Chinese Culture Summer Program 2019

*Feeling China: An Exploration of Chinese Culture*

(July 8 – July 26, 2019)

For thousands of years, China has been an important contributor to the diversity and splendor of the world civilization. Despite its acknowledged significance as an economic and political power, much less is known about the country and much more is to be explored, to be felt, to be understood and to be appreciated. In this increasingly interconnected world, to maintain a truly global perspective, an understanding of China is indispensable.

International students on this program will attend 16 well-knit lectures, which are classified into four parts:

I. An Overview of Chinese History and Culture
II. Ancient Chinese Philosophy and Contemporary Chinese Politics
III. Chinese Society and Customs
IV. Appreciation of Chinese Culture, Artistic, and Technology.

The detailed lectures are showed as follows:
1. An Overview of Chinese History and Culture
2. Philosophical Confucianism, Taoism, and Legalism
3. Chinese Wisdom and Contemporary Chinese Politics
4. Understanding China’s Belt and Road Initiative
5. East-West Relations: Understanding Begins with Differences
6. Changing Relationships in China
7. Stories of Shanghai
8. The Southern Song Dynasty and Hangzhou
9. Appreciation of Chinese Classical Poetry
10. China’s Tea Culture: Let’s Make a Cup of Tea!
12. Appreciation of Chinese Painting
13. Gender in Traditional Chinese Opera Performance
14. Appreciation of Chinese Food Culture
15. Introduction to Chinese Folk/Pop Music
16. Introduction to Chinese Legal Culture

Besides the various lectures mentioned above, this program provides the course of Basic Chinese as well, aiming at helping foreign students overcome difficulties in daily communication. All of our lectures are taught in English. Overseas students and SISU students will work together on the program toward a better understanding of China, especially, Chinese culture and how it relates to the world.

Shanghai, on China’s eastern coastline, is one of the largest cities in China.
Located in the downtown of this affluent, exciting and glamorous city, SISU is next to many of the great cultural, social and entertainment attractions. We look forward to having international students on SISU campus for “Feeling China: An Exploration of Chinese Culture, 2019”.

**Program Features**
- A clear focus on Chinese culture;
- English lectures and teaching activities;
- Carefully designed immersion activities and excursions;
- Lectures delivered by qualified faculty at SISU;
- Discussions with the participation of SISU students and faculty;
- Full-time participation of SISU undergraduate students in the program;
- Access to various optional hands-on courses.
- Teaching of survival Chinese

**Program Schedule**

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**Participant Qualifications**
The Program is open to applicants of any academic background, in good health, and with reliable financial support and custody (if necessary). No proficiency in the Chinese language is required **but proficiency in English is a must.**

**Nomination**
Partner schools are expected to nominate exchange students to us via chinesecultureses@163.com before **March 15th, 2019**

**Application**
Applicants should submit the following items to chinesecultureses@163.com before **March 20th, 2019.**
1. PDF version of the completed application form, with signatures of the applicant and emergency contact person, and a photo attached;
2. Copy of picture page of passport;

**Registration**
Applicants shall bring the Acceptance Letter, application form, passport, 3 passport-sized photos (5cm*4cm) to register with SISU on **July 8, 2019**. Applicants are required to pay accommodation fees when they check in the hotel (Guest House). Applicant who cannot register as scheduled should inform the Office of International Student Affairs and the School of English Studies in advance.

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