

Nanyang Technological University
**International Summer School in China
2013**



**29 June to 4 August 2013
Tianjin, China**



NTU International Summer School in China Programme 2013

The annual Nanyang Technological University (NTU) International Summer School in China is now **open for application!**

The Programme is open to all NTU students in your second or third year, especially those with an interest in Asian studies and China.

This is a five-week summer programme, including a one-week study tour, for selected students from NTU, Chinese partner universities, and international partner universities.

You will take two credit-bearing courses. Three interdisciplinary courses will be offered, exploring concepts and perspectives in Great Ideas, Cultural Encounters, and Changing Family in the Global Contexts. The courses will be taught jointly by NTU faculty and faculty from partner universities.

Additional enrichment courses in Chinese culture will be made available to interested students.

The programme fee of **S\$3,500** includes course instruction, accommodation, orientation programme, and field trips. You can also elect to attend optional cultural programmes.

Unique Learning Experience

In the summer of 2013, NTU will be partnering Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College and University of Toronto, all top colleges / university in the US and Canada. They have been selected because of the quality of their undergraduate education.

The Programme will enable you to meet with Chinese and international college students to exchange ideas about culture and communication. You will get to immerse yourself in a dynamic exchange between international faculty, students and environment, which delivers a unique cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary learning experience, while at the same time, earning credits towards your degree programme at NTU.

Courses

The Summer Programme in 2013 spans over five weeks and will include three multi-disciplinary courses. Of the three courses, you will choose two as part of your summer study.

Great Ideas

- Professor David Reisman, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Professor Michael Allen, Bryn Mawr College, United States of America

This course is concerned with the interaction between economic exchange, social values and the political order. It explores the ideas and ideologies that people use to make sense of commerce, integration and authority. It is interdisciplinary by its very nature but also because the debate is so old. Most of the great ideas with which economic, social and political philosophy are concerned were formulated long before the borders of the present-day academic disciplines were ever laid down.

Great Ideas trace the development of core concepts like individualism, community, evolution, nationhood, growth, negotiation, contract and democracy from the Greek philosophers to our own times. Great Books illustrate and amplify the great ideas through an understanding of nine influential classics that have shaped our present-day perspectives.

Cultural Encounters: Understanding and Deconstructing East and West

- Professor Daniel Jernigan, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Professor Evie Gu, University of Toronto, Canada

Concepts of East and West have long been identified as opposing binaries; however, what exactly are East and

West? In today's increasingly globalised world, people, texts, and materials flow from a wide variety of locations and in seemingly convoluted directions at extreme speeds, forcing encounters of difference, hybridisation and resistance in myriad contexts and forms. From this contemporary perspective, East and West are easily recognized as the essentialist constructions that they are. Furthermore, this contemporary perspective can actually serve as an important reminder that there have never been boundaries that definitively separate the two – nor has there been a unified East or West – even while we become increasingly aware that these are powerful cultural concepts that are all but impossible to escape.

The course will introduce students to present-day and classical discourses and constructed dichotomies from both East and West. Students will come to understand that this encounter between East and West is not new, and also come to appreciate how these attitudes continue to have impact in contemporary literature.

The Changing Family in Global Contexts

- Professor Shirley Sun, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Professor Nathan Wright, Bryn Mawr College, United States of America

The purpose of this subject is to see the family through a comparative lens. What do all families have in common? How do they diverge? Why does the family matter? This class aims to introduce students to the important concepts and tools of analysis concerning this universal social institution called the family. We will also examine the role of new reproductive technologies in shaping the family in different societies – raising the specter of made-to-order babies for the very rich, while also opening up new possibilities for non-nuclear families. Finally, capitalism and the nation-state are forces shaping families and family life. Sources will include historical materials, ethnographies, and mass media, both print and film.



