

CHINA: FROM FARM TO FORK – AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTION PRACTICES

May 25 – June 9, 2010

Program Price: \$2,995 (Partial scholarships may be available for matriculated Fresno State students)

THE PROGRAM

Over the last three decades China has transformed itself from a mediocre member of the developing nation community to become one of the planet's premiere powers in the early twenty-first century.



This new superpower has witnessed tremendous agricultural and overall economic progress. China's growth can be attributed to many factors, however it is generally accepted that the country's complex agricultural and food production practices have played a large role in its modernization. This program will focus on how those production processes take place and what impact they have had on the region and the world. Students will learn how product is harvested, packed, tested, cooled, stored, transported, branded, exported and much more as we explore the country's agricultural food supply chain. Participants will tour various facilities to see first-hand how agricultural products eventually reach the market. These activities will be enhanced through instruction and seminars that complement field tours, such as Chinese business etiquette, negotiation techniques and how to conduct business in the Pacific Rim. The program also includes visits to Chinese partner institutions in Beijing, Nanjing and Tianjin, which have a strong focus on agriculture. All students will be paired with a Chinese counterpart or "buddy" to encourage greater understanding, cooperation and exchange of ideas. Special cultural and sightseeing tours are scheduled to offer participants the full cultural experience during this program.

Course: AGECE 185T, three units (letter or CR/NC grading)
Instructor: Dr. Annette Levi (alevi@csufresno.edu)
Chair, Department of Agricultural Economics
559-278-3004
Fee: \$2,995

A limited number of partial scholarships may be available for matriculated Fresno State students only. Contact the Study Abroad and International Exchanges Office (559-278-6452 or visit FFS Room 111) for a scholarship application. The deadline to apply for scholarships is March 1, 2010.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$700 program fee deposit due February 16, 2010
- \$2,295 program fee balance due April 16, 2010

Refund policy: For cancellations made between February 17 and April 15, 2010, participants will receive a refund less a \$200 processing fee. Starting April 16, 2010, no refunds will be made.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

- Develop an understanding of agricultural and food production practices in China
- Acquire insight into Chinese culture associated with food production and consumption
- Learn about the economic and political constraints and opportunities surrounding Chinese food production and distribution
- Develop an understanding of Chinese domestic and export food marketing issues and the challenges they pose to our common future

COST

The fee of \$2,995 includes:

- Lodging in hotels and on-campus housing (double occupancy)
- Program fee
- Breakfast provided most days
- One additional meal each day
- Transportation within China
- Class materials
- Three units of university credit
- Cultural and sightseeing excursions.

What's Excluded:

- Passport and visa fees
- Additional meals not mentioned above
- Travel insurance is required and should be purchased at www.csuhealthlink.com for approximately \$36 by March 26, 2010.
- Airfare to and from China (approximate cost: \$1,000)

There will be no group flight and students are required to make their own arrangements to arrive in Beijing prior to the start of the program on May 25, 2010. Please contact the instructor as soon as possible for assistance in making your international travel arrangements.

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AGECE 185T – Class No. 50004

Check One: letter grade OR credit/no credit

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