



China 2026

CARDINAL DESTINATION COURSE ABROAD

From Dumplings to Bullet Train: A Journey Through China's Past and Present

 Yingling Liu

 May 4-20, 2026

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Bullet Train and old-fashioned train experience
- Hands-on cooking class
- Taste from empire's banquet to street food
- The Great Wall
- Terracotta Warriors
- The Bund
- Local markets, face-changing shows, and free time exploration

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS:

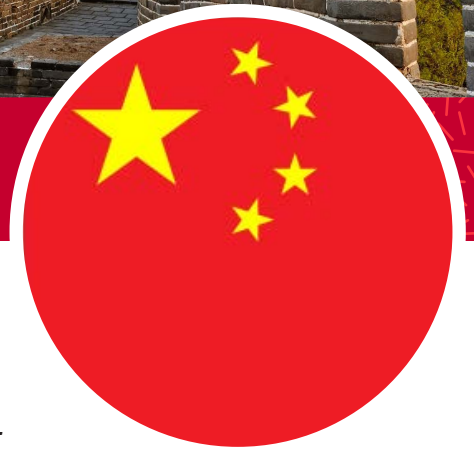
- Hotels and/or hostels

CARD*260* BL6

*This course can also be substituted for
CHST*264 credit. See faculty leader for details.*

Course Description:

“From Dumplings to Bullet Train: A Journey Through China's Past and Present” takes students on an immersive journey through China's rich cultural traditions and rapid modernization. Through food, historical landmarks, and urban-rural contrasts, students will examine how socialization, governance, and economic development shape everyday life. From savoring regional cuisines to experiencing high-speed rail, this course offers a unique lens to explore China's evolving society while critically reflecting on globalization, tradition, and identity.



Enrollment Steps:

To participate in a Cardinal Destination Course Abroad (CDCA), you must enroll in and successfully complete its prerequisite work.

- Contact your student success coach to understand how enrollment in the CDCA will affect your academic plan.
- Register ON MERLIN for the correlating 2-credit CARD*260 course on Merlin in the spring 2026 semester (designated course section listed on the flipside of this flyer). This course encompasses both the required prerequisite work and the travel component in May.

Enrollment Deadline: November 1, 2025

(or before, if course capacity is met)

Center for Global Education (CGE) Registration:

- **November 1, 2025:** Students enrolled in a CDCA will begin the registration process, be charged a non-refundable \$40 registration fee, and prompted to pay the non-refundable \$500 program fee deposit, through the Center for Global Education.
- **January 19, 2026:** Proof of a valid passport is due. *(Current passports must be valid through November 2026 for May term travel, six (6) months past your return travel date.)*

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Course and Itinerary Questions

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ESTIMATED COST & PAYMENTS

\$3,635-\$4,135 based on 24 enrolled students

PRICE BREAK DOWN INCLUDES:

- Airfare & host country transportation estimate: \$1,800
- Program fee estimate: \$1,835 - \$2,335

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals (other than those listed in the itinerary)
- Optional entertainment and excursions
- Excess baggage charges
- Personal items (telephone charges, laundry fees room service, souvenirs, etc.)
- Departure taxes (except U.S.)
- Passport fees

Payment Deadlines:

- **December 12, 2025:**
\$500 non-refundable program fee deposit due to North Central College
- **January 30, 2026:**
\$500 non-refundable airfare deposit due to North Central College
- **April 2026:**
Remaining program fee balance (including airfare) will be billed to your NC Student Account

CDCA Tuition

- All CDCA experiences are worth 2-credits, which fall under the spring semester.
- All participating students will be registered in a 0-credit course in summer session for administrative purposes only. There is no summer tuition course fee.
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid during the fall semester to inquire about financial aid options for Cardinal Destination Courses Abroad.

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