Environmental Studies in China
Summer 2012

Employees sort paper at a recycling facility in Beijing

HWS group visits village head office in rural Yunnan

Program Dates
This is a 3-week course running from August 1 – August 22, 2012

Application Deadline Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 5:00pm

Faculty Director
The course is taught by Professor Darrin Magee, a member of the HWS Environmental Studies Program and affiliate of the Asian Languages and Cultures Department.

Course Title
Sustainable China (ENV234)

Course Content/Itinerary
This 3-week course allows students to understand some of the work being done in China to address the myriad environmental challenges that have come with China's rapid economic development in recent decades, while situating them in geographic and historical context. Students will also take part in language courses throughout the program, focusing on improving conversation skills and learning relevant vocabulary.

1. Beijing (4 days). Arriving in China's capital, students will meet with domestic and international organizations working on issues of sustainability in China. These might include such organizations as the Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Center for Legal Aid for Pollution Victims, the Energy Foundation, universities, and others. Students will also explore major landmarks of this important city, with a particular eye to understanding some of the negative consequences of economic development such as pollution and urban sprawl.
2. Yunnan (16 days). Students will travel by air from Beijing to Kunming, the capital of this southwestern province. Roughly the size of Germany, and bordering Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar (Burma), and the Tibet Autonomous Region, Yunnan is home to some of the greatest cultural and biological diversity in Asia, and even the world. Students will spend two weeks in Yunnan, learning about various government and

non-government initiatives to improve rural energy production and hygiene, protect natural and cultural heritage, and negotiate more sustainable solutions in agriculture and industry. Return flights to the US will likely be via Beijing.

The Forbidden City, Beijing

Beijing street

GPA Requirement
Students applying for this program should have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA for courses taken at HWS. In the case of first-year students, a high school transcript should be provided, since the application will be due before the release of grades from their first semester. *First years should also submit a note of endorsement from their advisor.*

Credits
This course will earn HWS course credit and will count for major/minor credit in Environmental Studies and/or Asian Languages and Cultures.

Eligibility
This program is open to qualified first years, sophomores, juniors and graduating seniors. In the event that we receive more applications than we have places, first years, sophomores, and juniors will have priority over graduating seniors who have already fulfilled their graduation requirements.

Prerequisites
Strong applicants will have coursework in environmental studies and a demonstrated interest in Asia, especially China. Applicants are strongly encouraged to enroll in Chinese language courses and Professor Magee's ENV/ASN 215 course in spring 2012.

Passports and Visas
All students will need a passport valid beyond February, 2012 to participate in this program, since passports need to be valid at least six months beyond your departure date from the country. Visas are required, the cost of which will be covered by the program fees. Professor Magee will give accepted students more information about visas at a later date.

Housing and Meals
Lodging will be a combination of university guest houses, hotels, and home stays. Students requiring vegetarian meals can be accommodated, but those with kosher dining needs are advised that kosher meals will be unavailable and such students should plan to maintain a vegetarian diet on the trip.

Kunming

Kunming Stone Forest

Costs
We anticipate program fees to be approximately $2550 - 2850 (depending on exchange rates and the number of students who are accepted) plus a $100 *non-refundable* administrative fee charged for all faculty-led short-term programs. This includes tuition, accommodation, two meals a day, transport within China, all excursions and entrance fees and the cost of a visa. Extra costs to budget for include immunizations, the one meal per day that is not covered and medical insurance that will cover you abroad.

Immunizations
Two immunizations are recommended for China: Hepatitis A and Typhoid. Students and parents should consult the CDC website for more information on these recommendations in deciding whether or not to get them: http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationChina.aspx. Students can also talk to their home doctor or a medical clinic specializing in travel about these immunizations. To find your nearest travel medicine clinic, use this link: http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/contentTravelClinics.aspx. The CDC recommends that immunizations be administered at least 4-6 weeks before departure. If you would like to have the immunizations done locally, you may want to contact one of the Passport Health offices in Canandaigua, Rochester or Syracuse who provide travel immunizations. Their contact number is: (585) 275-8884.

Medical Insurance
Students will be required to show proof of health insurance that will cover them abroad for the duration of this program. It must include evacuation and repatriation coverage, although if your policy does not cover this, you can purchase an International Student I.D. card for $22, which does provide this coverage. If you do not have health insurance that covers you abroad, we can give you information on how to purchase a three-week policy (approximate cost: $35).

Funding
In an effort to assist students in financial hardship wishing to participate in a short-term program, there is a limited pool of China-specific funding available through a grant administered by professor Magee. If you are accepted to this program, we will invite you to submit a funding application. Funding will be allocated on a need basis and we will contact the financial aid office to verify your need status. We will also contact the Student Affairs office and the Dean's office to access your social/disciplinary records as part of determining your eligibility for funding. We will let you know whether you have been awarded funding *before* the deadline by which you are required to put down a deposit for your place on this program.

Questions?
If you have questions about this program, please contact Sharon Walsh in the Center for Global Education at 315 781-3663 or walsh@ hws.edu.