

North Central College
Cardinal Destination Course Abroad
(May Term)

CHINA

Contemporary Chinese Identities I

CARD 361-2

Course Description

TENTATIVE DATES

May 4-16, 2020

Led by Prof. Jinai Sun & Prof. Stuart Patterson

This course will lead you across the “Great Wall” of Chinese civilization by guiding you past superficial stereotypes toward a deeper understanding of contemporary China. We will journey through the heart of China—from Beijing to Hong Kong and Macau—as we explore various perspectives on Chinese history, language and culture and consider how they all contribute to “Chinese” identity today.

Itinerary Highlights

- Learn the history of China’s empires on a walk along the Great Wall
- Visit the former home of the Emperors in the Forbidden City
- Take a Night River Cruise along the Pearl River in Hong Kong
- Tour the former Portuguese colony of Macau



CARDINAL DESTINATION COURSE ABROAD (MAY TERM)

A Cardinal Destination Course Abroad (CDCA) is a short-term, faculty-led, group international travel course that takes place in May Term and has a linked prerequisite course in the preceding Spring Semester.

ENROLLMENT STEPS (To participate in a CDCA, you must enroll in and successfully complete its prerequisite course in Spring Semester 2020.)

- Meet with your academic advisor to understand how enrollment in the CDCA and linked prerequisite Spring Semester course will affect your academic plan or Individualized Transition Plan (ITP).
- Register ON MERLIN for the spring semester course, CHNS 364-1 (2 credits).
- Register ON MERLIN for the linked CDCA, CARD 361-2, (1 credit).
 - April 22, 2019: Priority Registration for 2019-2020 academic year begins.
 - September 15, 2019: Enrollment for CDCA closes (or before, if course capacity is met).
- If you are not in a spring semester linked course, you must have instructor consent to enroll in the CDCA.

CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION (CGE) REGISTRATION

- **September 16, 2019:** Students enrolled in a CDCA will begin a registration process through the Center for Global Education.
- **December 1, 2019:** Proof of a valid passport is due. (Current passports must be valid through November 2020 for May term travel, six (6) months past your return travel date.)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Course and Itinerary Questions

- Professor Jinai Sun, Assistant Professor of Chinese
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General CDCA Questions

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ESTIMATED COST & PAYMENTS

- The **overall cost estimate** (airfare + program fee) for this course abroad will be available during spring term 2019.

CDCA TUITION

- All May Term CDCAs are worth one (1) academic credit.
- The one (1) credit tuition fee for a May Term CDCA is waived for any student enrolled full-time at North Central College during the 2020 Spring Semester.
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid **early in the spring semester** to inquire about financial aid options for May term courses abroad.

PROGRAM FEE

- **September 16-30, 2019:** \$500 non-refundable deposit due to North Central College
- **March 23, 2020:** Program fee balance billed to your student account

AIRFARE

- **October 2019:** \$500 non-refundable airfare deposit billed to your student account
- **January-March 2020:** Balance