BEIJING-SINGAPORE PROGRAM 2016

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ENROLLMENT

• Georgia Tech: 34 Students
• National University of Singapore: 15 – 20 Students
• Tsinghua: 6 – 8 Students
• Beijing Jiaotong: 10 – 12 Students
SUMMER PROGRAM COURSES

• C1: ISYE 3103 – Supply Chain, Logistics
• C2: HTS 2062 – Asia in the Modern World
• C3: ISYE 4803 – Financial Data Analysis  -OR- ISYE 4813 Human Factors, Ergonomics
• C4: ISYE 4803 – Quality Engineering II

• All students must register for 12 credit hours/4 courses
• No pass/fail option, only letter grades
• No drops/withdrawals after registration closes
## QUICK REVIEW – PHASE I, SINGAPORE

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ARRIVAL INFO & FIRST WEEK IN SINGAPORE

- Airport Pick-up on Thursday, May 12\textsuperscript{th}
  - An airport pick-up will be arranged around the majority of arrivals into Singapore. Submit flight details via the Participant Information Form (internal website).
- If arriving early or late, you can take a taxi from the airport to NUS (~$25 SGD)
- On-site Orientation & Welcome Reception – Friday, May 13\textsuperscript{th} @ 9am
- ICA Immigration Appointments – May 13\textsuperscript{th} in the afternoon, following orientation.
- Classes begin on Monday, May 16\textsuperscript{th} @ 9:00am
NUS HOUSING @ UTOWN

Legend:
- $: ATM
- 🚌: SBS Transit / SMRT Bus Stop
- 🚌: Internal Shuttle Bus Stop
- 📞: Emergency Call Point
- 🛋: Passenger Drop-off
- 🍴: Dining Hall / Food Kiosk
- ☕️: Café
- 🌐: One Stop Service Centre
- 🌐: Auditorium
- 🚶: Handicap Route
- 🚪: Security Post
- 🏠: Graduate Residence
- 🏠: Residential Colleges
- 🛋️: Facilities / Resources
- ⣼: Affiliated Institutes
- 💥: Road-side Parking
- 🚗: Underground Carpark
ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

• NUS will send you an “Acceptance Letter” in April with registration and SOLAR Student Pass instructions.

• Complete SOLAR Student Pass application

• As a registered student, you will have access to campus facilities and be able to leave and re-enter Singapore on the weekends.

• Required items to bring to orientation on May 13th
  • eForm 16, signed acceptance record
  • Form 1: Release of liability
  • Form 3: Appointment of local guardian
  • In Principle Approval (if from visa-requiring country)
STUDENT SOLAR PASS - IMMIGRATION

• To travel, you need a SOLAR Student PASS from ICA (Immigration)

• The program will make your ICA appointment for the afternoon of Friday, May 13th

• ICA Office located at the Lavender MRT Station (Stacey will go with you)

• Required for ICA Appointment
  • Passport with entry card, photo submitted online
  • Copy of Form 16 (from your SOLAR application)
  • ICA letter provided at orientation earlier that day
  • If not paid online beforehand, SOLAR pass fee

• NUS will provide SOLAR Pass details and instructions via email in April.
REGISTRATION

• Registration from March 28 – May 20, 2016
• Look-up Beijing-Singapore Courses based on the CRN
  • ISYE 3103 R: Supply Chain, Logistics – CRN 51-251
  • HTS 2062 RHK: Modern Asia – CRN 56-450
  • ISYE 4803 R1: Financial Data Analysis – CRN 54-307
  • ISYE 4813 R: Human Factors, Ergo – CRN 56-461
  • ISYE 4803 R2: Quality Engineering – CRN 56-460
GIAI ĐOÀN II: VIỆT NAM

PHASE II: VIETNAM
VIETNAM – REAL FOREIGN COUNTRY (FROM CIA)

• 1884 French colony
• 1945 Announced independence
• 1954 Communists (led by Ho Chi Minh) defeated French
• 1954 Geneva Accord: communist North and South.
• 1960s US economic and military and economic aids grew
• 1973 US withdrew following a cease-fire agreement
• 1975 North overrun south
• 1986 economic liberation and reform
• Half of size of Texas, similar to Germany
• 95 mil
• Economic boom (6.5% estimate in 2015)
SCHEDULE IN VIETNAM

