



Courses include:

- ISS 301: East Asia Seminar (LC)--- Required 1 credit course over the full program. (M. Smith)
- WLIT 350: Japanese Masterpieces in Translation (PL, G) --- Offered in Japan & Taiwan (M. Nagase)
- GEOL 106: Earthquakes, Tsunamis and Eruptions in East Asia (PN)--- Offered in Japan & Taiwan (M. Wolf)
- ASIA 305: Traditional Chinese Medicine (PH, G)--- Offered in Taiwan, Hong Kong & China (R. Tallitsch)
- POLS 318: China in World Affairs (PS, G) --- Offered in Taiwan, Hong Kong & China (X. Zhang)



Costs:

The program fee for 2016 is \$19,975 (Based on a student group of 75 students).

Cost compared with Fall Term on Campus: \$3,275 more than estimated on campus cost of \$16,700, a difference of only \$1,275 if Augie Choice is utilized. Everyone who hasn't used Augie Choice is eligible to use it.

Cost includes: Program costs include air travel to/from Chicago, ground transportation, some meals, accommodations, excursions, site visits, museum entry fees, and health insurance.

Cost does not include: Some meals & discretionary spending.

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Leave August 19th, arrive on the 20th in **Kyoto, Japan**



Spared from World War II bombing, Kyoto, the national capital from 794 to 1868, retains its classic beauty and its place at the heart of traditional Japanese culture. We will visit many living monuments to Japan's cultural, artistic and spiritual past, including Heian Shrine, Ryoanji-Zen gardens, the Golden Pavilion, Kiyomizu Temple, and Nijo Castle. Our accommodations are at the Traveler's Inn located in an older neighborhood close to the Philosophers' Walk and other sites. While there we will take side trips to Nara and Kobe.



August 28 bullet train to **Hiroshima**



During our stay in Hiroshima, target of the world's first atomic bomb attack on August 6, 1945, we will visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, guided by Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace. On the way to Hiroshima, riding on the high-speed shinkansen (bullet train), we will visit Himeji Castle, which was designated a national treasure in 1931 and remains the best-preserved castle in Japan. Finally, we will visit Itsukushima Shrine on the "sacred island" of Miyajima. Its majestic torii gate stands in the ocean during high tide.



Aug 31 Ferry and bus to Matsuyama



A ferry ride across the Inland Sea of Japan will take us to Matsuyama on Shikoku Island, the smallest of Japan's four major islands. At Ehime University students will introduce us to campus and university life. Matsuyama, with a population of nearly half a million, retains much of the culture of rural Japan. It is home to the Dogo Hot springs, the oldest hot springs in Japan. Nearby is the town of Tobe, home of Japan's blue and white porcelain pottery.



Sept 4 Ferry and bus **Mt. Aso area**



We will visit the Mt. Aso Volcano Park and museum. Mt. Aso have been very active (erupting only a few weeks ago) so we won't be as close as we could, but we can still see it from a distance at a comfortable and spa-like hotel.



Sept 5 Bus to Kumamoto



Kumamoto is the capital city of Kumamoto Prefecture in Kyushu. It's known for the homes of Lafcadio Hearn and Soseki Natsume. Kumamoto's mascot, Kumamon, was voted the top mascot in Japan in 2011 and is visible everywhere in the city!



Sept 6 bus to Shimabarra



Shimabara is a popular hot spring and hiking destination that lies to the east of Nagasaki. Formed by the volcanic eruptions of Mount Unzen at its center, the peninsula was the site of several deadly volcanic eruptions, including recent eruptions in the 1990s.



Sept 7 bus to **Nagasaki**



Nagasaki, known best in the U.S. as the location where the second atomic bomb was dropped, was also the single place of direct trade and exchange between Japan and the outside world during the Edo period. We will visit both Dejima Island, an artificially created island built in the 17th century to house foreign business men, as well as the hypocenter and museum documenting the aftermath of the bomb.



Sept 10 Fly to Tokyo, bus to Mt. Fuji Area

Sept 11 Climb **Mt. Fuji** if the weather permits...



Mount Fuji, located on Honshu Island, is the highest mountain in Japan at 12,389 ft. An active stratovolcano that last erupted in 1707-08, Mount Fuji lies about 60mi south-west of Tokyo, and can be seen from there on a clear day. Last trip only a few students summited, but we're hoping for most of us to do it on this trip!



