

# Summer Chinese Language Study in Hefei, China

## 合肥暑期中文班

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Hampshire College offers 4-week and 8-week intensive Chinese language programs offered at Anhui Agricultural University (AAU). The 8 week program is the equivalent of one year of Chinese language. We strongly encourage students to consider applying for the full 8 week program.

- Open to students at beginning/intermediate/advanced levels of Chinese depending on applicant pool
- Small-size class of 2-4 students
- Peer guides & student tutors for each student
- Taught by experienced native Chinese language teachers using Integrated Chinese textbooks
- On-site Hampshire Exchange faculty supervision and assistance
- Immersion into contemporary Chinese society and culture

**PROGRAM DATES & COSTS:** **PROGRAM COST** is the amount due to the Global Education Office. All costs are approximate at this time. **Please Note:** Prices are approximate at this time and vary based on exchange rates & airfare differences; all costs are calculated on 6.3RMB per \$1.

<b>4 week program   Depart: May 15   Return: June 14   Classes meet: May 18-June 12</b>	
Approx. <b>Program Cost</b> paid to GEO:	<b>\$2,000</b> (not including airfare)
Approx. Roundtrip Airfare + Additional Expenses:	\$2,300 (not covered by program cost)
Approximate Total of ALL expenses:	\$4,300
<b>8 week program   Depart: May 15   Return: July 14   Classes meet: May 18-July 10</b>	
Approx. <b>Program Cost</b> paid to GEO:	<b>\$3,600</b> (not including airfare)
Approx. Roundtrip Airfare + Additional Expenses :	\$2,400 (not covered by program cost)
Approximate Total of ALL expenses:	\$6,000

**Program Cost Includes:** The cost of the program covers the **tuition** (and fees) and **housing** for the entire 4 or 8 weeks of the program. This includes:

- Lodging in an apartment on AAU campus with high speed internet & air conditioning
- Local transportation between airport or train-station in Hefei and the University (includes train to Hefei)
- Local Hefei cultural excursions
- Assistance and supervision provided by on-site Hampshire Exchange faculty
- Pre-departure orientation materials

**Additional Expenses:** Additional expenses are those that are not included in the overall program cost. Students are responsible for these costs on their own and include:

- Roundtrip airfare (approx. cost \$2,000)
- Visa application and processing fee (\$180)
- Daily meals (approx. cost \$100 per month)
- Textbook and CDs (possible cost \$50 if needed)

This estimate does NOT include any personal daily expenses, medical insurance, additional cultural excursions and independent travel (such as tours of Huangshan, Fuyang, or other places)

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 6, 2015

Students apply online through HampGOES, GEO's online application system. For complete application instructions and requirements, refer to the "Short-Term Application Instructions & Requirements" available in GEO or online at: <https://www.hampshire.edu/geo/short-term-field-courses>

**FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS:** Students who receive need-based financial aid from Hampshire College are eligible to apply for financial assistance through GEO to offset program costs. Awards vary from year to year and are dependent on the number of applicants and the amount of aid available. In addition the Chinese government scholarship program will provide a monthly stipend of approximately \$100 to help cover living expenses. Students may also be eligible to apply for an additional travel grant through the **Luce Initiative on Asian Studies and the Environment**. Interested students should contact Kay Johnson.

**PASSPORTS/VISAS:** All students who participate in the summer program to China will need to have a passport valid 6 months beyond the program end date AND apply for a visa prior to departure. If you currently do not have a passport or it will expire, please apply for a new passport prior to the application deadline.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Academic Program/LIASE grant**  
Prof. Kay Johnson, Faculty Director  
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**Applications and Financial Aid Info**  
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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

**Intensive Language Study** - Courses are taught at various levels depending on the needs of the students who apply. In addition to students who are continuing Chinese learning in the summer, this year we hope to recruit a first year immersion program for students who have not studied Chinese before or are still at the beginning level.

**Classes** – Classes are small and tailored to the specific level of the students. The teaching method is interactive, providing each student with personal attention and lots of in-class practice. Each level will have two teachers, a main teacher for morning classes (3 hours a day, five days a week) and another teacher in the afternoon for one hour of individual instruction. In addition every student will have a student tutor from the Chinese Language program at AAU who will meet with them for an hour every day.

**Language Immersion**- Our program is located in Hefei, where students are able to benefit from the local language environment. On one hand, students can practice their listening and speaking skills with and among people in China. On the other hand, in the classroom environment, students are able to take full advantage of structured classes and rigorous language training. This combination of rigorous training and immersion in daily life allows students to learn the language much more quickly and effectively, both in the classroom and on the streets of Hefei.

**Cultural Activities and Excursions**- Various activities are provided every weekend. These occasions give students opportunities to know more about contemporary Chinese society and culture. Activities can be changed to meet the particular interests of students in the program so that special academic and personal interests will be accommodated when possible.

Some of the past activities have included:

- Visiting a newly renovated “traditional” Chinese food street in Hefei.
- Performance of local style Huangmei Opera
- Class in Chinese Calligraphy and Chinese ink drawings
- Class in Guzheng (traditional string instrument)
- Class(es) in Taiji
- Chinese tea ceremony
- Visiting Yellow Mountain (Huangshan) and/or the traditional villages in the area
- Hiking Dashu Mountain in Hefei and visiting a nearby reconstructed Ming dynasty Buddhist temple and opera house/restaurant.
- Visiting local farms or tea gardens
- Weekend trip to visit a community-based NGO that provides support for local families and children with HIV/AIDS and poor children of migrant workers. (Featured in Academy award winning documentary *The Blood of Yingzhou District*, 2007).
- Visiting sites of new popular culture in Hefei, including gay bars as a site of emerging queer culture in urban China, karaoke clubs, numerous outdoor markets and shopping streets, etc.
- Participating in a water park TV game show