



program snapshot

- Hosted by the prestigious Peking University for advanced Chinese language students; direct enrollment in specific departments or schools
- Knowledgeable and experienced full-time on-site CIEE staff
- Weekly one-on-one tutorials and Chinese language meals with tutors and staff
- Cultural activities, with reimbursements, to the Beijing Opera, concerts, acrobatic performances, Tiananmen Square, and Dashanzi Art District; excursions to such places as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the Temple of Heaven

what you'll learn

The goal of the Advanced Chinese Studies program is to provide support for superior language students interested in taking coursework completely in Chinese alongside Chinese peers. This is achieved by having students enroll directly in one department or school at Peking University based on their academic interest, as well as by providing weekly tutorials with Chinese peer tutors, a required core course focusing on using Chinese in a professional context, optional homestays and off-campus housing near the University, and opportunities for individual research.

thoughts from abroad

Beijing is a fascinating combination of modern development and ancient cultures. Taking classes with your peers at Peking University will be a unique experience that will provide insight into China like few American students have ever experienced. I'm confident that it will change your life.

— Yuan Tian, Resident Director

About the Resident Director

Dr. Yuan Tian holds a Ph.D. in Language Pedagogy from the University of Hawaii. Since 2002, she has served as the Resident Director of the CIEE Study Center at Peking University. Her experience with CIEE dates back to 1995 when she taught CIEE students at Peking University. Before assuming her position at CIEE, she served as the Assistant Field Director at an intensive Chinese program in Beijing and also taught Chinese at Columbia University.



about beijing

As the capital of the world's most populous nation, Beijing is at the center of much that happens in China. It is a city of over 15 million people struggling to adapt as China emerges as a global player. Beijing reflects China's long and evolving history when different dynasties based here constructed some of the nation's most well-known and culturally important sites such as the Great Wall and the Summer Palace. In addition to being the political and cultural center of China, Beijing is known as the birthplace of Chinese cinema and modern art. Beijing also has China's largest concentration of top research institutions.

academics

Academic Program

The CIEE Study Center at Peking University (PKU) was founded in 1980. The Advanced Chinese Studies program, which opened in 2009, offers support for superior Chinese language students interested in taking content classes completely in Chinese with Chinese undergraduate students. Students are required to pass a placement exam taken upon arrival in Beijing. Once students pass, they enroll in one of four schools or departments: the Department of Chinese Language and Literature; the Department of History; the School of International Studies; or the Guanghua School of Management. A CIEE Advanced Research and Writing course supplements direct enrollment courses at Peking University.

Academic Culture

Students attend classes from Monday through Friday and take most courses within one department or school. The academic culture of each department or school varies. Classroom size can range from 20 to 200 students depending on the course and teaching styles, and course requirements vary from course to course. Syllabi may or may not be provided depending on the professor. There is a Teacher's Assistant (TA) assigned to each course, and international students are expected to communicate with their TAs for specific course information and to discuss any issues they may be having. Students are expected to be both independent and diligent in regard to the requirements of each course.

Due to the dates of the Chinese academic calendar, students may enroll for the spring semester or the entire academic year. Semester students take three direct enrollment courses and the CIEE core course. Academic year students take seven courses; they do not need to repeat the CIEE core course in the spring.

Nature of Classes

Participants take classes with Chinese classmates in the department or school in which they enroll. Participants take the CIEE core course with other CIEE students only.

CIEE Community Language Commitment

Students take part in the CIEE Community Language Commitment by speaking Chinese at all times (except in emergencies). This fosters a learning community that contributes to both Chinese language proficiency and understanding of Chinese society.

Grading System

Peking University grades are determined based on a mid-term exam, final exam, homework, attendance, and class participation. All grades are calculated on a percentage basis and converted to U.S. letter grade equivalents. As grades for the spring semester will not be available until August, and grades for fall semester will not be available until the following February, graduating seniors or others concerned about the timing of receiving grades need to take this into consideration when choosing this program. For the CIEE course, students are graded on their participation in both formal lectures and scheduled meetings with their tutors.



where you'll study

As one of China's most prestigious universities, Peking University (PKU) was founded in 1898 and has a long tradition of scholarly excellence and political activism. Its primary mission is to train scholars for advanced research in the natural and social sciences. More than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled. The PKU campus comprises a blend of traditional and modern buildings and architectural structures.

living

Housing and Meals

Students live in off-campus housing with another CIEE student and are housed two to a room; single rooms are not available. Meals are not included in the program fee and are the responsibility of the student. Students typically take meals in one of the many diverse eateries available both on- and off-campus and shop at local markets.