Sept 12 Bus to Tokyo



Tokyo, the world's most populous metropolitan area, is the heart of modern Japanese culture, business and government. The city is an extraordinary mix of the latest trends and ancient traditions, a bustling urban center whose neighborhoods retain some flavor of small villages. We will visit many varied neighborhoods and museums and utilize the excellent subway and railway systems. Our accommodations are at the National Olympic Memorial Youth Center in the Yoyogi area near the Meiji Shrine.

Sept 18 Fly to Taipei



Taipei is the political and commercial capital of the Republic of China on the island of Taiwan, a center of rapid economic growth and international trade. In the midst of its modern façade, Taipei preserves China's traditional past. We will visit the world famous National Palace Museum, the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial and local hot springs and volcanic spots near Taipei. Chien Tan Overseas Youth Activity Center provides good accommodations and classrooms. A field trip is planned to the port of Keelung and the national park at Yeiliu on the beautiful north coast.



Sept 25 fly to **Hong Kong**



Since July 1997, Hong Kong has been adjusting to its new status as a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. Under the "one nation, two systems" policy, Hong Kong still functions as one of the world's major capitalist trade, financial and industrial centers. This cosmopolitan city of seven million people has one of the most beautiful urban settings in the world with its impressive skyscrapers standing near water or mountains. We will take field trips through the harbor (one of the world's busiest container ports) and to some public housing estates, which house approximately 45 percent of the city's population and are considered by some urban planner as a model for high-density urban living.



Oct 2 fly to **Guilin**



Guilin is nestled in the midst of spectacular tower karst (limestone) formations. A 50-mile boat trip on the Li River will take us past the mountains and terraced agricultural fields that have inspired painters and poets for centuries. Professor Ru from the Institute of Karst Geology will lead a trip to the 2,000-year-old Lin Canal connecting the Li and Chang Jiang (Yangzi) watersheds. We will visit a Ming imperial tomb and a traditional cemetery. Our centrally located Universal Hotel provides good opportunities to see city sites and perhaps bike to the countryside. We will travel to Wuhan by overnight train.



Oct 5 Travel to **Wuhan**



Wuhan, the capital of Hubei Province, is situated at the confluence of the Han River and the Chang Jiang (Yangzi River). It is a large industrial city with some important sites in modern Chinese history. We will visit Hua Shan township village, beautiful East Lake Park, the modern Han Yang Economic Development Zone and the Wuhan Performing Arts School. At Huazhong Normal University, with which Augustana has an exchange agreement, we will listen to a guest lecture and have informal conversations with Chinese students and our recent graduates who are teaching English at the university.



Oct 8 Fly to **Kunming**



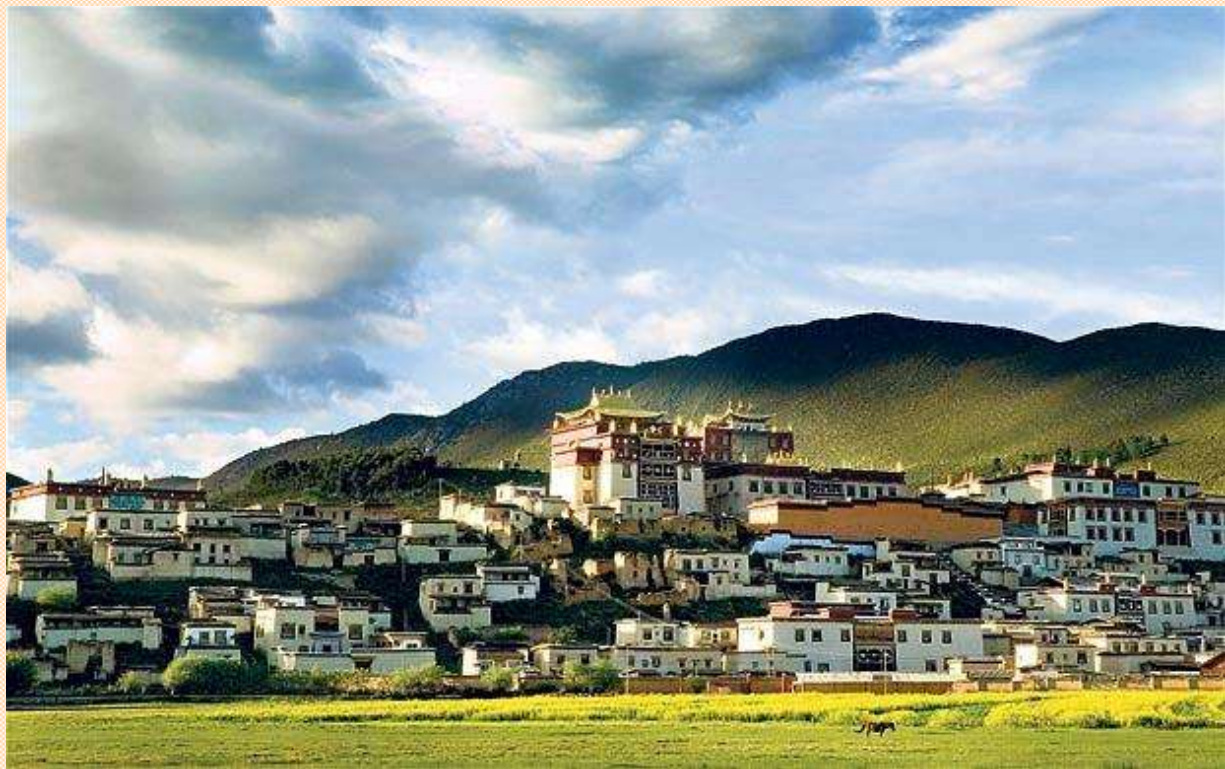
Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province, is known as the “spring city” because of its year round pleasant weather. Located at an elevation of 1,891 meters in the central part of the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, Kunming is home to twenty-six Chinese ethnic minorities. We will visit the Yunnan Museum of Minority Nationalities and the Yunnan Nationalities Village. Kunming has a number of flower markets. A trip to Green Lake during the evening will allow us to listen to local gatherings of singers and dancers and to see other cultural activities.