- 4 days of class lecture for HTS 2062
- Company visits
- City Center Tour, War Remnants Museum, & Mekong Delta Tour
- Free time & traditional Vietnamese group dinner
VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (VNU) – HO CHI MINH CITY

Classroom Building & Canteen

VNU On-Campus Guest House
- Double rooms
- Air-conditioned
• **Power in Vietnam**
  - 127/200 volts. Plugs A, C & G
• **Money Matters**
  - 1 USD = 22,254 Vietnamese Dong (as of 3/29/16)
• **Transportation**
  - Taxi/Motorbike Taxi is the easiest way to get around Ho Chi Minh City
  - Inexpensive and convenient
• **Food**
  - On-campus canteen & hotel restaurant
  - Limited restaurants near the International University. Several options in HCMC city center
VIETNAMESE VISA

• Covered at the end of this presentation…
• You will submit your Vietnamese & Chinese visa applications together and both will be processed in Houston, TX.
第三阶段: 北京

PHASE III: BEIJING
# SCHEDULE IN BEIJING

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BEIJING

- Capital and cultural center of China
- Large city of almost 1000 years: many historic and cultural sites (Marco Polo)
- China has the 2nd largest economy in the world
- China is a developing country but has the fastest growth in recent year, averaging over 8% for over 10 years.
A REAL “FOREIGN COUNTRY”

- The sign, communications are in Chinese
- Maintain your exploratory spirit
- Be prepared
- Even someone who knows English cannot operate at your speed
- Off campus, few people speak English
SAMPLE SIGNS: THEY SOMETIMES MAKE SENSE
HOW TO COPE WITH IT

• Be prepared with flash cards, quick language guides, handbooks, or even better, going with friends

• We will have local students in classes. Very helpful!

• Program will have a graduate assistant available via 24/7 to help students with language and cultural transition
COMMUNICATIONS

• Landlines
  • Broad band connection in the dorms
  • Wireless in hotel and classroom, but can be weak signal
    • Bring an Ethernet Cable for connection in hotel

• Phone Cards
  • A little more expensive than US
  • Available in small stores
  • Do not pay face value (other than Post Office)

• Cell Phones
  • SIM Cards: Can get at small general stores, Post Office, small electronics shops, official phone stores require passport
  • Cost Varies
    • Depends on number: 8s are good, 4s are bad
    • Minutes included
    • Time retired
    • RMB 50 – 130 ($6 – 15)
POWER IN CHINA

• Power Plug
  • Type A, similar shape that is used in the US with smaller gap
  • No difference between the two prongs (the fat prong in US has problems)
MONEY IN CHINA

• Exchange at local banks. Airport rates are less favorable, and with a fee
• Credit cards: Not all stores has link to international credit card DB.
• No problem in tourists outlets
• Debt cards: check with your bank
  • Bank of America – partner with Chinese Construction Bank
• Some ATMs only work with Chinese cards, look for logos on your card
  • Most ATMs on campus work
  • Less accepted outside of Beijing, Shanghai or Xian
ZHOU’S PRICE-QUALITY MODEL IN CHINA
COST

- Laundry: RMB 10/load
- Food
  - About 15 RMB/day in cafeteria
  - About 25 RMB/meal fast food off campus
  - About 60 RMB/meal in a sit down restaurant
  - About 100 RMB in a good restaurant
- Transportation
  - Taxi: starting 11, 2/KM
  - Subway: 2 - 10 RMB per ride (based on distance)
- Exchange rate as of 3/29/16: 6.5 RMB to 1 USD
TAXI IN BEIJING

- Wait in queue at airport to avoid getting a “ride”
- Catch a cab at many places
- Taxies are not allowed to stop at busy intersections or streets
- Meters for short ride in normal hour: 13 RMB start, about 50 RMB to city center.
- 4 passengers max
- Uber works
- Other alternatives
BEIJING JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

- Air conditioned classrooms
- Hotel affiliated with the university (< 10 min walk)
- Small compact campus
- Cafeterias, green space, coffee shops, sports facilities
- 20 - 30 minute walk to subway station but on bus routes
- Restaurants (local and western) located outside of university gate
• Shared 2 bedroom deluxe rooms
• Non-smoking rooms
• Good WIFI connection
• Free breakfast 7:00 – 8:30: yam, steamed buns, boiled eggs, porridge, vegetables
• On-site vegetarian (Buddhists) restaurant
• Walking to classroom: < 10 minutes
• Bus lines: 16, 26, 105,
• Bus to East gate: 15, 87, 651, 438
MORE PHOTOS OF DELUXE ROOM
STANDARD ROOM
ACCESS @ BJTU

