HOLY CROSS SUMMER (MAYMESTER) PROGRAM IN CHINA ~ 2016
Beijing and Shanghai, China

Understanding China Old and New

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DATES: (Departure from Boston) Thursday, May 19, 2016 - Saturday, June 18, 2016 (Departure from Shanghai, China)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: China is a country of superlatives and extremes. It is among the world's oldest continuous civilizations and has one of the world's fastest growing economies. It is the home of centuries-old historic sites and 21st century cutting-edge architecture and fashion. It has one of the world’s finest and most complex and varied cuisines, but it borrowed from McDonalds and Pizza Hut when elevating its standards of service and cleanliness. The Holy Cross Maymester program in China gives you the chance to learn about China first-hand by exploring two of its most important cities, Beijing, the capital, rooted in tradition, and Shanghai, a city that pulses with a modern beat.

Understanding China Old and New provides students with an exciting overview of the geography, history, culture, and language(s) of China, which boasts, simultaneously, one of the world’s oldest civilizations and the most rapidly advancing new economy. “Understanding China Old and New” explores China’s important encounters with the West (including with the Jesuits) that have shaped and influenced China’s history, especially its meteoric development in the 20th and 21st centuries. Weeks 1-3 are based in Beijing, China’s centuries old political and cultural center. Week 4 moves to Shanghai, by population (over 23 million) the world’s largest city and China’s financial, commercial, and fashion hub. The course includes five days of instruction each week comprised of two hours of Chinese language instruction and 1-2 hours of lecture and discussion in English on Chinese history, architecture, gardens, politics, and social thought. There will be two to three excursions each week in the afternoon, and the course will conclude with a capstone day trip to Hangzhou, famous for its natural beauty and Longjing (Dragon Well) tea plantations.

CREDIT: Students receive the equivalent of one Holy Cross course credit and the class fulfills the Cross-Cultural Common Area Requirement.

HOUSING AND MEALS: Students live in double-occupancy dormitory rooms. Lunch or dinner is included Monday-Friday. Students should expect to spend between $350-$400 on food, provided they eat Chinese food in local restaurants. 'Foreign' (non-Chinese) food is widely available but is more costly.

COSTS: The cost of the program is approximately $7,200 - $7,600. This includes round-trip airfare, internal travel and transportation, tuition, housing, partial board and the cost of all excursions. NOT INCLUDED: passport expenses, personal expenses and meals other than those listed. Very limited financial aid is available for this program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, November 20, 2015 via the online application system on the Study Abroad website: http://holycross.edu/engaged-learning/study-abroad/programs/summer-2016-study-abroad-programs

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