

College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona
CHINA SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM
- INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIO -
Summer 2007 June 24th-July 27th

Application deadline: Thursday, March 1st, 2007
Assistant Professor Irma E. Ramirez (ARC) and Dr. Gwen Urey (URP)

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Program Description

The School of Environmental Design China Studio is an interdisciplinary studio dedicated to encourage students of Urban and Regional Planning, Architecture, and Landscape Architecture to learn about the collaborative work which leads these professions to create the human-made environment. The studio, taking place primarily in China, will expose the students to non-western canons of cultural, professional, and academic traditions that will enrich the program by emphasizing a course of study dedicated to encourage students to become socially responsible professionals as they work on real design projects involved in addressing urban world problems and developing environment that improve peoples' lives.

Students will get a "first-hand" introduction to design working in collaboration with Chinese Faculty and students, clients, expert designers, and planning officials. Guest speakers and site visits will expose students to the social, political, legal, and economic contexts that shape the design and development of buildings and urban settings in China. This 5 1/2-week (4 1/2 weeks abroad + 1 week at Cal Poly) interdisciplinary studio is led by ENV faculty Professor Irma Ramirez (Department of Architecture) and Dr. Gwen Urey (Department of Urban and Regional Planning). The program is hosted by the North China University of Technology (NCUT) in Beijing.

Program Fees

The estimated cost of the program is \$4300.00. This cost includes tuition, accommodation, meals, Chinese visa, international medical insurance for the duration of the program (additional coverage available for purchase for extended stay), and transportation for all the scheduled activities and tours, which include the Beijing region, Shanxi province, and Shanghai tour. Program cost includes roundtrip airfare from LAX- Beijing, and round trip airfare from Beijing-Shanghai. *The above cost figure does not include transportation to LAX, and passport expenses. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due once you are selected to participate in the program.*

Application Process and Payment Schedule

Deadline: Turn in all required application material to Professor Irma Ramirez or Dr. Gwen Urey by **March 1st, 2007**.

Incomplete application packages will not be accepted. You are encouraged to fill and submit your application as soon as possible as the number of spaces is limited. Students who will be selected to participate in the program will be notified via e-mail by the end of the day March 5th. Once notified of acceptance to the program, faculty in charge will provide accepted students with *payment receipts* authorizing students to secure their spot in the program by making three scheduled payments as follows:

Application due	Thursday March 1 st , 2007 by 5:00pm
\$500 Deposit	Thursday March 8 th , 2007 (<i>due immediately after you are notified of acceptance into the program. No exceptions</i>)
\$1900.00	Thursday March 29 th , 2007
\$1900.00	Thursday May 3 rd , 2007

Payment Procedure. Each payment must be done with a three-part *payment receipt* (white, yellow, and pink), which must be presented to the University's Cashier's Office. After payment, submit your paid receipt to Laura Lee at the International Center, Building 1-104. Failure to pay the deposit and/or follow through the payment schedule will result in your elimination from the ENV China Study Abroad Program, while other "stand by" students will take your seat.

Application Material

All candidates must submit the following application materials by Thursday March 1st, 2007

1. A complete application form
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty. Use letter of recommendation form below.
3. A letter of interest that states the following:
 - a) the importance of this program for your academic and/or professional career,
 - b) your academic and technical strengths and weaknesses,
 - c) your contributions to an urban design studio project, and
 - d) other personal qualities that will be valuable to the studio participants and instructors
4. A curriculum vitae (cv)

Selection Criteria

The following criteria, ranked by level of importance, will be used to select the participants for the ENV China Study Abroad Program:

A) Interest in the program as it is determined through the letter of interest, B) Academic and professional strengths expressed in the curriculum vitae C) Current overall GPA, D) Overall student assessment as expressed by the letters of recommendation and letter of interest E) Academic Seniority with priority to students in their last two year of studies at Cal Poly Pomona.

Note: The leading ENV faculty reserve the right to request an in-person interview with candidates if deemed necessary.

Academic Credit

- 1) Topic Studio (6 units)
- 2) China Cities, Building, Arts and Gardens (4 units - URP Upper Division Elective, ARC Professional Elective)
- 3) China's Architectural and Planning Practices (4 units - URP Upper Division Elective, ARC Professional Elective)

-NOTE FOR 1ST YEAR ARCHITECTURE GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY: Study abroad programs are intended for graduate students who have completed their 2nd year of studies. Therefore, graduate students having completed their 1st year of studies cannot receive credit for the topic studio: credit may be earned as an independent studies class on a case by case basis. Please consult with Professor Irma Ramirez.

-NOTE TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS: You must consult your academic advisor in your department to verify how credit will be granted for courses taken in this program.

-NOTE TO 1st and 2nd YEAR URP STUDENTS: Although students in the 3rd and 4th year have priority in the selection process, outstanding 1st and 2nd year students are encouraged to apply.