- Will get a temporary student ID
- Will have access to
  - Sport and fitness facilities
  - Cafeterias
  - Internet
- Medical facility on campus
FOOD

• Multiple cafeterias across campus serving Chinese, Muslim, and vegetarian food
• On-campus coffee shop
• Chinese, vegetarian, and western restaurants located outside of the main gates
• On-campus market – fresh fruits, noodles, snacks, drinks (remember, no kitchen in the hotels)
• McDonalds, Subway near campus
• Cost on campus:
  • Breakfast: Included, no cost
  • Lunch: 8-25 RMB ($1 – 3 USD)
  • Dinner: 8-25 RMB ($1 – 3 USD)
CULTURAL VISITS
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• Tiananmen Square
• Mao Memorial Hall
• Chinese National Museum
• Forbidden City
COMPANY TOUR

• In the past, we’ve visited
  • Lenovo
  • Hyundai
  • Jeep
WEEKEND TRAVEL

• Great Wall
• Inner Mongolia
• Shanghai
• Xi’an
• …
LEADERS NEEDED

• Responses show that the best way to learn culture is via local students
• There are more of us, there are fewer of them
• We are more outgoing, they are more shy
• We need to take initiative
• We need leaders to organize some activities, conversations
  • Basketball, ping-pong, etc.
OTHER

REMINDERS
VISA APPLICATIONS

- See instruction handouts (also available online)
- Use the sample application to complete your Chinese and Vietnamese application forms
- Processing will take approximately 2 weeks
- Two forms are payment are required for the visa applications:
  - Money order for the Chinese visa made payable to e.Triones.com, Inc.
  - Money order for the Vietnamese visa made payable to the Consulate General of Vietnam
TEXTBOOKS

• Purchase before you go:
  • HTS 2062 textbooks
  • Mary Alice and/or Prof. Lu will confirm and share syllabus in early April.

• We will arrange for you to buy in Singapore:
  • ISyE 3103 textbook

Class notes distributed for all other classes.
MEDICAL INSURANCE

- Provided by the program.
- Will receive an email with insurance card and coverage information from Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI).

**CISI**

GROUP SPONSOR: UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BOARD OF REGENTS
Your protected plan policy number is 15 GLM N10892880
Your participant ID is 1119258
Participant Name: ALLEN, MARY ALICE
Coverage Dates: 18-Mar-2016 to 27-Mar-2016
For 24/7 emergency assistance call AXA ASSISTANCE at
(855) 327-1411 (in U.S.), (312) 935-1703 (call collect from outside the U.S.), Email:
MEDASSIST-USA@AXA-ASSISTANCE.US.
Your Team Assist ID # is 15 GLM N10892880.

**First Health Network**

KEEP THIS CARD WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES
It is proof of identification as an insured under this plan. If you lose it or have questions about your insurance coverage, call CISI at 1-800-303-5120. Present this card and another form of identification to the hospital or doctor. Complete the claim form, sign and mail to CISI with originals of all medical bills.
Submit claims to: CISI, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford CT 06905
Should an emergency arise, I authorize any medical provider to release information regarding my condition to CISI or their insurance provider/emergency assistance services, and I understand they may contact my next of kin or my nominated emergency contact without my prior consent.

To access a listing of preferred providers in the U.S., please visit our website: www.culturalinsurance.com
INTERNAL WEBSITE

• All pre-departure information, including orientation presentations, will be available 24/7 on the program’s internal website.

• Bookmark this page! This is not linked to publicly.

• http://beijing-singapore.gatech.edu/internal
WHAT’S NEXT?

- Register for courses during Phase I registration (see handout)
- Submit Vietnamese at Chinese Visa Applications to the Office of International Education in Savant 211 by Friday, April 1st by 4:30pm
  - Chinese visa application form
  - Vietnamese visa application form
  - 2 passport photos
  - Passport
  - Money order for Chinese visa (made payable to e.Triones.com, Inc)
  - Money order for Vietnamese visa (made payable to the Consulate General of Vietnam)
- Complete the Participant Information Form online indicating:
  - Roommate preference, arrival & departure information, etc.
- Check and respond to program emails regularly
QUESTIONS?

• Final Questions?

• If you need anything before departure…
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  • Prof. Chen Zhou @ czhou@isye.gatech.edu