

Architecture - Landscape - Planning

CHINA PROGRAM

SUMMER 2010

The School of Architecture is pleased to announce that it has received the formal letter of invitation from Dean Wu Zhiqiang of the College of Architecture and Urban Planning at Tongji University asking us to return once again to **Shanghai** in Summer 2010. To that end, we announce plans for the tenth UIUC/Tongji University Study Abroad Program in China, May 21 – July 1, 2010.

The **first introductory meeting** to disseminate information and to answer questions concerning costs, itineraries, dates and credit will be held in the Atrium of Temple Buell Hall, **Wednesday, October 14 at 12:00.**

www.arch.uiuc.edu/programs/international/china/
<http://www.arch.uiuc.edu/programs/international/china/gallery15yrs/>

Since 1988, the UIUC School of Architecture has collaborated with Tongji University in Shanghai to conduct a series of six-week summer workshops. Today, it is one of the longest continuous running student programs between American and a Chinese Universities.

This workshop is open to all **Undergraduate and Graduate** students enrolled in the **School of Architecture, the Department of Landscape Architecture, or the Department of Urban and Regional Planning** on the Urbana-Champaign campus. Since the China Program is an official part of UIUC Summer School, registered students can earn up to **8 hours course credit**. Architecture students may receive history credit and undergraduates may earn non-Western credit. Students may be eligible for student loans.

The program provides students with a unique opportunity to focus on the design and planning of urban and rural settlements. China's long history and rich culture combine to provide unparalleled settings for studying architecture, landscape and urban development. The itinerary includes water towns little evolved from their medieval beginnings, the imperial splendors of Beijing, the European influenced Bund in Shanghai, and the clamor of modern industrial cities. The program combines interpretations of ancient city forms and rural practices, and glimpses of intricately detailed buildings and gardens, with the harsh realities of housing and employing the people of the world's most populous nation. Through directed study and discussion, students experience and analyze unfamiliar settings, developing insights to enrich their own professional lives. The immersion in another society provided by this extended visit can yield personal benefits and understandings far beyond the scope of the study program alone.

In 2010, UIUC Professor James Warfield will coordinate the program, and faculty at Tongji University will provide lectures, workshops, and seminars on the Shanghai campus. Weekly study trips to rural villages and towns will be organized by Tongji University and conducted by Illinois faculty.

The specific itinerary varies annually due to cost considerations, special academic interests of students and faculty planning to attend, and availability of accommodations and travel connections. Typically the tour departs Chicago for four weeks at Tongji University in Shanghai (including side trips), two weeks of travel of Beijing and rural Shanxi Province, and return to Chicago.

The program will begin after commencement in May and continue through June. Students must all leave together, but may extend travel independently afterward in China or to Japan, Korea or other countries.

For more information pertaining to this study abroad opportunity, please contact **Vicki McGinness** in 117C Temple Buell Hall or **Professor James Warfield** at jwarfiel@uiuc.edu.