

# **YUNNAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY**

## **Kunming, China**

### **The University**

In April of 1984, Kunming Teacher's College was renamed Yunnan Normal University. The University has 4782 students, with 103 doing graduate work. It also has over a large number of independent study students. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China, Yunnan Normal University has trained up to sixty thousand students, contributing greatly to the educational development of Yunnan Province.

### **The City**

Kunming is the capital of Yunnan province in the southwestern part of China. It has a pleasant climate all year long and has been called the "City of Eternal Spring."

As expected of a capital city, it is the political, economic, communications and cultural center of the province and the seat of the provincial government. Kunming is located at an altitude of 1,900 meters above sea level and at a latitude north of the tropic of cancer. Kunming's population is approximately 5,740,000, including about 3,055,000 in the greater urban. The parts of Kunming contain a residential and university section, an old walled city and a modern commercial area.

### **Academic Calendar**

Fall semester: around September 1 through late January

Spring semester: depends on the Lunar New Year Date, but usually late February or early March through June.

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

All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5. One year of previous Chinese language study is recommended.

### **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.

**Where would I live?**

Students have the option of living with Mandarin-speaking host families or sharing a room in the international student residence on campus.

**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.

Room and Board: It is quite inexpensive to live in Kunming. Full room and board with a family varies depending on the family's living situation, but a room in the international student residence and meals in the cafeteria on campus should not be more than \$15/day.

Visa: A student visa for China costs \$100. At the time of this update, students do not have to appear in person in a Chinese consulate in the United States to obtain a visa, so there are no travel costs associated with the visa process.

**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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