



## Marriott Tianjin China Program – Spring 2017

### Program information:

1) Start date for classes: Classes are expected to begin on January 9, 2017; All classes/exams should end by May 6\* (*\*pending administrative approval\**). Students must be in China for the entire semester.

2) Cost of program: This program is offered as a package at a cost of \$2,795 for the full Spring 2017 semester, plus applicable tuition at the current in-state rate. The program includes: transportation (round trip airfare and airport transfers in China), double-occupancy housing, internet fees, lab fees (if registered for a cooking class), health insurance, visa processing, and a guided tour of Tianjin.

**Students must pay a \$1,000 deposit by October 7. Final payment is due on November 10. A late fee will be assessed for payments received after November 10.** Cancellations will be processed before November 10, less a \$100 administrative fee. No refunds will be processed after November 10.

Textbooks and food are not included. TUC does not offer meal plans. The approximate cost for food on campus is \$7.50 per person per day. HTM will make available the purchase of most textbooks in China.

3) Class registration: Students will review the schedule, select their classes, and submit their course registration form before November 10. Students must pay all tuition and fees by the FIU payment deadline for Spring 2017. Please consult your academic advisor for assistance in choosing classes. Non-Hospitality majors should also consult an advisor for assistance in completing the paperwork for their “International Hospitality Studies” minor.

4) Living facilities: TUC will provide living facilities in the FIU-TUC center. Housing rates are based on double-occupancy. Single rooms are available at an additional expense of \$750. Please make your request for a single room in writing to Dawn before the final payment deadline of November 10.

5) Spring 2017 Class Schedule:

We will offer all HM core courses (with the exception of the Advanced Food Production & Advanced Internship course) plus some hospitality electives.

6) Transportation: Students participating in the group flight will leave from a South Florida Airport on or about January 6 (tentative). A bus will transport students from the Beijing airport to Tianjin’s TUC/FIU’s Center. If a student cannot travel on this date or if they are not participating in the group flight option, HTM can help arrange for airport pick-up, but the student will be responsible for transportation expenses (about \$120). Students who wish to secure their own airfare may receive a deduction of \$1,200 in the cost of the study abroad package.

7) Weather: Tianjin’s weather can be compared to that of the northeast USA: Hot during the summer, cold and temperate in the fall, freezing temperatures in the winter. Weather reports are available on any of the major search engines, ex: Yahoo, Google, etc.

8) Additional living expenses: Students will be responsible for their food, linens, clothing, personal travel, and other miscellaneous expenses.

9) Exchange rate: The current exchange rate is \$1 = 6.5 RMB, subject to change without notice.

10) Currency: It is recommended that students carry a major credit card, American Express travelers’ checks, and some cash. Major cities accept credit cards but in small shops, local currency is the only form of accepted payment. The Bank of China will exchange US\$ to Yuan or RMB (Chinese currency). Bank of America has a partnership with China Construction Bank, which has ATM machines on campus in China. Contact your bank for information on fees for foreign transactions.

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### **Students' responsibilities**

- 1) **Application Process**: Interested students should complete an application package before October 7. The student must attend a personal interview (October 18-20) and two mandatory meetings: a Study Abroad Q&A on Thursday, October 20 at 3:30 p.m. in HM 211 (HM Conference Room) and a Pre-Departure information session hosted by the Office of Study Abroad on TBA.
- 2) **Student's academic standing**: All students applying to go to Tianjin must be in good academic standing. Students with incomplete classes or on academic probation/warning/suspension will not be allowed to participate in this program. A minimum **2.5 GPA** is required to study abroad.
- 3) **Behavior and curfew**: Miami students are expected to obey the rules and regulations observed by TUC. The views on privacy are very different in China. Students have a 11 p.m. curfew and are expected to obey it. **Violations of TUC housing and other rules may be cause for immediate dismissal.** If a student is dismissed from the program, he/she will be responsible for any fees charged to adjust airline tickets. Housing fees and tuition will not be refunded.
- 4) **Dietary considerations**: **We are not able to meet any special dietary considerations.**
- 5) **Health Conditions**: If you suffered from an illness in the past, be aware that such illness may recur while you are in China. Completion of a Medical Form is required for participation in the study abroad program. Please consult your physician for information and permission to participate in the program.
- 6) **Health insurance**: **All** students will have health insurance through FIU's Office of Study Abroad.
- 7) **Travel documents**: Citizens from **all** countries are required to have a visa and a valid passport to enter China. Students must provide a passport, a passport sized picture, and a completed visa application. A student visa will be requested on the student's behalf from the government of China. With a single entry visa, it is the student's responsibility to obtain a new re-entry visa if s/he leaves China before the end of the Spring semester (**Saturday, May 6**).
- 8) **Time difference**: There is a 12 hour difference between Miami and Tianjin based on EDT and a 13-hour time difference based on EST.
- 9) **Communication**: Cellular phones are very popular in China. Disposable cellular phones are available for sale in China. Students may also communicate via computer through skype.com (free) or onesuite.com. You will have access to the internet in your room on campus.

### **Learn more at an information session:**

Biscayne Bay Campus in HM 211  
Thursday, Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m.

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### **Scholarships/Financial Aid**

Students may use their FIU financial aid, which will be disbursed after the semester has begun.

The Chaplin School is offering up to \$5,000 in scholarships for Spring 2017. Up to ten (10) \$500 scholarships will be awarded (\$500/student). See the application details on the Marriott Tianjin China Program website: [hospitality.fiu.edu/china](http://hospitality.fiu.edu/china)

Students may apply for scholarships from other agencies, like Gilman. Additional details and links may be found on the Marriott Tianjin China Program or the Office of Study Abroad websites.