

SHANGHAI, P.R.C.

ARRIVE:	MONDAY	10 NOVEMBER	0800
DEPART:	TUESDAY	11 NOVEMBER	2000
ON-SHIP TIME:	TUESDAY	11 NOVEMBER	1800

The Semester at Sea Field Program has a strong academic component. Faculty members develop field requirements that constitute 20% of the contact hours for each course they are teaching. As part of these field requirements, all Semester at Sea faculty design and lead field trips that integrate with their course work. The Faculty-Directed Practica (FDPs) for Shanghai are listed below.

SHA04 FAMILY PLANNING NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE [FDP: DUNCAN, STEWART & WERNET] (1330-1700 Monday, 10 November) Minimum 16/Maximum 60 (PRICE: \$30.00)

China's population is over 1.2 billion. In recent years, the government has worked to reduce the rate of population growth. Today, the growth rate is approximately 1.1% (doubling time of 63 years). The Neighborhood Committee is in charge of supervising family planning in the urban areas of China and also dispenses birth-control information and other materials. We will meet with the committee members to discuss how the Chinese promote the national "one child" policy and its implications on gender, followed by a question-and-answer session. During this practicum, important concepts such as growth rate, doubling time and social norms will be noted. We will see these concepts in action and view how social norms are successfully used to maintain China's policies.

SHA05 SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY RECEPTION [FDP: PATERSON] (1700-2100 Monday, 10 November) Minimum 20/Maximum 80 (PRICE: \$64.00)

Here is a great chance to meet Shanghai Jiao Tong University students on your first night in Shanghai! Interacting with these students will be an excellent opportunity for you to learn the 'inside scoop' on what to see and do in the Shanghai area. The evening is hosted by the University. On arrival at the campus, enjoy a visit to the new CY Tung Maritime Museum. This museum was opened in January 2003, in honor of Hong Kong shipping magnate, CY Tung, who played an instrumental role in providing a ship to the Semester at Sea program. Sample some of the wonderful local Chinese cuisine during a buffet dinner. Afterwards, enjoy a music performance by the students of the University. During the evening, you will have the chance to learn about Shanghai and life in China from the students' viewpoint, and they will welcome the chance to practice speaking English. (Transportation to and from the university will be provided.)

This practicum will provide a unique opportunity for participants to interact with Chinese students and ask questions and exchange experiences about university studies and academic life in Shanghai and the U.S. The aim of this FDP is to give students an opportunity to interview Chinese students.

SHA07 SUZHOU [FDP: CHAPMAN & MILLER] (0730-1800 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 16/No Maximum (PRICE: \$81.00)

This practicum will provide participants with an extraordinary opportunity to gain a first-hand sense of China's traditional culture. Traditional culture, as it clashes with and gives way to modernity, will be a key theme in this practicum. The startling juxtapositions of old and new should afford a series of promising subjects and issues to write about. Located in the middle of the Yangtze Delta on the Grand Canal just west of Shanghai, Suzhou is noted for its classical gardens and traditional handicrafts (silk embroidery and tapestry, mahogany furniture, regional pottery, etc.). When Marco Polo visited Suzhou in the 13th century, he called it the beautiful city of 6,000 bridges, an exaggeration to be sure, but because of the canal system and bridges still evident in the old city, Westerners have often called it the Oriental Venice. Of the more than 100 magnificent gardens in Suzhou originally created by retired officials or literati, a dozen are now open to visitors. Visit the Garden of the Master

of Nets (the smallest in Suzhou, part of which is reproduced in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art), the Lingering Garden (one of the four most famous gardens in China), the Leaning Pagoda, and the Suzhou Silk Museum. A walk through the main campus of Suzhou University, formerly an American Missionary School founded in 1900, provides a sharp contrast to the old city and its gardens. (Lunch at a local restaurant and a canal boat ride are included.)

The gardens in Suzhou are repositories of aesthetic and cultural history. Some questions to keep in mind during this practicum include: What is it about Suzhou, like its sister city Venice, that invites writers to create Imagined Cities? And what can the gardens themselves tell us about aesthetics? Are poems themselves an Imagined City? (Can we see a similar aesthetic at work in the gardens as in Li-Young Lee's poems or in our own poems?) The aim of this practicum is to consider the transformation of the real city into the Imagined City.

SHA09 BEING A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER - AN AMERICAN CONSULAR VISIT [FDP: EHLERS] (0900-1200 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 20/Maximum 28 (PRICE: \$23.00)

During this practicum, we will visit the historical French Concession neighborhood, be introduced to the occupation of a Foreign Service officer in the U.S. State Department and also learn about U.S. – China cultural matters. We will take a bus to the American Consular Office Building in the French Concession area of Shanghai. Consular Section Chief Charles Jess will brief us about the cultural challenges and demands of being a Foreign Service officer in an overseas post. Jess has served in Shanghai, Viet Nam, Western Australia, Laos, Bangkok, and Tokyo. He and a junior officer will also address the realities of 21st - century Shanghai in terms of the one-child policy, the economic miracle, and U.S. tourism.

