Comparative Education: China and Chinese Schools

The Comparative Education: China and Chinese Schools study abroad program provides educational leadership students and licensed and practicing school administrators the opportunity to provide seminars on American Education to Chinese colleagues, participate in seminars on Chinese Education by practicing Chinese school administrators, and engage in discussions with Chinese school administrators on a variety of school related topics that are common to both countries. The eleven day program in Anqing, Anhui Province, China runs June 17 – June 28, 2010. As an added bonus, the group will spend one day in Shanghai at the 2010 World Expo.

COURSE: Participants may register for the summer I session 3 credit course if they want/need the academic credits.

EDUC 590: Seminar in Education: Comparative Education: China and Chinese Schools – A dynamic seminar format providing opportunities to interact with Chinese colleagues to discuss such topics as school administration, leadership and management; special education; vocational education; character education; parental involvement; fiscal issues; curriculum and instruction; teacher supervision; to name a few. Pre-work will be required during spring 2010.

EXCURSIONS: Participants travel to Shanghai, then on to Anqing by plane or train. Ground transportation will then bring the group to Anqing Teachers College, where the seminars will be conducted. While in Anqing, approximately 5 days will be spent in interactive seminars with Chinese colleagues. Additionally, a variety of activities and cultural events will be scheduled that may include visits to local schools, the Anqing Opera, the Zhenfeng Pagoda located inside the Yingjiang Buddhist Temple, a Yangtze River cruise, and trips to the scenic countryside and nearby mountains.

HOUSING: While staying in Anqing, students and faculty will be housed on campus in a dormitory. While in Shanghai the group will be staying in a hotel.

COST: TBA. Final cost will be determined in spring 2010. These costs include SU tuition and fees, international airfare, in-country travel, housing and most meals in China, international health insurance, and travel support by the faculty director. Not included: passport and visa fees, some incidental expenses.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT INFORMATION: An initial deposit of $250 is due at the time of application. This deposit is part of the total advertised cost of the program. Once a student is academically admitted by the faculty director, the initial non-refundable deposit is due to the Cashier’s Office. The student will be automatically enrolled into the study abroad course. The University Billing Office will then bill each registered student for the total cost of the study abroad program (less the deposit amount) through the regular university billing system. Standard University deadlines for withdrawals do not apply to study abroad programs. Once the published Application Deadline occurs, the accepted student is responsible for the entire amount of the study abroad program charge.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Application forms are available at the Center for International Education or from the faculty director. Completed application forms are currently being accepted by the faculty director or by the Center for International Education. Students should also submit a completed faculty recommendation form from a faculty member who knows the student well. Admission is competitive and enrollment is limited. Students will be admitted on a rolling basis until the program is full. The application deadline is April 15, 2010. For more information, see the program website at http://www.salisbury.edu/intled/StudyAbroad/summer/China%20Education/index.html.

All questions concerning the program should be addressed to the program director:

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