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**SUMMER VACATION 2012**  
**Beijing Language and Culture University**  
**Chinese Language Short Term Program**  
**Beijing, China**

**Program Dates: December 15 2011 January 18<sup>th</sup> for 2012 (5 weeks)**  
**Deadline: September 11th 2011**

### **Overview**

The Beijing Language and Culture University program is aimed at students who wish to further their Chinese language skills by spending some time in an in country location and taking an intensive language course. The short-term intensive training programs are very effective in enhancing students' Chinese communicative competence by providing a variety of language and cultural components within the course.

Beijing Language and Culture University is the only one of its kind in China with its primary task focused on teaching the Chinese language and culture to foreign students. Today Beijing Language and Culture University has developed into an internationally famous university with appropriate scope, distinctive educational features, advantageous key specialties and coordinated development of both language and culture education. Each year there are about 8,000 international students from more than 120 countries and 4,000 home students learning and studying here.

The courses offered by Beijing Language and Culture University are characterized by its unique and practical teaching methodology, providing intensive and short-term Chinese language training for international students. Detailed information about the program can be found at:  
<http://www.blcu.edu.cn/lzb/lx/english/index.htm>

### **Program description**

Five week course of Chinese language and culture. Students will primarily study Chinese language although there will be some discussion of Chinese culture included. These cultural components may be activities such as Chinese calligraphy and painting, Qigong and Shadow Boxing, also tours to factories, villages or schools can also be arranged to meet the special needs of short-term Chinese language learners.

### **Student Profile**

This program is specifically designed for Chinese language students at Macquarie University. The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.). Only in exceptional circumstances, students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

### **Student Numbers**

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate in the course. Priority will be given to those students who are currently enrolled in degree and diploma of languages programs in the field of Chinese studies.

### **Outcome**

- Advancement of Chinese language skills
- Language immersion in Beijing
- Acquirement of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

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### **Timing and Duration of the Program**

The program will run for five weeks from December 15<sup>th</sup> 2011 to January 18<sup>th</sup> 2012, dates to be confirmed. Students must be present for the entirety of the course, including the whole of the first and last days.

### **Assignment and Assessment**

Students will be required to undertake exams as part of the course in Beijing. Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Students will be presented with a Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

### **Credit**

- Students participating in the course will be enrolled in CHN165, CHN265 or CHN365 according to the proficiency in the respective language
- All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie.
- The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee.
- Students cannot enroll themselves into the unit until they have been accepted into the program and a waiver has been entered.
- The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided they pass, will not affect their GPA.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with an expected Macquarie University GPA of a 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez [carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au](mailto:carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au) to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are currently enrolled in a degree with a language major at Macquarie University
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. [http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange)
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs

*Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:*

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie.
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language.
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies.
- The short program they are participating in is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units.
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students that do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be clearly advised in documentation about the program.

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### **Mobility Scholarships**

Mobility Scholarships from Macquarie International are intended to assist students in participating in student mobility programs. While the grants will assist in meeting program expenses, they are not intended to cover all costs and cannot be processed on demand. Grants are processed after the pre-departure session, and so applicants may need to be able to meet the costs of the program independently of the travel grant, where a grant cannot be processed in time for travel.

- Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie mobility scholarship of \$1,000
- You do NOT need to apply for the scholarship separately. Those accepted into the program will be assessed automatically.

### **OS – Help**

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link

[http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange).

### **Accommodation**

Students will be accommodated in BLCU housing. The University pays special attention on the improvement of students living conditions and their environment. The dorm areas are described as cultural scenic regions and also offers access to the Internet through an Internet Café facility.

The University provides two kinds of on-campus accommodation; double and single room with telephone, air-conditioning, bath, phone, TV, refrigerator.

Also on-campus there are various restaurants offering western cuisine, Chinese food, fast food and Islamic cuisine, and sporting facilities for basketball, volleyball, tennis, football and track. In the newly built gymnasium there is a swimming pool, an aerobic and fitness centre, several badminton courts as well as table tennis and bowling.

Further information: <http://www.blcu.edu.cn/lzb/lx/english/index.htm>

Accommodation available:

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|--------------------------|---|
| Single Room<br>Rates TBC | TV, phone (Phone bill is not included), air-conditioner, fridge, shower, closet. Breakfast included |
| Double Room<br>Rates TBC | Phone (Phone bill is not included), TV, fridge, air-conditioner, shower, closet                     |

### **Cost**

The logistics fee for this program is estimated to be between **\$1,200**. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of September.

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This fee includes:

- BLCU Application fee
- Accommodation (37 days)

Macquarie International will provide:

- Travel insurance
- Pre-departure session
- Lonely planet guide - China.

### **Additional costs**

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:

- \$110** Macquarie short term term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
- Tuition fee for the Residential unit (CHN165, CHN265 or CHN365) at Macquarie
- Airfare (approx) - \$1200 (depending on time of booking)
- Living expenses of around - \$800 for the 5 weeks should be expected – this will include, travelling around Beijing and general expenses like travelling on weekends and outings. This amount really depends on your personal taste.
- Visa (approx) - \$50
- Meals - \$350

### **How to Pay Relevant Fees**

Application Fees (110 AUD) and Logistics fees can be paid in two ways:

#### **In person**

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in extenuating circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

#### **Online**

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>

Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

### **How to Apply**

The application form is online at:

<http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm>

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Your passport details
- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

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Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.

It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

### **Deadline**

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the **11<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.**

### **Evaluation**

The program will be evaluated in the form of an online survey at the conclusion of the course. Students must complete this evaluation for Macquarie before grades can be transferred.

### **Notes for International Students**

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit

[http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third\\_country\\_exchanges.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm)

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program, except where logistic fees include group flights that cannot be amended.

### **Further information**

#### **Students should direct initial enquiries to:**

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Mon -Tues –Thurs (From 10a.m. to 12p.m. and from 2p.m to 4 p.m.)