A limited number of homestays may be available, with two meals per week included in the program fee.

For academic year students, housing between the fall and spring semesters is arranged and included in the academic year fee. Students remaining in China between semesters typically travel to other areas of the country during this period to enhance their fluency and cultural understanding.

Online Pre-Departure and On-Site Orientations

Students begin their study abroad experience in Beijing before even leaving home—by participating in a CIEE Online Pre-Departure Orientation. Meeting with students online, the Resident Director shares information about the program and site, highlighting issues that alumni have said are important, and giving students time to ask any questions before leaving home. The online orientation allows students to connect with others in the group,

reflect on what they want to get out of the program, and learn what others in the group would like to accomplish. The CIEE goal for the pre-departure orientation is simple: to help students understand more about the program and site, as well as their goals for the program, so that they arrive to the program well-informed and return home having made significant progress toward their goals.

A mandatory orientation session, conducted at the beginning of the program, introduces students to the academic culture at PKU and life in China. Several group sessions involving CIEE students and their peer tutors are also included as an integral part of orientation. Ongoing support is provided on an individual and group basis throughout the program.

Internet

There is Internet access in the PKU library and computer center. However, Internet access can be quite erratic and slow. Internet availability at each homestay will vary from location to location. Students are encouraged to bring wireless-enabled laptops.

culture

Cultural Activities and Field Trips

Guided field trips are organized to historic and cultural sites in and around Beijing, such as the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Dashanzi Art District, and various other famous sites of interest. Cultural activities may include the Beijing Opera and an acrobatic show. Classes in calligraphy, painting, taijiquan, stamp cutting, and traditional Chinese musical instruments are also offered. Although there are no formal community service activities in this program, volunteer opportunities can be arranged by CIEE staff.

Cultural Reimbursement Program

As a means of encouraging students to enrich their study abroad experience, CIEE offers a Cultural Reimbursement Program. Through this program, students are reimbursed for their participation in such cultural activities as Chinese film screenings, theater performances, traditional music concerts, and visits to local museums and historic places of interest. Students are encouraged to invite peer tutors to such events when possible.

eligibility

Students must take PKU's initial placement test in Beijing to qualify for direct enrollment. Typically, students who speak and write at the superior level on the ACTFL scale are likely to pass the PKU placement test. These students have often completed Fourth Year Chinese or the equivalent at the college level. Students who do not pass this test are required to enroll in the Intensive Chinese Language program at the CIEE Study Center at Peking University.

Students are strongly encouraged to provide a current HSK (National Chinese Language Proficiency Test) score along with their application to expedite the admissions process. HSK tests should be taken one year prior to applying to the program. Students who have already received an intermediate B certificate or above on the HSK advanced exam may be exempt from the PKU language proficiency exam. HSK testing sites, which are available throughout the U.S., typically offer testing once each year in the spring or fall.

- Overall GPA 3.0
- Junior standing and above
- Note: Peking University will not accept students who are citizens of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Taiwan ROC, Hong Kong SAR, or Macau. This includes those who are permanent U.S. residents.

peking university schools and departments

The School of International Studies

The School of International Studies (SIS) at PKU is the first school focusing on International Studies set up in the Chinese university system. It is an important teaching and research school devoted to training students in international studies, international political economy, and diplomacy.

The Guanghua School of Management

The Guanghua School of Management at PKU is one of the best business schools in China. More than 3,000 students are enrolled in Guanghua, which is staffed by approximately 100 full-time teaching faculty. Guanghua offers undergraduate degrees in accounting, finance, and marketing

Department of Chinese Language and Literature

The Department of Chinese Language and Lit-

erature at PKU includes three major areas of study (Chinese literature, Chinese language, classical literature and documents), two research institutes, and two research centers.