Study Tour

A key feature of the Summer Programme is the out-of-class study which will be an integral part of each course. A study tour is an academic course involving traditional classroom learning and experiential learning. Faculty-led tours provide students first-hand opportunities to investigate other cultures, enhancing academic development. You will be working hand-in-hand with faculty and students from US, Canada and Chinese universities, visiting places in and around Tianjin that provide a rich history relating to your two courses.



Summer School students on their study tour to Pinyao, China, July 2012

Orientation

Before your arrival in Tianjin, NTU will provide you with a comprehensive Information Kit, which includes practical information such as a calendar for the summer with timetable of your courses and considerable information preparing you for your time in China. Upon arrival you will be picked up from the designated airports and brought to your accommodation. You will attend a welcome reception with your fellow students followed by an orientation programme around Tianjin University and surrounding area, as well as induction to the University facilities.



Students and Chinese university ambassadors having fun during Orientation, 30 June 2012

Cultural Courses

As part of the Summer Programme, you may also take up to two courses in Chinese culture. Each course provides one hour per week of instruction. Cultural courses can include Chinese martial art, *weiqi* (equivalent of Go game), Chinese culinary art, and *tai chi*.



Aspiring *taiji* enthusiasts trying to keep up with the Chinese instructor, July 2012

Housing

You will be housed alongside other Summer Programme students, in twin sharing rooms, near Tianjin University. The accommodation is located close to a locally popular food street. Rooms come with bathroom facilities and broadband internet access.

Programme Fee and Living Expenses

The Programme has been designed to minimise the costs you will be required to pay upon arrival in China – the S\$3,500 fee is an almost all-inclusive cost covering most expenses, including:

- All tuition fees
- Housing
- Orientation programme, beginning before you arrive and continuing upon your arrival
- Study tour
- Cultural courses
- Special evening seminars

In addition, optional cultural courses will be offered to all students. The only additional costs you will have once in China will be for your food, an occasional textbook and costs from weekend travel.

All students must have travel and medical insurance for the duration of the programme.

The likely expenses include:

Expenses Estimates (S\$)	S\$
Programme Fees	
Tuition Fee (2 courses at \$700 per course for NTU students)	S\$1,400
Study Tour	S\$600
Cultural Courses	S\$100
Hostel Accommodation (\$40 per day for 5 weeks)	S\$1,400
Total Programme Fees	S\$3,500
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Meals (\$3 per meal for 3 meals per day for 5 weeks)	S\$315
Books, personal expenses, etc	S\$100
Air ticket	S\$1,200
Visa -- Business Visa (F), Single Entry	S\$50
Medical Insurance	S\$100
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	S\$1,765
Total	S\$5,265

Scholarships

The Summer Programme is able to grant a limited number of scholarships. A scholarship of S\$3,500 covers tuition fees, study tour and accommodation. It is not payable in cash and covers neither transportation nor living expenses.

We seek dynamic, deserving and motivated students. We will invite you to apply if you possess outstanding academic results, display a penchant for leadership, show a laudable track record in co-curricular activities, and exhibit a zest for community service. Priority will be given to financially needy students.

Application

The Programme is open to all NTU students in your second or third year, especially those with an interest in Asian studies and China. In June 2013, we will accept 25 students from NTU, 10 students from Bryn Mawr College, Harverford College and University of Toronto, and another 5 students from Tianjin University and Nankai University.

For *NTU students*, in order to participate in the Programme you must have a minimum CGPA of 3.5. You should file an online application via StudentLink. Email or other forms of applications will not be accepted.

When you have completed the online application form, please ensure that all required fields are filled up and that all of the information you have provided is correct. Successful candidates might be required to attend an interview, on a selective basis.

For *students from partner universities*, please register your interest with the International Programme Office (or its equivalent) of your respective universities.

The important dates are as follows.