SHA10 PEKING OPERA SCHOOL [FDP: TEWARI] (0900-1230 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 16/ Maximum 40 (PRICE: \$46.00)

The Peking Opera School is an important part of Chinese cultural entertainment. Performances are known for their colorful stage settings, dramatic face paintings and dramatic music. We will visit the Shanghai Peking Opera School, which teaches many forms of drama including Peking Opera, Kunshan Opera, Shaoxing Opera and acting. Many well-known performers have graduated from this school. We will observe classes, view a brief performance, tour the facilities and have an opportunity to interact with the students. This practicum exemplifies the tradition of master-teacher relationship, oral traditions, and memorization.



SHA11 SHANGHAI AUTO INDUSTRY [FDP: KAPLAN] (0900-1600 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 20/Maximum 28 (PRICE: \$39.00 + OOPEX)

Shanghai Auto City is the center of China's burgeoning car manufacturing and auto parts business with 200 related enterprises. Shanghai Auto City is located in the Jiading district of Shanghai (a 1½ hour bus ride) and is well known as a hub of technological innovation and automobile manufacturing. Visit Shanghai's International Racing Circuit and see sites such as the audience stage, media center, and racing team's villas. The track is laid out in the Chinese symbol for *Shang*, which translates as "high" or "above." It is one of the most fantastic and challenging circuits in the world. Visit Shanghai's Volkswagen Plant. It is the largest scale plant and the most modernized car production base in China. Tour the plant and observe the assembly line of car production. Please Note: You will need to purchase your tickets to these three sites once you arrive. You will need to have Chinese Renminbi (RMB) with you to cover your costs (approximately USD \$21.00). These sites do not accept U.S. dollars. (Box lunches from the ship will be provided.)

SHA13 SHANGHAI ON THE RISE [FDP: WORKS] (1300-1800 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 10/Maximum 40 (PRICE: \$56.00)

Shanghai, always more an international than a Chinese city, now beckons to replace Hong Kong as the Asian site of high rises. We will begin with an overview of what remains of the colonial part of town and the Bund, old waterfront area, and a discussion of the changes that have taken place in the past ten years. We will then visit the Pudong section of the city, described by one critic as a “carnival of monuments,” but seen by the Chinese government as the urban scene of the 21st century. Two of the major structures, both with splendid observation deck views of the city, will be visited. The first is the Oriental Pearl Tower, Asia’s tallest TV tower and a multifunctional structure. At this stop we will visit the Shanghai City History Development Exhibition Hall, which showcases the development of Shanghai. We will then proceed to the second structure, the new Jin Mao Tower Hotel, which is comprised of 88 floors and contains, on its upper floors, the Grand Hyatt Shanghai Hotel.



The remaining trips in the Semester at Sea Field Program provide a variety of opportunities for students to enhance their overall study abroad experience. Students can visit sites of historical and cultural interest; learn about local environmental, political, economic and social issues; interact with local university students and other residents; become involved in community service; explore what is unique in each country; and enjoy some recreational activities.

SHA01 SERVICE VISIT: KINDERGARTEN VISIT (0930-1300 Monday, 10 November) Minimum 16/Maximum 100 (PRICE: \$37.00)

You will visit a local kindergarten to meet and interact with the teachers and children who range in age from three to five years. After a tour of the facilities, there will be an opportunity to interact with the children. Your group will be supplied with interactive materials such as coloring books, crayons, puzzles or other supplies that will be donated to the school when you depart.

SHA02 HANGZHOU - HOSTED BY SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY (1000 Monday, 10 November – 1700 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 10/Maximum 50 (PRICE: \$219.00)

When Marco Polo passed through Hangzhou in the 13th century, he described it as one of the finest and most splendid cities in the world. During its long history, Hangzhou has experienced peace and war, good times and bad times. At one point in the late 1800s, almost the entire city was reduced to ashes by invading armies. Today, there are many points of scenic and historic interest to visit in Hangzhou. The city is famous for West Lake, a large freshwater lake surrounded by hills and gardens, its banks dotted with pavilions and temples. The Temple of Inspired Seclusion (*Lingyin Si*), originally built in 326 CE, has been devastated and restored no less than 16 times. The Six Harmonies Pagoda (*Liuhe Ta*) is a 60-meter-high octagonal structure named after the six codes of Buddhism. Please note: Participants are required to carry their passports.

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Day 1: Depart by bus via the expressway to Hangzhou. Upon arrival, register at the guesthouse and enjoy lunch before departing on a day of “sight-thinking.” Visit the Linying Temple, which is one of the largest Buddhist shrines in China and famous for its caves and stone carvings. Then visit the Dragon Well Tea Growing Farm and the downtown shopping center. After a dinner of local specialties, return to the guesthouse for overnight. (L, D; Huaqiao Guest House)

Day 2: Enjoy a scenic one-hour boat ride on West Lake. Next, visit the beautiful scenery of Flower Harbour Garden and the Garden for Liuhe Pagoda that was built more than 800 years ago. Return to the guesthouse for lunch and checkout before proceeding to the Yellow Dragon Cave, famous for its scenery. Depart around 1600 for your return to Shanghai. (B, L)

SHA03 SHANGHAI CITY ORIENTATION (1030-2200 Monday, 10 November) Minimum 15/No Maximum (PRICE: \$75.00)

Until the mid-nineteenth century, Shanghai was a small fishing town on the Huangpu River. Its rise to prominence came as the result of its selection as a treaty port by the British after the Treaty of Nanking. Since then, its unparalleled locational advantages have sustained its position as one of China's leading cities.

