



**AUBURN UNIVERSITY
MCWHORTER SCHOOL OF BUILDING SCIENCE
SPECIAL THESIS STUDY ABROAD 2010**

**CHINA 2010:
COLLABORATION & INNOVATION IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**



"As a result of the recent boom, the People's Republic of China boasts 174 cities with populations of more than 1 million. The United States by way of contrast has nine."

International Educator Magazine

BSCI Faculty Directors: Scott Kramer & Junshan Liu

INFORMATION (as of 8/25/09)

All information is subject to change.

Plan of Study

The College of Architecture, Design, and Construction, through its strategic planning, is committed to providing international learning opportunities for its students through study abroad programs, exchange programs, and special field trips. The special thesis study abroad class will involve scholarly work equal to or in excess of the traditional Building Science thesis class. The individual student theses will involve analyzing, synthesizing, and reporting on data/information collected during a 5-week study abroad class in China. The class is sponsored by the McWhorter School of Building Science and taught by Professors Scott Kramer and Junshan Liu. In addition to the special thesis class, BSCI 4980, students will concurrently enroll in an accelerated 5-week class of BSCI 4400 – Temporary Structures taught by Professors Kramer and Liu. Students admitted into the special thesis class will be required to enroll in a 2 credit-hour *Research Methods & Study Abroad Preparation* class in the Spring semester 2010.

BSCI students interested in participating in the special thesis study abroad class are encouraged to meet with CADC student services in order to sign up for the appropriate classes to meet their graduation dates. BSCI students on track to graduate in the 2010 Spring, Summer, or Fall semesters are eligible to apply.

Information concerning previous BSCI Study Abroad classes can be found at www.cadc.auburn.edu/bsci

Questions concerning the special thesis study abroad class in China 2010 should be sent to Professor Scott Kramer at kramesw@auburn.edu or call (334) 844-4518.

Academic Credits

Participation in the BSCI Summer Study Abroad Program in China will provide the following academic credits:

Spring 2010 semester:

BSCI 5970 Research Methods & Study Abroad Prep. 2 credit hours

Summer 2010 semester:

BSCI 4990 Special Thesis 4 credit hours

BSCI 4400 Construction (Temp.) Structures 2 credit hours

Qualifications of Participants

Applications for the special thesis study abroad class to China will begin on **August 31, 2009**. The number of participants selected will be limited to 20 students. Alternates will also be selected.

Participants will be selected through a competitive process by **September 30, 2009**.

To qualify, you must be able to attend the *Study Abroad Preparation* course during Spring 2010 semester that will meet 2 hours per week (*time/location to be determined; Co-op students will participate in the course via video conferencing.*)

and

If you plan to graduate in the Summer Semester 2010, you must meet the following requirements:

Completed all BSCI coursework by the end of Spring 2010 semester, except for:

- BSCI 4400 Construction (Temp.) Structures
- BSCI 4980 Thesis

Additionally, AU Auburn Abroad requires:

- a major medical health insurance plan of at least \$250,000 per accident or illness that is valid abroad and for the duration of the time abroad. AU provides a coordinating emergency assistance program. For more information, visit www.auburn.edu/academic/international/insurance/
- minimum GPA of 2.5
- minimum age of 19
- good standing at AU (no outstanding fines, such as parking or library fines)

