

CHINA SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona Interdisciplinary Program

Summer 2009 June 27th- July 30th

Beijing – Hosting City of the 2008 Olympic Games

Application deadline: Monday March 16th, 2009

Professor Irma Ramirez, at architecture department office 7-210 or in person (bldg. 89)
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Dr. Gwen Urey, at URP department office 7-224
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Program Description

The College of Environmental Design China Studio is an interdisciplinary studio dedicated to encourage students of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban and Regional Planning to learn about the collaborative work which leads these professions to create the human-made environment. The studio, taking place in China, exposes students to non-western canons of cultural, professional, and academic traditions that enrich the program by encouraging students to become socially responsible professionals as they work on real-world design projects in a foreign context.

Students obtain a "first-hand" introduction to design by working in collaboration with Chinese faculty and students, clients, expert designers, and planning officials. Guest speakers and site visits 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 cost of the program is approximately \$4900.00. This all-inclusive price covers cost of Cal Poly tuition, dormitory-type accommodations, meals, Chinese visa, international medical insurance, transportation, and all scheduled activities and tours within the Beijing region, the Shanxi province tour, and Shanghai region tour; as well as 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.* Additional international insurance is available for purchase for extended stays.

*****A *non-refundable* deposit of \$500 is due once you are selected to participate in the program. No exceptions*****

*****Graduate students will pay additional fees (the same fee they pay when taking courses on the Pomona campus). Students who pay out-of-state or international fees will still be billed by the University for these fees and will be expected to pay them.

Application Process and Payment Schedule

Incomplete application packages will not be accepted. You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible as the number of spaces is limited. Students selected to participate in the program will be notified via e-mail. Once notified of acceptance to the program students can secure their spot in the program by making three scheduled payments:

\$1500 deposit upon notification of acceptance

3 more payments – due dates to be announced

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 place.

Application Material

All candidates must submit the following application materials by Monday March 16th, 2009

1. A completed application form
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty. Use letter of recommendation form below.
3. Resume
4. 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) other personal qualities that will be valuable to the studio participants and instructors

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, Eligibility, and Restrictions

- 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)

ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS ONLY -ELIGIBILITY: Undergraduate students currently in the 3rd or 4th year and Graduate students currently in their 2nd year of studies.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS: You must consult with Professor Andy Wilcox 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.

Restrictions: If you have previously participated in a **year abroad** program at Cal Poly Pomona, you **MAY NOT** receive credit for this program. The maximum credit allowed to be received abroad is 2 studios and 2 professional electives for undergraduates; and 1 topic studio plus 2 professional electives for graduate students. Participation in other single quarter programs is acceptable. Please consult with Prof Irma Ramirez (ARC), and Prof. Gwen Urey (URP) if you are unsure of your eligibility.

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

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. Course is complimented by a series of field trips in the city of Beijing to Tiananmen 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 field trips to the Yungang Buddhist Caves and The Hanging Temples in Datong; and the walled City of Pingyao.

Chinese Cities and Gardens

The course encompasses 1 1/2 weeks of travel to the Chinese cities of Shanghai, 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 cities of Shanghai, Suzhou, and surrounding region. Special visits: American Planning Association Office, and the Museum of Urban Planning in Shanghai.

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

3801 West Temple Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768

\$500 non-refundable deposit upon notification of acceptance. Follow payment procedures in program description

Attach one 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

Roundtrip Airfare is included in the cost of the program and departure with the group is required (you may choose a different return date). If you are doing additional travel, you are in charge of your own travel arrangements for the additional travel portion. Special travel requests are subject to additional cost. You are responsible for making all necessary visa extension arrangements.

Part C: program payment schedule

Program Dates: June 26th to July 30th, 2009

Total Program Fees: \$4,900 (approx)

Amount Due	Due Date
\$500 (non-refundable)	upon acceptance
1/3 amount	April 6 th
1/3 amount	April 24 th
1/3 amount	May 24 th

Part D: withdrawal policy

Withdrawal from the program incurs the following penalties:
\$500 deposit is non-refundable

After April 24th, 2009 1/3 of the amount is non-refundable
After May 24th, 2009 Entire program fee is non refundable
Your signature below acknowledges and accepts the above refund policy

Student Signature.....

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.....

Student Signature.....



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 _____