

## Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

**Program:** Lost Horizons in China - Shangri La, Pandas, and the Environment

**Dates:** May 9 - 30, 2018

\*Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

**Course catalog description:** Travel study course that will focus on the environmental challenges associated with modern day China. We will examine environmental issues such as habitat loss and degradation of the environment, effects of rapid urbanization, food security, and resource scarcity and allocation from both scientific and humanistic perspectives. Taught on site, the course will look at these questions in both rural and urban areas of China and will include a service learning component where Furman students will work alongside Chinese students.

**Program Description:** Activities will include learning about panda conservation efforts at the China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda, working with faculty and students from Yunnan Minority University on environmental issues and a service learning project specific to the Yunnan Province, and ending by contrasting these areas with the highly urbanized Beijing region.

	Frequency							Frequency						Frequency				
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Optional	Required	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Always	PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Daily
Course work in a foreign language		X					Foreign Language Environment					X	Lifting luggage				X	
Course work in English						X	Mountainous		X				Carrying luggage				X	
Use of laptop				X			Tropical	X					Carrying equipment		X			
Use of smart device				X			Desert	X					Carrying groceries		X			
Traditional Classroom				X			Urban			X			Standing 30+ minutes				X	
Indoor Course Work			X			X	Rural			X			Walking 1+ miles				X	
Outdoor Course Work				X		X	High Elevation	X					Hiking (easy)				X	
Group Work						X	Dusty	X					Hiking (strenuous)		X			
Presentations						X	Air Pollution		X				Sitting 5+ hours		X			
Interactions with local residents						X	Recent Terrorism	X					Use of public transport		X			

Field Work						X
Internship	X					
Research						X
Comments:						

Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X				
Earthquakes	X				
Other Natural Disaster	X				
Comments:					

Flat terrain		X			
Hilly terrain		X			
Stairs				X	
Comments:					

Frequency					
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometim	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options					X
Vegan Options					X
Food Allergy Accommodations				X	
Group Meals				X	
Cooking for oneself	X				
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible				X	
Comments:					

Frequency					
LIVING ARRANGEM	Never	Seldom	Some-times	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment		X			
Dormitory				X	
Camping	X				
Hotel				X	
Cell phone signal available					X
Internet signal available					X
Comments:					

Frequency					
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Required	
Swimming	X				
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					

**Center for Disease Control and Prevention** recommends the following vaccines for most travelers: Hepatitis A & Typhoid; Avoid mosquito bites. Japanese Encephalitis, Polio.