

Semester in Beijing | Fall 2012

The 2012 Semester in Beijing Program offers students an intellectually challenging program of Chinese language, literature, and culture. Students can earn up to seventeen credits in this program if they pass final language exams administered by Capital Normal University (CNU). In addition to Chinese language courses, Chinese 345, 347, and INTST 399R are also offered. Students may also enroll in regular BYU-Idaho online courses.

LOCATION: Capital Normal University, Beijing, People's Republic of China

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM DATES: August 20, 2012 – December 24, 2012

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2012

HOW TO APPLY:

- a. Fill out the APPLICATION FORM and LIABILITY WAIVER FORM
- b. Obtain the necessary signatures (parent/guardian, witness, or both if under 18).
- c. Take/send/fax these forms to Professor Lei Shen (Fax: 208-496-5501; Phone: 208-496-4318) and pay \$300 application fee at Cashier's Office in the Kimball Building. You may also pay by phone. Call 208-496-1950.
- d. Pay program fee after your application is approved. (Payment schedule below.)

ESTIMATED COSTS: Program fee \$2000 (single bed in double dorm, local trips, int'l health insurance.) Tuition \$1735 (based on 2011 BYU-Idaho tuition) Meals \$700 (based on taking most meals in student cafeteria) Books \$150 Transportation (in Beijing) \$100 (estimate) Personal expenses \$400 (estimate) China Visa \$180 Airfare \$1400 (estimate)

**Total: \$6665** (Estimate only. Meals, airfare, passport fee, etc. may affect cost.)

*Please note: the estimated cost of a semester in Rexburg is \$6640.*

*Estimated costs do not include:* • Passport application fee (if you do not already have one) • Souvenirs, etc. • Restaurant meals (though there are many very inexpensive, small restaurants near campus)

**Payment Schedule:** You may pay the \$2000 program fee in one lump sum or use the following payment schedule:

- \$300 non-refundable deposit, due at time of application. Deposit will be refunded only if you are not selected.
- \$850 (program fee) by May 15, 2012
- \$850 (program fee) by July 15, 2012
- \$1735 (tuition) due according to BYU-Idaho tuition deadlines Payment of the non-refundable deposit (\$300) secures your place in the program. In the case of cancellation by the applicant (no matter the cause), the applicant will lose the deposit as well as any additional costs already incurred. However, every effort will be made to hold losses to a minimum.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Your participation in the program is final after a short application process. The university will consider student demeanor, personality, health, academics, and interests. Evaluation is based on recommendations, director knowledge, and information supplied by the student. Preference is given to the earliest applicants. Application does not guarantee acceptance to the program. Students on any track may apply. If an applicant is for some reason not accepted to the program, they will receive a deposit refund.

**INSURANCE:** You must have health insurance to participate in the program. You will also be enrolled in an international health insurance policy, which covers emergencies (included in program fee). You may also wish to purchase life insurance and/or a basic travel insurance policy. BYU-Idaho will not compensate for the loss, damage, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or to cover hospitalization or other medical expenses.

**BYU-IDAHO HONOR CODE:** While traveling, you are an ambassador of the university. As such, all participants are required to live by the BYU-Idaho Honor Code and dress and grooming standards. Failure to comply with these standards will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program.

**HEALTH:** While students are not required to participate in extremely strenuous activities, being in reasonably good shape will enhance your experience. Students will walk a lot. If you are not used to walking, and are not in reasonably good health, you will likely suffer somewhat. **DISCLAIMER:** Be aware that BYU-Idaho reserves the rights to make changes (e.g., program fee, schedule) and /or cancel the program due to unforeseen circumstances.

#### WHAT FUNDING SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

- Regular BYU-Idaho tuition scholarships, Pell grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs.
- The Gilman Scholarship Program is for undergraduate study-abroad students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding. Application for Gilman Fall 2012 opens in mid January 2012 and closes on March 1, 2012. See <http://www.iie.org/gilman> for deadlines and more information.
- Boren Scholarships could also be used for this program. Campus application deadline is January 4, 2012. See <http://www.borenawards.org> for information on this scholarship.