

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

Program: Furman in China

Dates: Fall Semester

Program Description: This is a language immersion faculty-led semester study away program in China. During the program, students will be guided in their exploration of various sites that have shaped China’s ancient and recent history, including: Minority China (Tibet), modernized China (Shanghai), ancient and contemporary capitals (Xi’an and Beijing), and Taiwan. The academic program will offer small-sized Chinese language courses at all levels as well as content courses in English on Chinese literature, film, economy, and society. Students are required to take 4 courses.

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

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language							X
Course work in English							X
Use of laptop						X	
Use of smart device							X
Traditional Classroom							X
Indoor Course Work							X
Outdoor Course Work							X
Group Work			X				
Presentations							X
Interactions with local residents							X
Field Work			X				
Internship							X
Research			X				
Comments: Chinese language classes will be taught in the target language. Other classes will be taught primarily in English.							

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment					X
Mountainous		X			
Tropical		X			
Desert		X			
Urban					X
Rural		X			
High Elevation		X			
Dusty		X			
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X				
Earthquakes	X				
Other Natural Disaster	X				
Comments:					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage			X		
Carrying luggage upstairs			X		
Carrying equipment	X				
Carrying groceries		X			
Standing 30+ minutes		X			
Walking 1+ miles		X			
Hiking (easy)			X		
Hiking (strenuous)	X				
Sitting 5+ hours	X				
Use of public transportation		X			
Flat terrain			X		
Hilly terrain		X			
Stairs			X		
Comments:					

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	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: Students will cook for themselves except when they are on excursions in which case all meals will be eaten together as a group.					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	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: Students may have a Furman roommate or a Chinese student roommate.					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X			
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					
Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. CDC recommends this vaccine because you can get hepatitis A through contaminated food or water in China, regardless of where you are eating or staying. You can get typhoid through contaminated food or water in China. CDC recommends this vaccine for most travelers, especially if you are visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.					