

## 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**

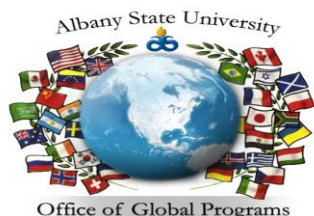
“The cherry on top of my resume is my internship at the local (Xiamen, China) bilingual paper. Every week I opened up to a new culture with an appreciation I would not have had if I were not fully immersed in it.”

– **Dahlia Williams, MACO**

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Tian'anmen Square at the heart of Beijing.



In a Beijing TV studio when the news broadcast is live on air.



Gearing up for a tour in a P&G Hair Care Product Plant in Jiangsu.



Discussion session in a class with Xiamen University students.

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Summer 2017

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

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

**Shanghai:** It's China's economic capital, the city "closest" to the West.

**Taicang:** Featuring a highly "sustainable" P&G plant.

**Fuzhou (optional):** Featuring giant panda exhibit and a well preserved historic residential district.

**Quanzhou (optional):** This ancient city is where the Maritime Silk Road began and where world's major religions converge.

## Program Highlights:

- A mix of campus life in Xiamen and short trips to other cities gives you various experience.
- Visit cultural sites and scenic locations.
- Earn up to 9 credit hours in 3 courses.
- Take courses with Chinese students to enhance your cultural stimulation in classroom.
- Take internship in Chinese media institutions.
- Take field trips to various media organizations and other cultural institutions.
- Enjoy a family dinner in a local home.
- Eat real Chinese foods nothing like the Hunan Beef you have had in the United States.
- You can buy cool stuff at bargain prices.
- Opportunity to enrich your portfolio with a well-planned production project.

## Program Cost: \$3,900, in 5 payments

1<sup>st</sup>: \$200 non-refundable application fee (current)

2<sup>nd</sup>: \$700 by 10/12/2016

3<sup>rd</sup>: \$1,000 by 11/30/2016

4<sup>th</sup>: \$1,000 by 2/15/2017

5<sup>th</sup>: \$1,000 by 3/29/2017

### What's included:

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

### What's not included:

- Passport
- ASU tuition + reduced fee
- Individual dinning 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:

- **Gilman Scholarship** awards \$2,000~\$3,500 to most ASU applicants in past years. ASU a high success rate in Gilman application. Apply by Oct. 4 to get the award in February; apply in early March and get award in May.
- **Fund for Education Abroad (FEA)** provides \$1,250 to awardees. Like Gilman, FEA awards favor historically underrepresented students.
- **ASU Study Abroad Scholarship** sponsored by Student Activities – don't forget to apply for these when you apply for the program.
- **P&G Global Sustainability Journalism Award** is a new scholarship available for Study Abroad China students. Contact Program Coordinator for details.
- **Pell Grant, HOPE, Financial Aid.** Confirmed eligibility for summer 2015 financial aid may contribute to the last installment payment if students have paid the other installments.
- **Personal Fundraisers.** Be creative! Go online! Go mobile! It's the digital age, right?
- **Family Gifts.** 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" that you don't need.
- **BEGIN TO SAVE NOW!**

## Important Deadlines:

**10/4/2016:** Gilman Early Application deadline.

**11/16/2016 ~ 1/11/2017:** FEA scholarship.

**3/7/2017:** Gilman Spring Application deadline.

**2/15/2017:** Your first four payments are due.

**4/5/2017:** Submit your passport for visa application.

**\* The non-refundable application fee \$200 helps secure your spot in the program. Only 10 students will be admitted to the program.**

## 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 encouraged to register for 9 hours of ASU courses, but a minimum of 6 hours is required. 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:

**Professor: Dr. Jianchuan Zhou**

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.