practice their Chinese in an informal speech environment while gaining important insights into Chinese culture, social etiquette, family life, and customs.

**Chinese Language Table**

Program participants meet every Friday to eat lunch with several of the instructors and their fellow students. The Chinese Language Table provides students a valuable opportunity to utilize newly acquired language skills and to socialize with their teachers and peers.

**Guest Lectures**

Outside speakers regularly deliver talks on Chinese culture and history. Recent topics have included the concept of filial piety in Chinese culture, conservation projects and the Great Wall, Chinese NGOs and AIDS prevention, Beijing Opera, and Chinese folk music.

**Field Trip**

Summer students visit the Yungang Buddhist Cave in Datong for an extended weekend trip. The trip is designed not only to provide a change from the usual high-intensity language classes but also to give students an opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of Chinese area studies and to continue practicing their Chinese outside the classroom.

**Local Excursions and Events**

The program also provides group outings to local cultural and historical sites, including the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, and the Great Wall. Instructors and staff also help students to keep up to date on Beijing's rich cultural life, which offers world-class productions in opera, drama, and acrobatics.

**Extracurricular Activities**

Students may join a wide range of extracurricular mini-courses, including calligraphy, tai-chi, cooking, and choir. Mini-courses are not required and do not carry academic credit. Toward the end of the semester, students demonstrate the skills they have learned in front of an audience of classmates, faculty, and friends.

**Accommodation**

Students are housed in double rooms at MUC in the Foreign Students Dormitory. This complex has comfortable rooms with air-conditioning, private baths, and a 24-hour hot water supply. The Field Director and the primary teachers also live at the MUC dormitory and are available to students in the evenings during office hours and in the event of an emergency.

**Meals**

Meals are not included in the program fees, but are available at affordable prices in the university cafeteria and at nearby restaurants. Students are required to attend Chinese language table on Fridays for lunch. For all other meals, students have the choice of either eating in the foreign students’ cafeteria, in the Chinese students’ dormitory, or at various nearby restaurants. The amount of money students spend on food varies greatly depending on the kind of restaurants they choose. As of this writing, ACC reports that an average of $8-$10 is the typical cost for three simple meals per day, assuming that students do not dine in expensive hotels and Western-style restaurants.

**Host Institution**

Minzu University offers undergraduate degrees in 55 fields and masters programs in 64 disciplines to slightly more than 15,000 enrolled students. Formerly known as the Central University for Minorities, the university prides itself on the racial and ethnic diversity of its student body. MUC has been designated among thirty-eight key universities to receive direct development support from the Chinese government. Conveniently located near the National Library of China in a busy Beijing neighborhood, the university possesses an impressive array of modern facilities, including up-to-date gyms and dining halls.
Academics

Georgetown students who successfully complete the program receive eight (8) credits in Chinese language. Georgetown students should discuss their proposed coursework with their dean and academic adviser prior to acceptance. Coursework will count as transfer credit. In many cases, students on this program are able to complete the equivalent of one year's intensive Chinese language study at Georgetown.

How to Apply

Applying to the Program

Students must complete ACC's online application. To do so, please visit the following website: http://www.hamilton.edu/china/forms.

Please read the application instructions carefully and note the following important information:

The ACC online application should be completed by February 4, 2016. (Although the ACC deadline is February 15, we ask that you complete the application by this date so that the GU Office of Global Education (OGE) can record your application as complete.)

You should not pay the ACC application fee; this fee will be paid by Georgetown University when the Office of Global Education sends your hard-copy application materials to ACC. Please indicate in your ACC application fee that you will be paying by check to skip that portion of the application.

In addition to the ACC application, applicants must also complete the following sections of the Georgetown OGE application by February 4, 2016:

1) Applicant Questionnaire (Emergency Contact Information);
2) Applicant Information (email, mailing address, contact information);
3) Georgetown Student Conduct Form (completed online);
4) Copy of Passport (uploaded to OGE application).
5) Georgetown Summer Overseas Course Form (printed from OGE application page under "material submissions," signed by advising dean, and uploaded to online application);
6) OGE Application Fee of $35.00

The following are required by ACC and must be delivered to OGE by February 4, 2016:

1) Official Georgetown Transcript (in a sealed envelope);
2) Four (4) passport-size photographs (2 x 2, glossy) taken within the past year;
3) ACC Physician's Report (downloaded from ACC website and completed by physician);
4) ACC Release Form (downloaded from ACC website and signed by parent or guardian);
5) ACC Scholarship Application (downloaded from ACC website and completed if seeking financial aid from ACC).

Applicants should also submit official transcripts from any other previously attended university or college with their applications.

ACC summer program applicants are not required to complete personal statements or submit references in the Georgetown OGE application system. This information should be submitted directly to ACC via its online application.

All applicants are interviewed in Chinese and English by an ACC representative as part of the application process.
Financial Aid

ACC offers limited scholarships for the program. Awards are merit-based. Students can find more information and applications at: http://www.hamilton.edu/documents/ScholarshipApp.pdf.

In addition, the Georgetown Office of Global Education provides limited scholarship support to summer program applicants according to financial need. Georgetown students receiving financial aid during the academic year should also speak with their financial aid advisor about the possibility of applying their aid to a summer study abroad program.

To read more about the program and to review the student handbook that ACC provides participants, please visit: http://www.hamilton.edu/china/intensive-language.

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Withdrawals, Refunds, and Cancellation

Your acceptance form and program deposit are considered a good-faith commitment to participate on your Georgetown University summer program. Withdrawal from a summer program must be made in writing to the summer program coordinator. Please note that application fees and program deposits are non-refundable. Georgetown University will refund recoverable tuition and costs as determined by our partner institutions. Refunds will be calculated from the date the Office of Global Education is notified in writing of your intent to withdraw. Georgetown University is not responsible for indirect costs paid directly by the student, including but not limited to passport fees, vaccinations, and transportation costs.

Georgetown University reserves the right to adjust program fees or cancel any program without prior notification; however, every effort will be made to provide information on cancellations in a timely manner. In the event of cancellation, Georgetown University will refund program deposits and 100% of recoverable program fees.