Department of History

The Department of History at PKU, which can be traced back to the University's former days as Metropolitan University in 1899, is considered to be China's oldest department focused on the study of history. Currently, there are 68 full-time teachers and staff (33 professors, 19 associate professors and 16 lecturers), many of whom are leading experts in the field of history research. The department offers undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, including master's level and Ph.D. degrees. It employs many scholars from China and abroad and organizes seminars, reports, and updates on the latest research results and information for teachers and students in the department.

immersion

Extended Weekend Excursion

An extended weekend excursion to Xian, Hangzhou, Nanjing, or Henan allows students to learn about areas outside of Beijing and to utilize their Chinese language skills under the leadership of the Resident Director. The location is selected prior to each term and changes each semester. Several Chinese students accompany the group to help foster a Chinese-speaking environment during the trip. Students are expected to maintain their language commitment during all program activities.

Peer Language Tutor Program

The CIEE Peer Language Tutor program at PKU is a unique hallmark of the program and ensures that students' linguistic and cultural fluency progresses throughout the program. CIEE students are paired with PKU students for weekly one-on-one Chinese language tutorials for a total of three to four hours per week. These tutorials provide students guided support in academic writing and research in a Chinese context, which is integrated into the required CIEE core course, Tutorial for Advanced Research and Writing. They also provide students extra conversation practice in Mandarin and guidance with homework assignments, while giving students an opportunity to befriend and be a part of the lives of their Chinese peers. Past students have stated that their peer tutors were one of the best and most unique aspects of the CIEE program.

Target Language Meals

To encourage students to utilize their Chinese in an informal setting, CIEE arranges monthly group meals for students, their teachers, peer tutors, and resident staff. Students attending the optional meals are required to speak only Chinese.

duration

Spring

18 weeks: early February—late June

Academic Year

36 weeks: late August—late June

costs

CIEE Fees

Spring 2010: available 8/15/09
Academic Year 2009–10: \$21,400

The CIEE fees for 2009–10 include tuition, optional on-site airport meet and greet, fulltime leadership and support, housing, orientation, cultural activities, local excursions, an extended weekend excursion, pre-departure advising, comprehensive student handbook, and a CIEE iNext travel card, which provides insurance and other travel benefits.

Estimated Additional Costs (Spring 2010)

Transportation (round-trip based on U.S. West Coast departure)	\$ 1,550
Personal Expenses	\$ 4,300
Meals*	\$ 2,400
Books and Supplies	\$ 300
Local Transportation	\$ 800
Total Estimated Additional Costs	\$ 9,350

*Students placed in homestays should budget an additional \$550 for meals per semester.

Check our website for current fees.

coursework

Program Requirements

Students must take three Peking University courses each semester in addition to the CIEE course. Academic year students do not repeat the CIEE course in their second semester.

Credit

Total recommended credit for the semester is 16 semester/24 quarter hours and 30 semester/45 quarter hours for the academic year program.

Typical courses offered by the major departments have 54 contact hours and 5 semester credits/7.5 quarter hours over the course of 18 weeks. The contact hours listed refer to the time spent in class. Although the U.S. higher education system follows a fairly consistent ratio of 15 contact hours per semester-hour of credit, systems around the world vary considerably. Three contact hours per week in any given system may involve much more total effort or significantly less total effort than what is implied by three hours in the U.S. CIEE credit recommendations are based on an evaluation of the total effort required for each course. The Chinese educational system generally requires more self-directed reading per each hour in class than U.S. institutions.

Language of Instruction

Mandarin Chinese

Faculty

All direct enrollment courses are taught by PKU faculty. The CIEE course is coordinated by the Resident Director.



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Required CIEE Course

CHIN 3001 BACS

Tutorial for Advanced Research and Writing

This is a one-credit required course designed to supplement direct enrollment courses at PKU. This tutorial provides guidance and support to students in their adaptation to the academic environment. The tutorial consists of group meetings plus individualized tutorial sessions in which teaching approach and content are designed to meet the needs of individual students. The Resident Director and local tutors form an advising team to provide assistance and guidance throughout the semester to ensure students are ultimately successful in their coursework. Contact hours: 15. Recommended credit: 1 semester/1.5 quarter hours.