This orientation begins with a visit to Yu Garden, a fully restored classical Chinese garden with ingeniously mingling pavilions and corridors, small hills and carefully selected and placed rocks, lotus ponds, bridges, winding paths, trees and shrubs. Proceed to the Old Town Bazaar followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to the historic Shanghai Bund, a seven-mile-long grandiose boulevard on the bend of the Huangpu River, followed by a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple, an active temple with approximately 70 resident monks. Easily recognized by its bright saffron walls, the temple's centerpiece is a 1.9-meter-high jade Buddha encrusted with jewels. Visit the Shanghai Museum for a self-guided tour (headsets provided), and conclude your day in Shanghai with dinner at a local restaurant followed by an acrobatics show at the Shanghai Center Theater. (This trip includes transportation, lunch, dinner, and evening performance.)

SHA06 SUNRISE TAI CHI (0530-0830 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 30/Maximum 80 (PRICE: \$28.00)

Tai Chi is a graceful exercise that combines thought and action and is developed from an ancient martial art that reflects the concept of Taoism – an idea of stabilizing cosmic energy. The essence of Tai Chi is a combination of control and balance. You will travel by motorcoach to join local people in a public park to practice Tai Chi with the guidance of a Tai Chi Master. (Box breakfast will be provided.)

SHA08 TASTING THE DAILY LIFE OF A SHANGHAI CITIZEN (0800-1630 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 16/Maximum 64 (PRICE: \$52.00)

This trip will provide a unique opportunity to observe and experience aspects of everyday life for a Shanghai family. You will travel by motorcoach to a residential community where you will visit a free market to see where local people shop for their food each day. After a briefing at the Neighborhood Committee, you will break into groups of eight SAS participants to visit a local family. You will learn the art of Chinese cooking while helping your host prepare lunch that you will all enjoy together. In the afternoon, you will visit a neighborhood hospital to learn about Chinese medicine and how acupuncture works. You will also visit an Elder People Club to interact with the residents during their leisure hours when they sing and dance. You are welcome to join in the activities!

SHA12 ENGLISH CORNER (1300-1600 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 16/No Maximum (PRICE: \$23.00)

It is a tradition in major cities throughout China to sponsor an “English Corner” where local Chinese come together to practice their English. We will travel to a local school where children receive systematic training in English. Many of them are born abroad and can speak very fluent English. This is a great opportunity to observe and meet Chinese people who will be excited to practice their English with native English speakers.

SHA14 MAGLEV TRAIN RIDE & NEW PUDONG (1330-1630 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 16/Maximum 100 (PRICE: \$41.00)

The Maglev train in Shanghai is the first of its kind in the world; made of breakthrough German technology, the Magnetic Levitation (Maglev) Train is the new state-of-the-art mode of transportation in Shanghai. Using no wheels, the train floats on an electromagnetic cushion, which is propelled along a guide way at incredible speeds. Meandering for 33 kilometers from Long Yang Lu Station to the Pudong International Airport, and built with a budget of over one billion US dollars, the train can reach a speed of 430 km/hour, the highest ever for any operational transport on the ground. The tour starts on an air-conditioned motorcoach from the pier to the Long Yang Lu Station at Pudong New District. You will then board the Maglev Train for an eight minute ride to the Pudong Airport and experience the sensation of flying as the train accelerates to its maximum speed in no time. Pause for a short while before the train brings you back to Long Yang Lu Station on the return ride. Board your motorcoach again and drive through the Lujiazui Area of the Pudong New District. Developed only a decade ago from farmlands, this area has now become the financial center of China with numerous high-rise office buildings. A short stop will be arranged at the new landmark of Jinmao Hyatt Hotel, which is currently the highest in the city. Return to the ship after this dynamic half-day tour.

SHA15 CHILDREN'S PALACE (1500-1800 Tuesday, 11 November) Minimum 10/Maximum 100 (PRICE: \$30.00)

In order to allow children a chance to develop interests outside of their schoolwork, Children's Palaces have been developed in many Chinese cities. Each of Shanghai's 12 urban districts operates a Palace where children go for several hours a week after school. At a Children's Palace, the children (ages 7 to 12 years) pursue a variety of hobbies and activities such as painting, music, computers, model airplanes, electronics, gymnastics, table tennis, ballet, and drama. Our visit to one of the Children's Palaces in Shanghai provides an opportunity to learn about the educational system in China and to observe how children interact with one another.

