

## **XI'AN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY**

### **Xi'an, China**

#### **The University**

Founded in 1952, Xi'an International Studies University is one of the oldest language schools in the People's Republic of China. It's now one of the top 5 foreign language universities in that country. Eleven languages are taught at this institution, with degrees granted in thirty bachelors and nineteen masters degree areas of study. Currently about 20,000 students are enrolled.

#### **The City**

Xi'an is the capital of Shaanxi province, located in the southern part of the Guanzhong Plain. The Qinling Mountains are to the south and the Weihe River to the north. Rich in history and culture, this city has been the seat of many Chinese dynasties. The traditional old part of the city is still completely surrounded by a wide city wall. There are many things to see and do in Xi'an and the area: The Big Goose pagoda, the Grand Mosque, the Stone Steles, and the Terra Cotta Warriors are only a few of the sites that interest visitors and make Xi'an a popular destination.

#### **Academic Calendar**

Fall classes begin September 1 and end in January. The beginning of the next semester depends on the timing of the Chinese Lunar New Year holiday break. Sometimes classes begin in late February but in some years the semester has started as late as March.

#### **Am I eligible for this program?**

All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. Students who have completed one semester or more of Chinese language study would be eligible to apply.

#### **What could I study?**

Most University of Oklahoma students participating on programs at our partner universities in China will be studying only Intensive Chinese language and culture in the School of Chinese Studies. It is rare to find students with enough fluency in Chinese to take regular classes with the Chinese students because the level of reading and writing is not high enough, even for many heritage speakers of Mandarin Chinese.

#### **What about academic credit?**

Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent

record. These grades are not factored into the participant's Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

A placement test is given upon arrival. Students will earn 12 credits of work in Chinese language and culture at a level appropriate to their skill in the language.

### **Where would I live?**

Most students choose to stay in the international student dorms on campus. A few OU students who had family or friends in Xi'an have lived in apartments off campus, but in most cases this is not recommended.

### **How much does it cost?**

Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student's major is in a different college. All participants pay a \$10/credit hour study abroad fee.

Housing and Meals: Rooms shared with one other person in the International student dormitories cost less than \$20/day with a full meal plan in the student cafeteria. The cost of living for school supplies, restaurants, everyday necessities and entertainment are much lower than the same costs in Norman.

### **How do I apply?**

Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the "how to apply" section of our website.

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