The School of International Letters and Cultures Announces the Intensive Chinese Language Program at Sichuan University

Classes Offered:

- **CHI 201-202**
  Second-year Chinese (10 credits)

- **CHI 301-302**
  Third-year Chinese (10 credits)

- **CHI 401-402**
  Fourth-year Chinese (6 credits)

Place:

- Chengdu

Sichuan University

Chengdu is an ancient, fascinating city located between the heartland of Chinese civilization and the Tibetan plateau. From the relics of the Sanxingdui culture to the tall green mountains dotted with ancient Daoist and Buddhist temples, Chengdu and Sichuan have a long, rich history. It is also a place of scenic wonder, including the famous Jiuzhai gou, a place that has been called “The Yosemite of China” for its natural beauty. The program will include weekend excursions to the giant Buddha at Leshan, Mount Emei, and other local sites. Students are also free to travel on their own during the weekends & free time to explore China. Sichuan is famous for its tasty and spicy food, the earliest “regional” cuisine to be noted in China.

Program: The program is supervised by faculty in the Chinese section of the School of International Letters and Cultures. Students will be able to earn ASU resident credit for a full year of Chinese language coursework. In addition to regularly scheduled class hours, students will meet with individual language tutors two hours per week for additional practice and for integration into Chengdu life. There will be a resident director on site to oversee the program.

Program costs: To be announced. Last year’s program cost was $1,470 plus regular ASU summer tuition for six to ten credits and the fee is subject to change. This includes 160 hours of classroom instruction, individual tutorial sessions, housing, weekend excursions, meals, visits to local historical sites, and talks on Sichuan history, food, and customs. Students must pay for their Chinese visa and travel expenses to China.

Housing: Students will be housed two to a room in dormitory on campus. The dorm is conveniently located in the main campus.

Contact: Jenny Fisher in ASU’s Center for Global Education Services at jenny.fisher@asu.edu. Visit https://studyabroad.asu.edu/?go=Sichuan about the application process and program deadline.
Uniqueness of the Summer Program at Sichuan University

- **Obtain 6-10 ASU credits in Chinese:** Complete two semester courses that are equivalent to one full academic year of Chinese study in eight weeks.

- **Collaborate with ASU Chinese faculty:** Special attention to link the summer curriculum with ASU’s language courses.

- **Broaden Culture Experience:** Opportunities to immerse in a rich Sichuan culture through cultural lectures, weekend excursions and visits to local historical sites.

- **Interact with host country friends, families, and communities:** Gain meaningful language practice with individual mentors and native speakers at academic and public places.

Fellowship Support and Travel Grant

- **Fellowship support:** Arizona State University students can apply for summer fellowships from the Confucius Institute. Information can be found at http://confuciusinstitute.asu.edu. These CI fellowships, which are awarded on a mix of need and merit, range from $1,000 to $2,000 for students who qualify.

- **Travel Grant:** ASU’s Center for Global Education Services offers travel grants for all students studying abroad anywhere in the summer term. The information on this grant and other scholarships can be found on https://studyabroad.asu.edu. Click “ASU Students” then “Financing your Study Abroad”. The deadline to apply for this grant is March 15, 2011. For more information, contact Jenny Fisher at jenny.fisher@asu.edu.

**“** The best part of the program was making friends in Chengdu and seeing the Sichuanese culture first hand. In the end I really can attribute my linguistic improvements to the fact that I had so many opportunities to speak Chinese and not just English. **”**

**Kevin Conti**

**“** Sichuan was an amazing adventure, not only did it help me push my Chinese to the next level by immersing me in the language, but every day was filled with new cultural experiences and opportunities. **”**

**Christopher Robinson**