Oct 11 Fly to Shangri-la



Shangri-La is a county-level city in northwestern Yunnan province, People's Republic of China and is the location of the seat of the Dêqên Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture. Due to the efforts of Shen Ke, it was renamed Shangri-La in 2001 after the fictional land of Shangri-La in the 1933 James Hilton novel *Lost Horizon*.



Oct 13 bus to **Lijiang**



The Old Town of Lijiang, home to the Naxi ethnic minority, was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997 because of its traditional architecture and lovely canal systems. The Jade River divides into three sections at Lijiang and forms the canals and waterways which flow along the old town streets. Lijiang is located near the sacred Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, one of Yunnan Province's highest mountains which contain one of the southernmost glaciers in the Northern Hemisphere. It contains thirteen peaks, the highest of which is 5,600 meters, and extends twenty-two miles long and twenty miles wide. We will take a cable car to Spruce meadow

Oct 17 fly to **Chengdu**



Chengdu is the major city of Sichuan Province, one of China's largest and most densely populated provinces

Oct 20 fly to **Xian**



This city, whose name means Western Peace, is the capital of Shaanxi Province. Intermittently the capital of the empire for over 1000 years, it was the main eastern point of the Silk Road which extended as far west as Rome. At different times it was one of the world's largest cities; its classical Chinese urban design became a model for other cities. Around Xi'an are imperial tombs of 11 dynasties extending from 12th century B.C. to 8th century A.D. We will visit the Terra Cotta Army figures near the tomb of Qin Shi Huangdi, the dynastic unifier of China in 221 B.C. Other key landmarks are the city wall, the bell tower, the Moslem quarter and one of China's best provincial museums.



Oct 24 Fly to Shanghai



Shanghai is the second largest Chinese city with a population of more than 24 million, as of 2014. It has become a global financial center, and a transportation hub, with one of the world's busiest container ports. Located in the Yangtze River Delta, Shanghai sits on the south edge of the mouth of the river. Shanghai was one of the concession ports and still has the architectural buildings from last century, while its bustling nightlife, and rapid development of the Pudong area looks towards the 21st century.



Oct 27 Bullet train to **Beijing**



Beijing first became the capital of China during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and achieved its current capital status when the People's Republic of China was proclaimed in 1949. We will visit Tiananmen Square, the Great Hall of the People, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Summer Palaces, and the 2008 Olympic Sites. Surrounding these historic sites are new commercial and residential buildings and congested roads that characterize this rapidly modernizing world-class city. Our lodging will be at the centrally located Jianguo (Qian Men) Hotel. As our last stop in China, Beijing provides good opportunities to reflect on East Asia's blend of past and future.



Nov 1 fly for **Honolulu**



Back on American soil and in the midst of a large Asian-American population, we will use this stop to help us re-enter our own culture, review our experiences in Asia, visit Pearl Harbor, compare Hawaii's ethnic diversity with minority issues considered in East Asia, and enjoy some rest and recreation.

