

Introduction

In last summer, Shanghai Open University had run the first International Student Exchange Program successfully, students from 12 countries and regions participated the event. The two-week international exchange program offers opportunities to get in touch with Chinese culture, to better know the city of Shanghai, and to increase understanding and communication among students from worldwide. The program will include basic Chinese language course, class on Chinese history, culture, folk customs and arts. It will also organize various activities including inner city tours, visiting Shanghai distance education system, a water village and experienced-type outward training at resort Oriental Land.

Shanghai Open University was originally name as Shanghai TV University, and was established in 1960. Shanghai Open University is a school delivering open and distance education to adults supported by modern information technologies. It is a modern open university that provides degree education programs, vocational training programs as well as cultural and recreational education programs. Its delicate main campus is located in Yangpu district with easy access to subway line and commercial center.

Shanghai is the proud host of the 2010 World Expo, a modern, dynamic and amazing city. It features many sites of interest to students in the program: beyond the Bund and Oriental Pearl Tower cityscapes there are a huge range of museums, colonial architecture, theatres, gardens, parks and shopping areas.



Students' Comments from 2013

"This is the first exchange program I really like."

"The program is beyond my expectations."

"The program is true to its aim "Immersion Hub". It opened my eyes to many things. I didn't know about China, and gave me the huge opportunity of meeting all the wonderful participants. I know new relationships will begin between myself and many of the participants. Thank you very much."

"I like Chinese language class the most."

"I wanted to thank you all for a fantastic exchange program, it was truly one of the best experiences of my life. I thoroughly enjoyed all the elements of the course and excursions and your hospitality was amazing. I know I speak on behalf of all the participants when I say it was a truly worthwhile experience we would all do again in a heartbeat!"

Tentative Program Schedule

Dates:

August 17- 29

Size:

30 Students

Program Format:

Following is a sample schedule for your reference.

(Class will be taught in either English or with translation)

Week 1 (August 17 – August 24, 2014)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Aug 17, Sun.		Arrival	
Aug 18, Mon.	Opening Ceremony	Beginner Chinese	
Aug 19, Tue.	Beginner Chinese; Chinese Culture Class	Shanghai Museum, Yuyuan Garden	
Aug 20, Wed.	Visit a Water Village	Outbound training at Oriental Land	
Aug 21, Thu.	Chinese Painting	Beginner Chinese, World Expo Sites	River Cruise
Aug 22, Fri.	Beginner Chinese Taichi	Chinese Culture Class	
Aug 23, Sat.	Visit a Chinese Enterprise	Soccer, Table Tennis	
Aug 24, Sun.		Free	

Week 2 (August 25 – August 29, 2014)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Aug 25, Mon.	Calligraphy	Beginner Chinese; Chinese Clothing Museum	Acrobatic Show
Aug 26, Tue.	Martial Art Museum	Beginner Chinese; Chinese Culture Class	
Aug 27, Wed.	Traditional Chinese Medicine Museum	Beginner Chinese; Chinese Dance Class	
Aug 28, Thu.	Beginner Chinese	Visit to Branch School of SOU	
Aug 29, Fri.	Beginner Chinese	Closing Ceremony	

Details

Tuition and Fees:

Covered by Shanghai Open University:

- + All tuition, and classroom support
- + All cultural and social programs
- + Hotel accommodation
- + Food: breakfast and lunch (Chinese style)

Borne by students themselves:

- + International flights
- + Food: dinner
- + Visas
- + Traveling insurance

Eligibility:

Applicants should be Non-Chinese citizen and are expected to have good English Language skills. Applicants must be aged over 18. Anyone fulfilling these entry requirements is eligible to apply, including undergraduates, postgraduates, academics and those in employment in any industry. Priority would be given to students currently enrolled in Open Universities or distance education institutes or programs in the selection process.

Further Information:

Accommodation

Accepted student would have an independent room at Holiday Inn Express Shanghai Wujiaochang throughout the program. The hotel is 10-15 minute walking distance from the campus.

Visas

Once students are accepted for the program, the Institute of International Exchange of SOU will issue an invitation letter for each student. It is advised that student apply for a tourist visa (L visa) to China. Detail information on how to apply for a tourist visa please consult your local Chinese embassy.

Application Procedures:

Fill application form online:

http://iie.sou.edu.cn/?page_id=728

Application Deadline:

April 30, 2014

Notice of Acceptance:

No later than May 9, 2014

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Four reasons to apply for the program

- Meet new people from all over the world and join a fast-growing global network
- Prove to prospective employers that you are proactive, dynamic and cosmopolitan
- Face an exciting challenge in a supportive environment
- Visit a fascinating country that you might not otherwise see

More information about the program and Institute of International Exchange of SOU at:

<http://iie.sou.edu.cn>