China Study Abroad Summer Program
Hosting Universities: Renmin University of China, Beijing, China and Nankai University, Tianjin, China

For social work undergraduate and graduate students, and for upper division undergraduate and graduate students in other fields.

Dates: May 14 - June 4, 2012 (Tentative)
1) Online study, in US, May 14 - May 20, 2012 (orientation and preparatory study)
2) In-country instruction, in China, May 21 (Departure Day) - June 4, 2012

Course Hours: This course utilizes a combination of online study and two-week in-country instruction for a 3-hour credit course.

Course Description: The aims of the course are to introduce students to the social welfare system in China, including the growing field of social work practice, and to examine social welfare issues and challenges China is now facing in response to its rapid economic development, strict one-child policy, and other issues. Students will explore comparative perspectives on social welfare policies and social work practice between China and the United States, drawing on the academic literature, research initiatives, and site visits to various organizations and agencies.

Course Format: This course will go online for pre-departure orientation and readings on May 14 with in-country sessions beginning May 21. The in-country instruction will be based in Renmin University of China, Beijing, China and Nankai University, Tianjin, China. Students will stay in nearby hotel with classes in the morning and field visits in the afternoon to national and local social welfare departments and social work agencies. China social work educators, researchers, and practitioners will join us for both didactic and field experiences.

Program Estimated Costs: The estimated cost of this trip, not including airfare, is $2,495.00 for NJ residents and $2,795.00 for non-NJ residents. This includes tuition for three credits, in-country hotel accommodations and transportation, cultural visits (Great Wall, Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven, Summer palace, and more), insurance, and all meals. We will attempt to assist students in seeking financial assistance as needed.

Program Faculty: Chien-Chung Huang, Ph.D., Associate Professor; and Kathleen J. Pottick, Ph.D., Professor and Acting Dean

Hosting Universities: Renmin University of China, Beijing, China: <english.ruc.edu.cn/en> and Nankai University, Tianjin, China <www.nankai.edu.cn/english>

Hotel: Beijing Friendship Hotel or similar accommodation, <bjfriendshiphotel.com/english>

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