Detailed course descriptions:

Urban/Architectural Design Topic Studio

The School of Environmental Design China Studio is an interdisciplinary studio which will expose the students to non-western canons of cultural, professional, and academic traditions. Studio topic will focus the development of Urban Design proposals for a key area in Beijing. Design strategies will involve the study of transportation infrastructure, housing and commercial corridors, historical contexts, and landscaping methods to the redevelopment of the area in question. Students will work in interdisciplinary teams with Chinese students and faculty.

The History of Chinese Architecture and City Planning Practices

This course is a survey of Chinese history as it affects the aesthetic sensibilities and artistic achievements of China. Lectures focus on the ancient and contemporary practices of the Architectural and Planning Professions in China. The course is complimented by a series of field trips in the city of Beijing to Tian'anmen Square-The Gate of Heavenly Peace, the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, and other urban projects recently completed and under construction in Beijing. Special visits are scheduled to the XXIX Beijing Organizing Olympic Committee, the City Planning Department of the City of Beijing, and the Museum of Urban Planning in Beijing. A tour to the Shanxi Province will further provide an opportunity for students to explore ancient building and urban practices through a field trips to the Yungang Buddhist Caves and The Hanging Temples in Datong; and the walled City of Pingyao. Students are required to maintain a travel sketchbook and photo documentation, and to submit a final paper.

Chinese Cities and Gardens

The course encompasses 1 1/2 weeks of travel to the Chinese cities of Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Suzhou for the exploration of urban systems and the importance of the Chinese garden to China's urban history. Course requires field trips to the city of Shanghai, Song Dynasty Park in Hangzhou, the Water Town in Zhouzhunag, and Tiger Hill Administrative gardens in Suzhou. Special visits: American Planning Association Office, and the Museum of Urban Planning in Shanghai. Students are required to maintain a travel sketchbook and photo documentation, and to submit a final paper.

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California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

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International Center
in conjunction with:

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of Technology in Beijing

Send completed application to:

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Dr. Gwen Urey, ext. 2725, gurey@csupomona.edu,

OR **Cal Poly Pomona International Center: Building 1-104**

3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768

\$500 non-refundable deposit is due March 8th, 2007

Follow payment procedures in program description

Attach three recent passport-sized photos with your name written on the back of each.

Part A: personal data (please type or print in black ink)

Name Male Female Phone ()
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) Cell ().....

Home address.....
Number Street City State Zip

Campus address..... Cal Poly Pomona E-mail.....

Age Date of Birth Country of Birth..... Citizenship.....
Month/Day/Year Country

Passport No. Expiration Date Place of Issue:

Circle your ethnic identity: 1. Black 4. Hispanic 7. American Indian
2. Asian 5. White 8. Filipino
3. Other Non-White 6. Pacific Islander 9. International Visa/F-1

Bronco ID #

Emergency contact:..... Relationship:

Address Phone ()
(Street, City, State & Zip)

Major Cal Poly Pomona G.P.A.

Check class standing that applies to you. Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Part B: transportation

Yes No

Roundtrip Airfare is included in the cost of the program. Do you want to purchase an *open* return airline ticket?

If your answer is "Yes", you are: a) subject to the extra ticket cost (approx. \$100)

b) responsible to cover the cost of, and make all necessary visa extension arrangements

Part C: program payment schedule

Program Dates: June 24th to July 27th, 2007

Total Program Fees: \$4,300

Non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due March 7th, 2007

<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
\$500 (non-refundable)	March 7 th , 2007
\$1,900.00	March 29 th , 2007
\$1,900.00	May 3 rd , 2007

Part D: withdrawal policy

After March 7th, 2007 \$500 deposit non-refundable if selected

After March 29, 2007 \$500 plus \$850 penalty

Please Note: After June 1, 2007 all payments received will be forfeited.

Part E: academic approval

Students in all majors and upper division standing with a GPA at 2.0 or above are eligible to apply.

Signature.....
Professor Irma Ramirez, Architecture Dept

Date.....

OR

Signature.....
Dr. Gwen Urey, Urban & Regional Planning Dept.

Date.....



ENV- CHINA Study Abroad Program Faculty Recommendation

Please type or print clearly with black ink

Applicant's name _____ Date _____

Program _____

Country

1. How well do you know applicant? (Check the most appropriate response.)

Extensive contact as advisor or in small classes Limited contact in classroom environment

Well acquainted in classroom environment

2. Please indicate the applicant's academic attributes. You may elaborate in the comments section if necessary.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No opportunity to observe
Competence in Major/specialization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic interest and motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity for independent study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to express thoughts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Please evaluate the applicant's suitability for program participation.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No opportunity to observe
Ability to adapt to new or unstructured circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-reliance/independence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to relate well to others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Open-mindedness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please comment on his/her ability to participate in and profit from a study overseas in the International Programs.

Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____