Instructor: Dr. Yuan Tian

Peking University Courses

The following courses vary from semester to semester. Students need to be flexible in their course choice as course availability varies widely and may not be known until registration takes place on campus. Syllabi for specific courses are typically not available prior to course enrollment. There are a few courses taught in English. Students wishing to take those courses must receive approval from their home institutions prior to enrolling.

Department of Chinese Studies and Literature

Analysis of Chinese Dialects
Analysis of Famous Modern Novels
Analysis of Modern Chinese Novels
Ancient Chinese Culture
Chinese Calligraphy
Chinese Folk Literature
Chinese Literature and Studies
Chinese Reference Books
Chinese Rhetoric
Chinese Studies
Classical Chinese
Classical Chinese Literature
Comparative Literary Theories
Discussion of Selected Tang and Song Words
Folklore
Folklore Studies
History of Ancient China
History of Archeography
History of Chinese Studies
History of Classical Chinese Literature
History of Modern Chinese Literature
History of Western Literature
Identification of Ancient Books and Protection
Introduction to Literary Theory
Investigation of Dialects
Literature and Studies of Modern China
Literature from an Artist's Point of View
Literature Studies
Modern Chinese
Modern Chinese Vocabulary
Modernization and Modern Chinese Literature
Outline of Classical Scriptures
Outline of Folklore Literature
Phonology of the Chinese Studies
Principles of Literature
Readings of Yuanza Drama
Research of Luxun
Research of Modern Chinese Grammar
Research of Modern Chinese Poems
Research of Zhuang Sao
Selected Readings of Classical Chinese
Semantics
Shakespearean Theatre
Standard Mandarin and Dialects
Studies of Textual Criticism
Taiwan Literature
Works of Contemporary Chinese Literature
Writing in Chinese

Department of History

African American History
Ancient Asian Civilizations
Ancient Chinese History
Ancient Chinese Politics and Culture
Ancient History of China
Beginning Modern Greek Studies
Chinese Calligraphy (Techniques and Theories)
Comparative Urban History
Contemporary General Modern Chinese History
Contemporary History of Chinese/Japanese Relations
Contemporary History of Chinese Society
Contemporary World History
European History
European Renaissance Art and Literature
Fundamentals of the Italian Studies
General Ancient Chinese History
General Modern Chinese History
General World History
History of the Foreign Policy of the Late Qing Dynasty
History of Middle Ages in Europe
History of Modern International Politics
History of the People's Republic of China
History of Sino-Foreign Relations in the 20th Century
History of Southeast Asia
History of Tibet and China
History of Women in China and Traditional Culture
Modern World History
North American History
Politics and Culture in Traditional China
Politics and Literature of Ancient China and Western Europe
Reading in Modern Greek Studies
Research Approach of the Ming and Qing Dynasty
Social Investigation and Research of History
Topics of General History
Topics of History of England
Topics of the Qin Dynasty
Topics of the Republic of China

Guanghua School of Management

Accounting Information System
Advanced Financial Accounting
Applied Statistics Analysis
Auditing Principles
Business Finance and Taxation Decision-Making
Case Studies of Marketing
Civil and Commercial Law
Econometrics
Employment and Training

Enterprise Ethics
Finance Demonstration
Finance Econometrics
Financial Accounting
Financial Accounting Theory and Decision-Making
Gaming and Society
Human Resources Management
International Finance
Macroeconomics
Management of Logistics and Supplies
Market Finance and Market Structure
Mathematical Statistics
Operations Research
Organization Theory
Production Management
Salary Management
Social Psychology
Study of Stock Markets

School for International Studies

Analysis of Foreign Affairs Practice
Chinese and American Relations with Taiwan Situation
Comparison of Political Systems
Contemporary China and International Relations
Economics of Foreign Affairs
Foreign Affairs Policy Making Theories and Practices
History of Chinese and American Relations
International Trade and Finance
Modern Thought of Western Politics
Non-Governmental Foreign Affairs
Overseas Chinese and Chinese Society
Politics of China and Asia in Foreign Affairs
Problems of Nation in World Politics
Studies of Politics in Globalization
Topics of Nation State
Topics of Taiwan
World Religion and World Society