2010 Itinerary *(subject to modifications as plans progress)*

*** Begin: **Shanghai** End: **Beijing** ***

REVISION: 08-17-2009

Day	Day	Date	City	Activities / Travel / Notes
0	Tues	18-May-10	Atlanta to Shanghai	Fly from Atlanta (ATL) to Shanghai (PVG)
1	Wed	19-May-10	Shanghai	Class Begins at 6:00 pm - Stay at University Hotel
2	Thur	20-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
3	Fri	21-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
4	Sat	22-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
5	Sun	23-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
6	Mon	24-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
7	Tues	25-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
8	Wed	26-May-10	Yellow Mountains	Outdoor Event / Cultural Visit
9	Thur	27-May-10	Yellow Mountains	Outdoor Event / Cultural Visit
10	Fri	28-May-10	Yellow Mountains	Outdoor Event / Cultural Visit
11	Sat	29-May-10	Yellow Mountains	Outdoor Event / Cultural Visit
12	Sun	30-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
13	Mon	31-May-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
14	Tues	1-Jun-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
15	Wed	2-Jun-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
16	Thur	3-Jun-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
17	Fri	4-Jun-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
18	Sat	5-Jun-10	Shanghai	Working on Final Thesis / Construction visit / World Expo
19	Sun	6-Jun-10	Travel Day	Shanghai to Dengfeng
20	Mon	7-Jun-10	Dengfeng	Outdoor Event / Cultural Visit
21	Tues	8-Jun-10	Dengfeng	Outdoor Event / Cultural Visit
22	Wed	9-Jun-10	Dengfeng	Outdoor Event / Cultural Visit
23	Thur	10-Jun-10	Travel Day	Dengfeng to Xi'an
24	Fri	11-Jun-10	Xi'an	Construction visit / Cultural Event
25	Sat	12-Jun-10	Xi'an	Terracotta Warriors
26	Sun	13-Jun-10	Xi'an	The City Wall
27	Mon	14-Jun-10	Xi'an	Cultural Event/Visit
28	Tues	15-Jun-10	Travel Day	Xi'an to Beijing
29	Wed	16-Jun-10	Beijing	Stay at Hotel on Lotus Lane
30	Thur	17-Jun-10	Beijing	Forbidden City
31	Fri	18-Jun-10	Beijing	Summer Palace
32	Sat	19-Jun-10	Beijing	Great Wall
33	Sun	20-Jun-10	Beijing	Tiananmen Square / Temple of Heaven
34	Mon	21-Jun-10	Beijing	Olympic Venues
35	Tues	22-Jun-10	Beijing	Cultural Events - Class ends at 10:00 pm
36	Wed	23-Jun-10	Beijing (PEK) to ???	Students return to Auburn or Free Travel

Program Cost and Estimated Student Budget (updated 8/25/2009)

Item		Tentative Cost
Study Abroad China Program Fee	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuition for BSCI 4400 & BSCI 4980 - Day trips required for Thesis class - Transportation between cities - Multi-day public transportation passes for major cities or group bus travel - Lodging - Entrance fees and costs of required group cultural and educational activities 	\$7,000 Does <u>not</u> include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - transpacific airline flights - lodging and transportation costs of independent travel after 5-week Thesis class - entrance fees for sites and events that are not required - meals & incidentals expenses - passport & visa
CADC Professional Fee	Required for all students who are enrolled in the professional BSCI program	\$2,160
Auburn Abroad Fee	Required for all AU students on Auburn Abroad Programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - includes Med-Ex insurance 	\$525 as of 8/17/2009
Necessary Expenses <u>NOT</u> covered by Program Fee	Passport and VISA	Estimate \$150 for Passport Estimate \$150 for VISA
	Airfare from U.S. to Shanghai, China and return flight back to the U.S.	Reservations and group prices will be made available for students wishing to travel as a group.
	Meals and personal expenses.	Personal preference. Estimate \$25 - \$35 /day depending on student choices.
	Independent travel after the 5-week class.	Contingent on travel plans made by the student.

Billing Dates & Payment Dates

October 9, 2009: First ½ of Program Fee (\$3,500) will be billed on October 9, 2009 through the Bursar's office and due no later than **November 7, 2009**.

Program costs cannot be refunded if you withdraw from the Program after this date since plans will have started and arrangements made based on your participation.

January 15, 2010: Remainder of Program Fee (\$3,500) will be billed on January 15, 2010 through the Bursar's office and due no later than **February 6, 2010**.

April 16, 2010: Auburn Abroad Fee (\$525) + CADC Professional Fee (\$2,160) billed on April 16, 2010 through Bursar's office and due no later than **May 8, 2010**.

Financial aid and PACT (Pre-paid Tuition) plans can be used. Information regarding scholarships for study abroad programs is available through the AU Office of International Education. Currently, the McWhorter School of Building Science does not offer scholarships specifically for use with this Program. For more information on insurance, financial aid, use of PACT plans, and scholarships, visit:

www.auburn.edu/academic/international/oie/auburnabroad/