Activity	Important Dates
Application deadline	31 March 2013
Interview (selective)	1 to 12 April 2013
Acceptance into Summer Programme	15 April to 26 April 2013
Pre-trip Briefing	Sometime in end May 2013
Summer Programme	29 June to 4 August 2013
Return to Singapore	4 August 2013

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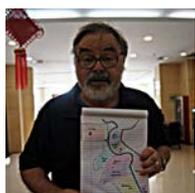
From faculty and staff



“I really do think that NTU has a good opportunity to accomplish something very nice as this project goes forward. Just as Singapore is well situated to serve as a kind of cultural/business mediator for all

things political/industrial between China and the West – I think that one of the strengths of this program is along the same lines, as the Singapore students serve as nice go-betweens culturally and linguistically for the North American students as they encounter China for the first time – even while adding Tianjin students to the mix means that all of the students (Singaporean and North American) are inevitably forced out of their comfort zones to connect with China in numerous in diverse ways.”

Prof Daniel Jernigan, NTU



“Visiting Beijing was an amazing learning opportunity for the class... It was great when we were talking about public and private space to be able to collectively reflect on the experience and to see how

everyone’s culture and past experiences informed various ideas.

Tianjin had more concessions in its history than any other Chinese port city and much of the architecture and planning from the period still remains... Tianjin really allowed students to see China’s history played out in its buildings.”

Prof Gary McDonogh, Bryn Mawr College



“This summer school is quite distinctive. I don’t know of any others that are quite like it, and very few that are even vaguely similar.

There are summer schools based at institutions where an international group of students come on their own volition to be taught by faculty from that institution. But deliberately putting together an international group of faculty who will team-teach to a group of students selected to represent a range of countries, so as to engender fully cross-national insights—this is pretty unusual.”

Susan Sutton, Senior Advisor for International Initiatives, Bryn Mawr College

From students



“... For the weekend trips in particular I enjoyed the tour of Tianjin eco-city, where I learnt quite a bit from the Singaporeans working there regarding the construction of an eco-city out of wastelands, a remarkable feat in itself.”

Teo Seow Tian, NBS, NTU



“Everything has been great so far - we are enjoying ourselves on the tours and the lessons are interesting.”

Jeremy Sng, WKWSCI, NTU



“It was a wonderful experience. We really got into some very interesting cultural exchanges with our fellow students both inside and outside the classroom. Having the Singaporean

students involved was great because they’re bilingual and were able to help all of us communicate with one another.”

Briana Alterman, Bryn Mawr College



“I found the experience very interesting because of the diversity in not only nationality but educational background. We had students studying cities, journalism, business, communications,

and more.”

Maruyi Lu, Bryn Mawr College



“Everything is going well here, a little hectic at times but it’s all part of the experience.”

Alizee Zapparoli-Manzoni-Bodson, UOT



“I do like this summer programme. It provided me not only an opportunity to learn more knowledge and gain more experience, but also learn about some difference between our cultures,

education and so on.”

Xia Bi Xuan, Nankai University

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, NTU

The College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) is one of the anchor colleges of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Home to nearly 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students, HASS represents the dynamic interface between several major disciplines in three distinct schools, namely, (a) the School of Art, Design and Media, Singapore's only professional art school to offer degree programmes in art, design and interactive digital media; (b) the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, a growing community of scholars with special strengths in research on Asia; and (c) the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Asia's top school in mass communication.

HASS also houses the Centre for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, a hub and funding platform for interdisciplinary research, and the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration. HASS is distinctive for its celebration of diversity, interdisciplinary learning and intellectual curiosity.

The College is committed to offering a broad-based education aimed at cultivating intellectual openness, rigour and integrity, creativity and innovation, and a deep commitment to social responsibility.

Participating Universities in 2013



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

For this year only (i.e. 2013), NTU is **moving Summer School to Singapore** because of the bird flu situation in China.

The entire programme remains the same, except, of course, for the destination. Instead of Tianjin, China, the classes will be held in NTU, Singapore. Students will embark on a one-week study tour to Cambodia. Cultural classes, in areas unique to Southeast Asia, will also be offered.

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