About the Universities

Liaoning Normal University, Dalian
Liaoning Normal University (LNU) is a key university in Liaoning Province. It was established in 1951. It has 22 colleges, 47 academic programs offered at the undergraduate level, 57 at the master’s level and 5 at the doctoral level. The university has 1774 faculty, including 420 professors and associate professors, more than 9,000 undergraduates, more than 400 postgraduates and 300 international students. You may visit the university web site: http://www.lnnu.edu.cn

In June 2000, Missouri State University entered into an agreement with LNU to establish the Missouri State University Branch Campus on the campus of LNU. As an educational cooperation project between the two universities, the purpose of the Branch Campus is to increase cultural and educational exchange and to promote friendship and understanding between the United States and China.

Qingdao University, Qingdao
Qingdao University is comprised of 25 colleges and 73 specialities with undergraduate programs covering literature, history, philosophy, law, economics, management, natural sciences, engineering, medical science and education. There are 25 provincial key disciplines, laboratories and engineering research centers, and 66 specialities with doctorate and master programs.

International exchange programs have been established with more than 40 universities and regions, including the USA, Britain, Germany, Japan, Russia, Canada and Australia.

Qingdao University and Missouri State University have a direct faculty and student exchange program. Missouri State students will spend a semester at Qingdao University immersed in the Chinese language and culture. For more information about the city of Qingdao, please visit: http://english.qingdao.gov.cn/n2043295/index.html

Henan University of Finance and Economics, Zhengzhou
Established in 1983, Henan University of Finance and Economics (HUFE) is located in the Central Plains of China and close to the Yellow River and located in one of the oldest capitol cities in China.

HUFE incorporates the essence of traditional Chinese culture while keeping pace with the changing times. HUFE has become a cradle of talent and a well-known modern university with abundant qualified teachers and talented people.

The university has about 1,100 faculty and staff members, of whom 430 are faculty members, 272 are professors and associate professors, and about 190 have a doctorate or master’s degree.

In May 2009, HUFE and Missouri State entered into an Agreement to collaborate on the development of joint educational programs, establish HUFE as a MSU International Partner, continue development of the MSU Study in China Program, develop cooperative research opportunities, and on the basis of this Agreement work toward expanding opportunities for students and faculty to participate in academic activities, research projects, and cultural exchange activities.

For more information about the city of Zhengzhou, please visit: http://www.zhengzhou.gov.cn/

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Missouri State University now offers three major opportunities for students to study in China with or without a Chinese language requirement. The Study in China Program allows students to either choose to go to Dalian, Qingdao or Zhengzhou, China to study. There are a variety of program options that have been developed to address the diverse needs of students and their academic focus. Any of the three programs are very inexpensive and offer tremendous language and cultural experiences. Additionally, students in good standing who are enrolled in these programs on a full-time basis are eligible to apply for all federal, state and university financial aid.

Finally, all enrolled students are eligible to participate in a brief, pre-paid “Beijing tourist experience,” in addition to their study in China experience. Information and details for both experiences are available by visiting the website at http://www.missouristate.edu/china/, contacting Tami Sutton at tamisutton@missouristate.edu, (417) 836-8501 or feel free to stop by the office in Carrington Hall, Room 210.

Benefits
• Study Chinese language
• Receive transfer credit
• Experience Chinese culture
• Learn Chinese history
• Scholarship/financial aid applicable
• Opportunity to teach English
• Increased business and economic awareness of China’s expanding relationship with the U.S.
• Pre-paid Beijing tour

Program Dates
The fall academic semester in China begins in early September and ends the first of January. The spring academic semester begins the first of March and ends the first of July. Students may opt for a semester study or for the entire academic year.

Students are also allowed to enroll in an 8-week summer program which runs through June and July.

Curriculum & Credit
Students participating in the Study in China Program may enroll in 6 to 12 credit hours and have a variety of curriculum options.

All classes registered through Missouri State University will receive transfer credit from partner Chinese universities.

Tuition
Students will finish registration with Missouri State University before departing for China. The tuition rate and the registration process are the same as if the student is taking classes on the Springfield or West Plains Campuses. For more information on fees, please visit the University web site: http://www.missouristate.edu/admissions/cost/.

Financial Aid
Financial aid or scholarship funds received through Missouri State University may be applied to this program. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

Application Procedure
Applications are available in the Office for Research and Economic Development in Carrington Hall, Room 210 or online at http://www.missouristate.edu/China. A 200-500 word student statement about why the applicant wishes to participate in the program and two letters of academic reference should be turned in with the completed application by the application deadline.

Application Deadline
Application deadline for fall semester is May 1st and spring semester November 1st.

Eligibility
No previous Chinese language skills are required. The applicant must be in good standing at Missouri State University with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Costs
(All costs are subject to change)

Lodging
Housing cost will be approximately $200 per month.

Meals
The estimated cost for food in either Dalian or Qingdao is approximately $3 per meal.

Travel Expenses
As of May 2009, the average price for a roundtrip plane ticket from Springfield to Beijing with only one stop in Chicago on United Airlines was $1,400.00. Other options are available online at cheaper prices.

Domestic travel within China, except for May, October and Spring Festival holidays, will usually cost approximately $100 for a one-way flight from Beijing to Dalian, Qingdao or Zhengzhou.

All travel expenses are the student’s responsibility.

Necessary Documents
Students participating in the Missouri State Study in China Program are required to have a valid passport and student visa before leaving the United States. The Coordinator of the Study in China Program will assist the students with their application for student visa. The visa application fee is $130 and the courier fee is $25.

Students are required to pay a $75.00 fee to the Study Abroad Office. This fee includes the purchase of an International Student Identification Card.

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