



Education Abroad Advisement Guide: Chengdu, China

How to Use this Guide

Be proactive and start planning early. This guide contains preapproved course listings for the USAC program in Alicante, Spain. **What type of people choose this program? Students who are passionate about Chinese language and culture.** Visit the USAC website for pictures and more detailed descriptions of the program, or stop by the International Learning Opportunities Office today to get more information. This guide, along with your BSU Academic Advisement Report and the USAC catalog, provides the tools you need to plan and apply for a program. Involve your major/minor advisor as you choose a program and prepare for you time abroad so that you do not prolong graduation. Course descriptions are available at: <http://usac.unr.edu>.

Studying Abroad in Chengdu, China: *Chinese Studies*

Extracurricular Opportunities

Volunteering

USAC students are encouraged to actively participate and give back to their communities through volunteering.

Internships

Students have the opportunity to engage in a working internship in a field appropriate to their major. The internship is not guaranteed, and the number of hours, the field, and the number of credits will be determined after the beginning of the semester. The Teaching of English as a Second Language internship in local schools often is available for students.

Field Trips

You are encouraged to participate in the included program field trips to further explore the culture of China.

Fall trips: Sanxingdui Museum, Dazu Grotto, Yellow Dragon River.

Spring trips: Leshan and Emei Shan, Jinsha Museum.

Both Semesters: Chengdu City Tour, Panda Research Institute.

Optional Tours/Field Studies

USAC offers additional tours to explore more of China and possibly even get credit (field studies).

Fall semester: Xi'an Field Study, Beijing Tour.

Spring semester: Shanghai Tour, Tibet.

The University

USAC classes and offices are located on the campus of Southwest University for Nationalities. In addition to the Han people that make up 93% of China, there are also minorities, such as Tibetans, Yi, Miao, Russians, Koreans, and others. These minorities are dispersed throughout China, but live mainly in the border regions of north, northeast, northwest, and southwest China. Southwest University for Nationalities is one of the universities specially designed for these Chinese minorities.

City Life

Overview

Chengdu, also known as "the city in heaven," is the capital of Sichuan Province; the economic, cultural and political center of Southwest China. Its famous food and tea culture make Chengdu very attractive to travelers from around the world. Westerners, while not entirely uncommon, are still somewhat of a novelty. And locals will probably be interested in practicing their English.

A Few Famous Places

Sanxingdui Museum, Zigong Dinosaur Museum, Qing Yang Gong Temple, Wuhou Temple, Wenshu Temple, Wolong National Nature Reserve, Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

Registration Information

Specialty programs are designed and operated by USAC. Students who participate in a Specialty program will be enrolled at Boise State University while abroad and will not need to transfer credits after returning. Most USACE Specialty courses have a Boise State equivalent course. Work with your academic advisor when deciding on courses to satisfy major requirements, and with a staff member at the International Learning Opportunities office for course registration and syllabi inquiries.

Course descriptions are available at <http://usac.unr.edu>.

Use the USAC program search to see what other programs may also be of interest to you!

<http://usac.unr.edu/programs/search>

USAC Course Title		BSU Equivalent
Advanced Chinese I	3	CHINESE 439
Advanced Chinese II	3	CHINESE 439
Advanced Chinese III	3	CHINESE 439
Advanced Chinese IV	3	CHINESE 439
Advanced Chinese V	3	CHINESE 439
Advanced Chinese VI	3	CHINESE 439
Advanced Chinese VII	3	CHINESE 439
Advanced Chinese VIII	3	CHINESE 439
Ancient Chinese History	3	HIST 439
Anthropology: Women in China	3	Elective Credit
Art in China	3	ART 239
Buddhism and Culture	3	SOC 497
Chinese Calligraphy	3	Elective Credit
Chinese Conversation	2	Elective Credit
Chinese Economy	3	FORLNG 439
Classic Chinese Literature in Translation	3	ENGL 338

Elementary Chinese I	4	CHINESE 101
Elementary Chinese II	4	CHINESE 102
Government and Politics in China	3	POLS 439
Intermediate Chinese I	3	CHINESE 201
Intermediate Chinese II	3	CHINESE 202
Internship	1/2/3	Elective Credit
Making Gender, Sexuality, and Race	3	SOC 497
Modern Chinese Culture and Society	3	SOC 294/SOC497
Modern Chinese History	3	HIST 373
Sichuan Cuisine	1	Elective Credit
Survey of Chinese Literature in Translation	3	ENGL 239
Tai Chi	1	KINACT 115
Tibetan Culture and Society	3	ANTH 239
Xi'an Field Study	1	Elective Credit

What Will I Gain from Studying Abroad?

Personal Benefits

- experience with different cultures
- a better grip on foreign
- friends from around the world
- a new understanding of your own culture
- tales of adventure to last a lifetime

Career Enhancement

- experience with cross-cultural communication
- possible fluency in a foreign language
- understanding of cultural differences
- openness to new ideas/unfamiliar situations
- increased interest in academic study/career

What's the Next Step?

1. Meet with a study abroad advisor in the International Learning Opportunities office.
2. Meet with your major/minor advisor to go over your long-term plans and goals for studying abroad.
3. Consult the USAC catalog or website as you complete your study abroad planning sheet.
4. Complete your application by the deadline.
5. Apply for or renew your passport.
6. Attend information sessions and workshops on topics such as financial aid, visas, and other useful information (ask the ILO office for more information).
7. Start packing!

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