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## **Beijing Language and Culture University Chinese Language Short Term Program Beijing, China**

***Program Dates for 2011 - December 20 – January 21 – (5 weeks)  
Deadline: September 5th 2010***

### **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>

### **Student Profile**

The program is primarily for students undertaking a study program with a Chinese language major at Macquarie University (BA/BlntStud) but, should space permit, students from other faculties will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree. Students sit a placement test at the beginning of the program to determine their level and are then placed into an appropriate course. Both Australian and international students are eligible to apply.

### **Student Numbers**

A maximum of 15 Macquarie students can participate on the course.

### **Topics**

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.

### **Outcomes**

This program is intended to improve students' Chinese language proficiency as well as to give them a better understanding of the Chinese traditions and culture. The programs will be enriched with field trips and visits to local cultural and tourist locations as well as company visits that will provide a more practical and realistic view of Beijing, China.

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

Dates Dec. 20 2010 - Jan.21 2011

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### **Cultural Components**

There is a number of great Chinese culture components included in the courses delivered to students at BLCU. These components include formal lessons on Chinese culture and possible field trips to cultural sites, factories villages or schools, also cultural activities students could experience include Chinese calligraphy and painting, Qigong and Shadow Boxing.

### **Assignment and Assessment**

All assessment and assignments will be allocated and marked accordingly by BLCU.

### **Credit**

Students participating in the course will be enrolled in CHN165, CHN265 or CHN365. All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) are payable to Macquarie for the enrolment. The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee listed below.

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 you pass, will not affect your 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 2.0 or higher
- 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

### **Travel Grant**

Eligible students participating on the course at the Beijing Language and Culture University will receive a Macquarie travel grant of **\$1000**.

Academic fees at BLCU will be covered by Macquarie University.

The travel grants will be paid directly into the students' Australian bank accounts, provided they attend all compulsory information sessions and complete all required application and other documentation by the deadlines stated on those documents.

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### **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).

### **Costs**

The logistics fee for this program is estimated to be between **\$650 - \$1,100**. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of August.

This fee includes:

- BLCU Application fee
- Accommodation (37 days)
- Travel insurance

Students should also expect to pay the following amounts:

- 1) \$110 application fee. For more details on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
- 2) Cost of enrolment at Macquarie: each student participating in this program is required to enrol, and pay for the associated unit with this course (3cp of SPN 220)

Details on payment will be given once students have been accepted into the program.

### **Additional Expenses:**

**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

### **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.

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Accommodation available:

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

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

Application and Logistics Fees

Application Fees 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>

Successful students will then be guided through the rest of the application process to Monterrey University.

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

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 **5<sup>th</sup> September, 2010**.

### **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.

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### **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.

See [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**

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