Florida International University  
SCHOOL OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT  
Study Abroad Program Fall 2010

China Program – checklist of important issues for student abroad candidates:

**Program information:**

1) Start date for classes (tentative): August 23, 2010; All classes/exams will end by December 11.

2) Cost of program: This program is offered as a package at a cost of $6,999.00 for the full Fall semester, plus applicable tuition at the current in-state or out-of-state rate. The program includes: transportation (round trip airfare and airport transfers in China), double-occupancy housing, uniforms, health and travel insurance, visa processing, a guided tour of Tianjin, and a Chinese Culture class taught by Tianjin University of Commerce (TUC). **Students must pay a $1,000 deposit by June 11. Final payment is due on July 8.** Cancellations will be processed before July 8, less a $100 administrative fee. No refunds will be processed after July 8.

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 arrange for purchase of textbooks in China.

3) Class registration: Students will review the schedule, select their classes, and register through the Enrollment Manager before July 8. Students must pay all tuition and fees by the FIU payment deadline for Fall 2010. Please consult your academic advisor for assistance in choosing classes.

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 $1,500. Please make your request for a single room in writing to the Enrollment Manager before the final payment deadline of July 8.

5) Fall 2010 Class Schedule will include:

Courses offered during this semester are TBD.

6) Transportation: All travel arrangements will be made by HTM. Students will leave from the Ft. Lauderdale Airport on August 19, 2010. A bus will transport students from the China airport to Tianjin’s TUC/FIU’s center. If a student cannot travel on this date, HTM will arrange for airport pick-up, but the student will be responsible for transportation expenses (about $120).

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 = 6.75 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 Chinese Construction Bank, which has an ATM machine on the 1st floor of the housing facility.

**Students’ responsibilities**

1) Application Process: Interested students should complete an application package before June 11. The student must attend a personal interview and two mandatory meetings: a Study Abroad Q&A on Thursday, June 30, 2010, and a mandatory insurance meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2010.
24 at 3:30 p.m. in HM 211 (HM Conference Room) and a Pre-departure information session hosted by the Office of Education Abroad on Thursday, August 5 at 3:30 p.m. (tentative).

2) Student’s academic standing: Students need to have at least 60 credit hours and one full academic year at FIU. All students applying to go to Tianjin must be in good academic standing. Students with incomplete classes or on academic probation/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 10 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. Please consult your physician for information and permission to participate in the program.

6) Travel and Health insurance: All students will have travel and health insurance through FIU’s Office of Education 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 size picture, and a completed visa application. A single entry student visa will be requested on the student’s behalf from the government of China. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain a new re-entry visa if s/he leaves China before the end of the Fall semester (Saturday, December 11, 2010).

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.