

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

Program: Environmental Challenges in China: Landscapes of Human Kind & Nature

Dates: May 13-June 3, 2020

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.

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

	Frequency					
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	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			X
Outdoor Course Work				X		X
Group Work						X
Presentations						X
Interactions with local residents						X
Field Work						X
Internship	X					
Research						X
Comments:						

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	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 up stairs				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 transport		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:					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	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	Optional	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.