THE PROGRAM

History records the first Jewish settlers arriving to China as early as the 8th century. Larger numbers of Jews began settling in Shanghai in 1848 with the arrival of Sephardic Jews from Baghdad and Bombay. China was also home to thousands of Jews moving out of eastern Europe as early as the middle 19th century. At the end of the 1930’s there were over 30,000 Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe residing in Shanghai.

The trip will include travel to the city of Shanghai for two days to learn about the history of the Jewish community and visit Jewish sites in Shanghai including Shanghai’s Jewish Center and the Hongkou Ghetto district. After leaving the Shanghai area, the group will travel to the City of Kaifeng for a two day visit. Kaifeng was once home to a thriving Jewish community where we will tour Guild Hall, the Kaifeng Museum, the local cemetery and Jewish Quarter (including the Jewish synagogue) of the city and meet with Kaifeng Jewish descendents. Leaving Kaifeng, the group will travel to Shandong University in Jinan to visit the Center of Judaic and Inter-religious Studies for three days of study which includes two days of field trips to Mount Tai, one of the five sacred mountains of China and Qufo, hometown of the great Chinese philosopher and educator Confucius. The group will depart Jinan and travel to Beijing and tour that city for three days visiting historical sights including Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, The Palace Museum, Great Wall, Ming Dynasty Tombs, Yashow Market and Summer Palace. The group will depart from Beijing for the United States.

THE COURSE

Three undergraduate (3) credits will be offered for the course. Students will enroll in the following course:

REST204L-150  Principles of Judaism

Academic details will be provided by the program director, Prof Steve Sansola. Students interested in the program will need to meet with Prof Sansola to discuss program details and to receive permission to enroll in the program.

Note: The course above may fulfill the elective for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement. Speak with your academic advisor for more information.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Professor Steve Sansola will lead the program. He has previously led programs in Germany and Czech Republic. A second full time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics and safety.

ACADEMICS

This short-term study abroad program will consist of a combination of pre-departure lectures and readings with on-site lectures, seminars and activities in Shanghai, Kaifeng, Jinan and Beijing. Included are visits to museums, historical, religious and cultural sites as well as other important landmarks.

Your obligations before leaving for China include meeting as a class during the semester and completing all required course work. While traveling, you will keep an on-going journal of your academic and personal experiences and complete a research paper when you return to Marist.

Students are required to attend orientation/class sessions during Spring Semester 2011. Dates to be announced.

PROGRAM ITINERARY*

SHANGHAI with a population of more than 18 million (with over 5.8 million migrants), is the largest and most developed city in China.

KAIFENG was the capital of China during several dynasties, and was visited by Marco Polo. Around 1,000 years ago, when it was the capital of the Song dynasty, Kaifeng was the most prosperous and busy city in China and the world.

JINAN is the provincial capital of Shandong in the People's Republic of China. It is located in the North-West of the province. In the South the city is flanked by the hills of The Tai’an massif, while the Yellow River passes North of the city.

BEIJING is the capital of the most populous country in the world, the People's Republic of China, and also its second largest city after Shanghai. It is the political, educational and cultural centre of the country and as such it is rich in historical sites and important government and cultural institutions.

Details of the itinerary will be covered during orientation.

HOUSING

Students will stay in budget hotels and/or university housing (double or triple occupancy).

MEALS

One meal per day (breakfast) is included in the program. Students are encouraged to sample local cuisines.

*MIP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled itinerary. Any changes will be discussed during orientation.
PROGRAM COST OF $4,200.00 INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare (NYC-Shanghai/Beijing-NYC)
- Airport Transfer in China
- Program Transportation in China
- Accommodations (double or triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance
- Travel Insurance

COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

- 3-credits Marist tuition
- 2 meals per day
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport and visa (if required)
- Departure tax (if required)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTES

- All students are required to purchase trip cancellation insurance. This cost is included in the program fee.
- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to costs changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants (generally 12-14) for the program.
- Refund Policy: Please speak with the short-term coordinator for specific information on Marist International Programs short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Your $300 non-refundable deposit indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of Chinese culture and society, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- Marist International Programs reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by current weather, economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary or program dates.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM TUITION

This Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your 2011 Spring Semester course load. If you decide to take this course in addition to your regular full-time course load (16 credits maximum), you will be responsible for any additional per-credit charge ($634.00 per undergraduate credit). Tuition is not included in the program cost.

All payments, including the $300 non-refundable deposit, should be made in Student Financial Services, Donnelly 200. Student Financial Services can accept payments by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card, you must do so online at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid/payment.html. A 2% convenience fee is assessed for all credit card transactions.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

November 19, 2010 $300.00 Deposit (non-refundable) SPRING ADD/DROP

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if course is added during Late Spring 2011 Add/Drop.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

TuitionPay offers a Spring only monthly payment plan option. Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at www.tuitionpay.com for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Alternative loans: visit our website at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid for information on alternative loans.

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