

Fun Facts about Host City Xiamen:

- Fast growing yet a laidback city.
- Only a few miles to several Taiwanese islands.
- The “Piano Island” is the city’s gem on the crown.
- Several famed pianists call Xiamen home.
- Known for an abundance of seafood.
- People make tea whenever and wherever.
- Brides love to be photographed on the beach.

Famous Quotes:

“My trip to China is one of the best experiences I’ve ever had. It challenged me to expand my horizons and to learn about a totally different culture from my own.”

– **Ashley Griffin, Business Management**

“My trip to China was humbling and a dream come true.”

– **Charles McGinty, MACO**

“In a local home that we visited, I even learned how to wrap the Chinese dumplings they called Jiaozi. Even today, I find myself making Jiaozi for myself and my family every now and then.”

– **Jared Heath, MACO**

“The cherry on top of my resume is my internship at the local (Xiamen, China) bilingual paper. Every week I opened up to a new culture with an appreciation I would not have had if I were not fully immersed in it.”

– **Dahlia Williams, MACO**

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Newspapers move on the production line as ASU students visit.



ASU and Xiamen University students engaged in class discussion.



Students practice using mallets in traditional candy-making.



ASU students practice in a kindergarten in Xiamen.



Summer 2016

Study Abroad in China at Xiamen University (XMU)

Duration (tentative): June 15 – July 14



Why you should join:

College graduates with experiences abroad are sought after today by more and more employers with global perspectives. Those who have first-hand knowledge about China now find more career opportunities open to them as the economic and strategic importance of the U.S.-China relationship increases each day.

Places we will visit:

Beijing: It's China's capital, featuring the Great Wall, imperial palaces and gardens, Olympic sites...

Shanghai: It's China's economic capital, the city “closest” to the West.

Xiamen: The host city, featuring Piano Islet, cannon fort, museums, temples...

Quanzhou (optional): Featuring Museum of Maritime Silk Route, temples of world's major religions...

Yongding (optional): The round-shape earthen fortresses known as the Hakka houses.

Taiwan's Kinmen Island (optional): Off the coast of Xiamen, yet not under the “Communist” China.

Program Highlights:

- Tour Beijing, Shanghai, Xiamen, and take optional short trips to Quanzhou, Yongding Hakka Houses, or Kinmen (Taiwan).
- Visit cultural sites and scenic locations.
- Experience the high-speed bullet train and Maglev train.
- Take field trips to local news media, companies, school, kindergarten, port terminal, etc.
- Visit local homes; enjoy a family dinner and experience Chinese hospitality.
- Eat real Chinese foods nothing like the sweet & sour chicken you have had in the U.S.
- Make new friends with local college students.
- Earn 6~9 ASU course credits.
- MACO students will have the chance to take internship in Chinese media institutions.

Program Cost: \$3,900, in 3 payments
1st: \$500 by 9/11/2015, non-refundable
2nd: \$1,700 by 11/30/2015, refundable
3rd: \$1,700 by 2/26/2016, refundable

What's included:

- Visa & overseas travel insurance
- International airfare
- All transportation except city bus & subway
- Site admissions & tour guide
- Lodging & utilities
- Most meals
- XMU administrative fee

What's not included:

- Passport
- ASU tuition + reduced fee
- Individual dining out
- Optional trips or destinations
- Shopping & leisure

Note: Leisure/shopping budget varies depending on the individual, usually \$500 ~ \$1,000.

How to pay for it:

Students are encouraged to explore all possible resources to help fund their educational trip. Here are some suggestions:

- **ASU Study Abroad Scholarship** sponsored by Student Activities – don't forget to apply for these when you apply for the program.
- **The Gilman Scholarship** gives awards up to the full cost of the program. ASU enjoys a high percentage of success in Gilman application. Apply in October to get award in February; apply in early March and get award in May. Awarded students who have paid will be refunded.
- **Pell grant, HOPE and financial aid.** Confirmed eligibility for summer 2015 financial aid may contribute to the second installment payment if students have paid the first installment.
- Your parents, extended family, other support groups, like your church, are usually reliable sources of help. If possible, request a gift check for Christmas instead of more "stuff."
- Develop a fundraising strategy. Be creative! Go online! Go mobile! It's the digital age, right?
- Most importantly, **BEGIN TO SAVE NOW!**

Important Deadlines:

9/11/2015: 1st payment \$500, non-refundable*.
9/25/2015: Gilman application workshop**
10/6/2015: Gilman Early Application due.
11/30/2015: 2nd payment \$1,700 due***
2/26/2016: 3rd payment \$1,700 due***
4/1/2016: Passports must be submitted****

* The first non-refundable payment of \$500 helps secure your spot in the program. Maximum number is 10 students.

** The date for the workshop is tentative and will be updated in September.

*** See "Refund Policies" in this brochure for more information.

**** Your valid **passport** must be submitted along with a visa application form and an ID photo. Late passport may result in additional visa agent fee.

Refund Policies:

- In the event of program cancellation due to unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of program administrators, a full refund will be made minus received goods and services.
- In the event of student withdrawal due to extenuating circumstances, a partial refund will be made minus administrative cost and costs already encumbered, such as airfare, visa fee or other advance fees.

A bird's eye view of XMU campus



Course Requirements:

Students are required to register for at least 6 credit hours of ASU courses. If you are a transient student, check for equivalent course numbers at your institution.

Students will visit local media and other cultural, business institutions, and will have close contact with local students and citizens to enhance their study abroad experience.

ASU courses in the program will integrate cultural information from excursions and field trips. Attendance and active participation is required for all classes and group field trips.

Course Offerings:

Instructor: Dr. Jianchuan Zhou (MACO)

MACO 3303 SA1 – Photojournalism
MACO 3331 SA1 – International Journalism
MACO 4498 SA1 – Internship

To request course descriptions and syllabuses, Email: jianchuan.zhou@asurams.edu; for general questions, email or call Dr. Zhou: 229-430-6473.