



# Study Abroad in China

Apply by February 1, 2015. Program runs May –June, 2015

## Courses Offered:

Program participants are required to register for both courses to enroll in this program.

PHIL399 Constructing the Cosmos: A Study of Chinese Philosophy through its Architecture

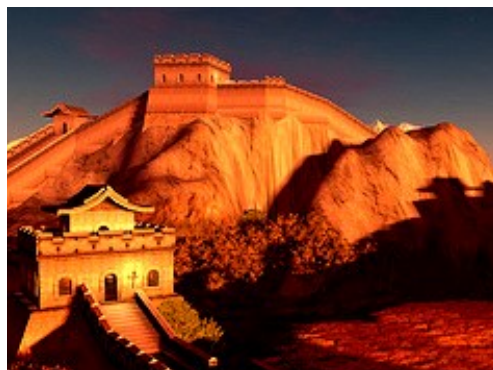
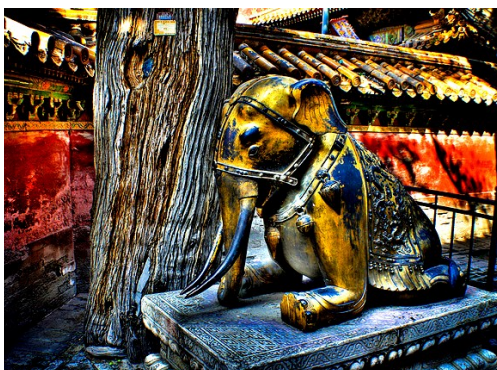
(3 credits) Dr. Troy Catterson

Fulfills elective in major/ minor for PHIL , a Pell elective, a GLO elective with approval or a free elective for all other majors.

RTS 399 Divining the Future: The Predictive Role of Gods, Spirits and Ancestors in Chinese Folk Religion (3 credits). Dr. Sean O'Callaghan

Fulfills elective in major/minor for RTS, PELL elective, or a free elective for all other majors.

*All course fulfillments are subject to approval by an advisor.*



## Program Highlights

- Travel around China to experience first-hand China's current and past culture
- Explore Beijing's Forbidden City and Museums
- Walk on the Great Wall of China and consider its role in the history of China
- Visit Confucius' birthplace and the Temple to Confucius
- Learn how the gardens and temples of Shanghai embody eastern philosophical and religious traditions
- Experience Martial Arts, Chinese Dance and other cultural demonstrations and performances

## Academic Focus

A culture's art works are the sensuous symbols of its philosophical and religious concepts- its architecture, the microcosm of its macrocosm. In this program students will visit some of the major Chinese historical sites with the goal of exploring the Chinese political, religious and philosophical worldview as it is embodied in its art and architecture. Among the places and sites to be visited are the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the birthplace of Confucius, two of the holy mountains of China, the tomb of the first emperor (terracotta warriors), and the Shaolin temple, which is the birthplace of Kung-Fu. As a result of this encounter students will gain knowledge of the three major religious and philosophical traditions of China: Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism and will examine how these intellectual traditions interacted and coalesced to form the Chinese worldview. In addition, through an exploration of Temple iconography students will come to an understanding of the role gods, spirits and ancestors play in Chinese religion and the ways in which their relevance to daily life is accessed by ordinary worshippers and expressed in the architecture of religious buildings and sacred spaces. historical and cultural sites, attractions, and restaurants.

## Course Expectations

Faculty leaders may schedule pre-departure meetings and assignments as needed prior to program departure. Students must complete required readings prior to program departure. While in China, they will develop photo essays examining how visited sites embody course concepts. In addition students will also develop presentations on course subject matter.

## Accommodations

**Lodging** - Accommodations will be provided in university student housing, student hostels or tourist class hotels.

**Meals** - The program fee includes two (2) meals daily. All other meals are at the student's expense.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Open to all students
- Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA
- Availability of academic credits to fulfill degree requirements
- Good disciplinary, financial and academic standing at the time of program departure.
- Participation in mandatory pre-departure orientation sessions on April 16th and 24th.

## How to Apply

Complete online application and submit all required supplemental materials to the Office of International Programs by the application deadline. Applications will not be reviewed until all application materials are received. Detailed application instructions available at: <http://salve.edu/study-abroad/short-term-programs>

## Program Fee Approx. \$7500 TBD

### Included in this fee:

Round trip airfare on group international flight departing Boston  
6 credits Salve Regina tuition  
Airport transfers & ground transportation in China  
Accommodations in China  
Two (2) meals daily  
Official excursions and entrance fees  
International travel insurance

### Not Included in this fee:

Transportation to and from group flight  
Passport fee (\$135) - if applicable  
Student visa - if applicable  
Course textbooks - if applicable  
Other meals while in China  
Personal expenses (recreation, tips, laundry, snacks, other personal items/services)  
Personal travel in free time/vacations

## Payment Schedule

\$1200 Deposit due by Friday, March 6, 2015

Your deposit holds your space in the program. Please be aware that there is a withdrawal and refund policy outlined in your Participation Agreement.

Final Payment due by Friday, May 1, 2015

The Business Office will generate an invoice for the remainder of the program fee in early April.

## Financial Aid

Consult with your Financial Aid Counselor. Generally, only parent plus loans are applicable to short-term study abroad programs.

## Scholarships

Salve Regina study abroad scholarships are reserved for full-time semester and year-long programs. Research your non-Salve Regina scholarship options at: <http://www.salve.edu/study-abroad/study-abroad-scholarships>

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