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CHENGDU

Continuity and Change in an Emerging World Power



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LC IN CHINA

Fall Semester
August to December

Academic Year
August to May or July

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.

PROGRAM FOCUS

Chinese Language & Culture,
Business, Global Studies, Social
Sciences

"The PLU Gateway program in Chengdu allowed me to reflect on my responsibilities, and my identity as an American in the 21st Century. I learned the value of remaining globally informed when I entered a culture that constantly challenged me to identify my own biases, and I could not be more grateful. What's more, the experiences I gained with the U.S. Consulate in Chengdu and with local businesses has opened up a world of opportunities that I would never had the chance of having if I had not studied away."

—Courtney Lee,
graduating 2016

FALL COURSES

REQUIRED (10-14 CREDITS)

CHIN 101/102/201/202/350 (C - 4-8 credits)

Chinese Language

CHSP 350 (SO - 4 credits)

Contemporary Chinese Culture and Society

CHSP 350 (2 credits)

Western China: The Rural and Minority Experience

ELECTIVE (UP TO 7 CREDITS)

ARTD 387 (AR - 4 credits)

Transformations of Perspectives
PLU Site Director, Spencer Ebbinga

BUSA 352 (3 credits)

International Business & Business in China
SCU Professor Wen Jia

HIST 339 (3 credits)

The 20th Century History of China
SCU Professor Zhou Yi

POLS 387 (3 credits)

Chinese Politics: Historical Ideas to Contemporary Realities
SCU Professor Zhou Yi

POLS 332 (3 credits)

Sino-American Relations (3)
SCU Professor Song Zhihui

RELI 350 (3 credits)

Daoism & Traditional Chinese Culture
SCU Professor Zhang Chongfu

ARTD 350 (1 credit)

Introduction to Chinese Calligraphy
SCU Staff

ECON 350 (3 credits)

Economics of Development in China
SCU Professor

PHED 276 (PE - 1 credit)

Introduction to Kung fu
SCU Staff

PHED 276 (PE - 1 credit)

Introduction to Taiji
SCU Staff

PHED 276 (PE - 1 credit)

Ping Pong
SCU Staff

INTERNSHIP OPTION

Students may apply separately for a part-time international work experience in Chengdu. Students earn 2 credits of COOP 477 or departmental credit may also be arranged.



GROUP STUDY TOURS

This program engages students in the various cultures of China as an integral part of the required courses that explore Chinese culture and the minority experience. Students are first introduced to the Forbidden City and the Great Wall in Beijing and then take an overnight train to Xi'an whose famous Terracotta Warriors and Wild Goose Pagoda are a reminder of China's prominence in the world as the eastern terminus of the Silk Road. Finally, students fly into Chengdu, home to China's pandas and a sizable Tibetan minority population, and prepare for their semester of study at Sichuan University.

While in Chengdu, students engage with local communities through study tours to rural farms, local villages and nearby monuments such as Qingchengshan Daoist Mountain. In October, students visit a Tibetan Region for a week of discovery to explore Buddhist temples, and shrines, a culture vastly different than that of China's ethnic Han majority.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- ◆ Sichuan University courses
- ◆ On campus housing
- ◆ PLU Faculty Site Director
- ◆ Language taught at all levels
- ◆ Study tours engage students in various settings including Beijing, Tibet, Xi'an, Shanghai, and the local Chengdu area
- ◆ Internship Option

FULL YEAR OPTION

Full year students take language and electives in English from SCU instructors in the spring semester. Spring electives are similar to fall electives, with some additional courses. SCU offers two academic calendars, allowing students to choose to study until May, or continue language study until early July.

AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Fall Semester Program with year long option
- ◆ 2.7 GPA, 3.0 preferred
- ◆ No previous language required
- ◆ Internship option
- ◆ Up to 18 LC credits
- ◆ Cost includes:
 - Tuition
 - Room & Board
 - Study Tours
 - Emergency Insurance

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