

Florida International University
SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT
 Study Abroad Program Spring 2010

China Program – checklist of important issues for student abroad candidates:

Program information:

1) Start date for classes: January 4, 2010; All classes/exams will end by May 1.

2) Cost of program: This program is offered as a package at a cost of \$6,999.00 for the full Spring semester, plus applicable tuition at the current in-state or out-of-state rate. The program includes: transportation (round trip airfare and airport transfers in China), double-occupancy housing, uniforms, health and travel insurance, visa processing, a guided tour of Tianjin, and a Chinese Culture class taught by Tianjin University of Commerce (TUC). **Students must pay a \$1,000 deposit by October 30. Final payment is due on November 20.** Cancellations will be processed before November 20, less a \$100 administrative fee. No refunds will be processed after November 20.

Tuition, textbooks, and food are not included. Students pay the same tuition rates paid in Miami. TUC does not offer meal plans. The approximate cost for food on campus is \$7.50 per person per day. HTM will arrange for purchase of textbooks in China.

3) Class registration: Students will review the schedule, select their classes, and register through the Enrollment Manager before November 23. Students must pay all tuition and fees by the FIU payment deadline for Spring 2010. Please consult your academic advisor for assistance in choosing classes.

4) Living facilities: TUC will provide living facilities in the FIU-TUC center. Housing rates are based on double-occupancy. Single rooms are available at an additional expense of \$1,500. Please make your request for a single room in writing to the Enrollment Manager before the final payment deadline of November 20.

5) Spring 2010 Class Schedule will include:

FSS 3230C	Introductory Food Production Management
FSS 4234C	Advanced Food Production Management
HFT 3203	Fundamentals of Management in the Hospitality Industry
HFT 3403	Accounting for the Hospitality Industry
HFT 3423	Hospitality Information Technology
HFT 3453	Operations Control
HFT 3457	Food and Beverage Control
HFT 3503	Hospitality Marketing Strategy
HFT 3603	Hospitality Industry Law
HFT 3718	Travel & Tourism Systems
HFT 3727	Travel Industry Law
HFT 3770	Cruise Line Operations & Management
HFT 4221	Human Resources Management for Hospitality Industry
HFT 4287C	Human Resources Issues in Asia
HFT 4295	Leadership in the Hospitality Industry
HFT 4323	Facilities Management*
HFT 4413	Lodging Systems and Procedures
HFT 4464	Financial Analysis in the Hospitality Industry
HFT 4464	Financial Analysis in the Hospitality Industry*
HFT 4470	Resort Development
HFT 4474	Management Accounting for Hospitality Industry
HFT 4509	Marketing Research in Hospitality
HFT 4545	Leadership Training for Team Building
HFT 4737	Managing Tourism Services
HFT 4867	The Business of Wine* (*3-week intensive)

6) Transportation: All travel arrangements will be made by HTM. Students will leave from the Ft. Lauderdale Airport on January 1. A bus will transport students from the Beijing airport to Tianjin's TUC/FIU's center. If a student cannot travel on this date, HTM will arrange for airport pick-up, but the student will be responsible for

transportation expenses (about \$120).

7) Weather: Tianjin's weather can be compared to that of the northeast USA: Hot during the summer, cold and temperate in the fall, freezing temperatures in the winter. Weather reports are available on any of the major search engines, ex: Yahoo, Google, etc.

8) Additional living expenses: Students will be responsible for their food, linens, clothing, personal travel, and other miscellaneous expenses.

9) Exchange rate: The current exchange rate is \$1 = 6.75 RMB, subject to change without notice.

10) Currency: It is recommended that students carry a major credit card, **American Express** travelers' checks, and some cash. Major cities accept credit cards but in small shops, local currency is the only form of accepted payment. The Bank of China will exchange US\$ to Yuan or RMB (Chinese currency). Bank of America has a partnership with Chinese Construction Bank, which has an ATM machine on the 1st floor of the housing facility.

Students' responsibilities

1) Application Process: Interested students should complete an application package before October 30. Each student must attend a personal interview and two mandatory meetings: a Study Abroad Q&A on Wednesday, November 4 at 4 p.m. in HM 211 (HM Conference Room) and a Pre-Departure information session hosted by the Office of Education Abroad on Wednesday, December 2 at 4 p.m. in HM 211 (HM Conference Room).

2) Student's academic standing: Students must have completed at least 60 credit hours and one full academic year at FIU. All students applying to go to Tianjin must be in good academic standing. Students with incomplete classes or on academic probation/suspension will not be allowed to participate in this program. A minimum **2.5 GPA** is required to study abroad.

3) Behavior and curfew: Miami students are expected to obey the rules and regulations observed by TUC. The views on privacy are very different in China. Students have a 10 p.m. curfew and are expected to obey it. **Violations of TUC housing and other rules may be cause for immediate dismissal.** If a student is dismissed from the program, he/she will be responsible for any fees charged to adjust airline tickets. Housing fees and tuition will not be refunded.

4) Dietary considerations: **We are not able to meet any special dietary considerations.**

5) Health Conditions: If you suffered from an illness in the past, be aware that such illness may recur while you are in China. Please consult your physician for information and permission to participate in the program.

6) Travel and Health insurance: **All** students will have travel and health insurance through FIU's Office of Education Abroad.

7) Travel documents: Citizens from **all** countries are required to have a visa and a valid passport to enter China. Students must provide a passport, a passport size picture, and a completed visa application. A single entry student visa will be requested on the student's behalf from the government of China. It is the student's responsibility to obtain a new re-entry visa if s/he leaves China before the end of the Spring semester (Saturday, May 1, 2010).

8) Time difference: There is a 12 hour difference between Miami and Tianjin based on EDT and a 13-hour time difference based on EST.

9) Communication: Cellular phones are very popular in China. Disposable cellular phones are available for sale in China. Students may also communicate via computer through skype.com (free) or onesuite.com. You will have access to the internet in your room on campus.