Leadership, Service Learning and Culture in China
June 14 – 30, 2012

This study abroad program is coordinated by the Northern Illinois University Study Abroad Office (SAO), in cooperation with Diversity and Equity, Asian American Center, Center for Black Studies, and Latino Resource Center.

PROGRAM DATES: The program will officially begin on Thursday, June 14, 2012 with departure for Beijing, and will end on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Students will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements in order to arrive in Beijing on Friday, June 15 2012.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: F. Michelle Bringas, director of the NIU Asian American Center will serve as the program director. Regina Curry with the Center for Black Studies, and Angelica Mendoza with the Latino Resource Center will also serve as co-directors for this program. Yan Chen, Graduate Assistant, will be accompanying as a translator and assistant.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES: The primary objectives of this program are to increase the number of diverse NIU students participating in study abroad and to expand NIU student leaders’ understanding of service learning, cultural diversity, and leadership development. This program takes an innovative approach to combine cohorts from more than one diverse population. The program will be directed by three staff members who regularly work with diverse student cohorts. Students from diverse backgrounds would be encouraged to participate. This collaborative study abroad experience includes three major elements:

1. **Leadership**: Participants will engage in a one day Leadership Institute Exchange with Chinese university students.

2. **Service Learning Project**: Participants will volunteer with not-for profit organization, Migrant Children’s Bilingual Schools.

3. **Cultural Research**: Participants will research and conduct presentations/papers about cultural site visits in Beijing China;

Students in this program will engage in leadership/service and experience Chinese culture by being volunteers at not-for profit organization Migrant Children’s Bilingual Schools. Students will also participate in a leadership exchange program at Beijing Normal University, as well as explore culture historical sites in Beijing. This program will not only enhance students’ study abroad learning experience but will be introduced to basic daily dialogue in Chinese Mandarin.
PROGRAM SITE(S): This proposed program will take place in Beijing, the capital of China. Beijing, also known as Peking, is the second largest city of China. The total area of Beijing is approximately 16,800 sq km, and has over 7.23 million people, three million of which are temporary residents. The temporary residents are comprised of business persons, teachers and students. Beijing's permanent residents are from all of the different ethnic groups found in China with the Han's comprising over 96% of the population. Mandarin Chinese is the language spoken in Beijing, with Beijing's dialect being the standard form of Mandarin.

HIGHLIGHTS: Students will engage in the following activities:
- Volunteer at not-for profit organization, Migrant Children's Bilingual Schools;
- Student leadership Exchange at Peking University, Tsinghua University, and Beijing Normal University;
- Visit the Great Wall, Tian’anmen Square, the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City, Ming Tombs, Olympic Village (National stadium, Bird Nest, Water Cube), 798 Art Zone, Tricycle Hutong Tour, etc.

PROGRAM AUDIENCE: This program is open to students of all majors who are interested leadership development, service learning, Chinese culture, and expanding their diverse experiences.

INSTRUCTION METHOD: The pre-program instructional method will include workshops, small group discussions, presentations, and lectures. The pre-program instruction will be led by the program director, coordinators, guest speakers, and faculty teaching Chinese 101 and 102.

Proposed Elements: The program includes the following elements:

a. Pre-Program Preparation: Relevant reading material on Leadership Style Inventory; Student Leadership Development Theory; Service learning topics; meeting one-on-one with project leader; fundraising efforts; Dialogue on Diversity.

b. Service Learning Component: Daily hands-on volunteer experiences and camp activities, community service projects, and interaction with volunteer site participants.

c. Leadership Development: Students will be expected to read relevant leadership materials; engage with student leadership Beijing Normal University and meet with counterparts: i.e. student government, fraternities/sororities, student organizations; Maintain a daily leadership journal; submit two papers on leadership learning; participate proposed Leadership Institute at Beijing University.
This program contributes “value added” learning through the following student learning outcomes:

- Students will expand their global awareness and cultural competence;
- Students will enhance their ability to participate in cross-cultural communication and service;
- Students will foster personal and social responsibility and enhance their interest in solving social problems;
- Students will develop leadership skills and critical thinking skills; and
- Students will apply and integrate knowledge from academic course work to a 'real world' problem.

Students are required to participate in volunteer activity, keep a daily journal, engage in two-way interaction with international students, conduct group presentations, and submit reflective papers.

PROGRAM ACADEMIC CREDIT: For satisfactory participation in the program, participants will receive 3 semester hours of undergraduate credit in the following NIU course.

HONORS CREDIT: Qualified students may also elect to receive Honors credit for any study abroad course(s) with the approval of Program Director Bringas. For more information please contact the University Honors Office.

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INDEPENDENT STUDY/RESEARCH PROJECT: Individuals desiring to earn three additional hours of undergraduate credit may do so by engaging in an independent study-research project under the direction of F. Michelle Bringas, program director. The research report should be at least 10 pages.

Requirements for Independent Study/Research Project:

1. Relate the project to a topic or subject introduced during the program.
2. Complete and submit the project for final evaluation to F. Michelle Bringas, program director no later than August 1, 2012.
Participants who enroll for the independent research project can earn an additional 3 semester hours of credit in the following NIU course:

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**APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES:** The program is open to undergraduates who meet the NIU general admission requirements, and who are interested in leadership development, service learning, and multicultural studies.

Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at the time of application. Students who are on academic or disciplinary probation are not eligible to participate in study abroad programs. **Applicants must participate in the entire program and satisfy NIU undergraduate admission and course requirements.**

Students cannot have any encumbrances against their NIU records. Any encumbrances placed on a student’s records by NIU (i.e., Undergraduate Admissions, Bursar’s Office, Accounts Receivable, Registration and Records, Health Services, Parking Services, etc.) must be cleared before a student is granted admission to a study abroad program.

For undergraduate students to be admitted to the program, an applicant’s official transcript must be on file in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Students who are currently enrolled at NIU, or who have previously enrolled at NIU, do not need to request an official transcript; the Study Abroad Office will make this request on behalf of the applicant. Students who want to participate in the program and earn academic credit from NIU who have not previously enrolled at NIU, or who are not currently enrolled at NIU, should ask the Registrar at their institution to forward an official transcript as soon as possible to the Study Abroad Office. (Student-issued transcripts and photocopies are not acceptable.) Questions relating to the admission requirements or transcripts should be directed to the Study Abroad Office.

**APPLICATION FORMS AND DEPOSIT:** Applicants must submit the following at the time of application:

1. Application for NIU Administered/Faculty Directed Study Abroad Programs
2. Student Application Agreement
3. Release of Disciplinary Records and Information Form
4. Course Preference Form
5. $200 deposit/application fee
6. Two (2) passport size photos for visa
7. A clear and readable copy of the first page of passport **(if student already has a passport)**
$200 APPLICATION FEE/DEPOSIT: Each application must be accompanied by a $200 check or money order made payable to NIU. NIU students also have the option of authorizing the Business Manager of International Programs to charge the $200 application fee/deposit to their account at the NIU Bursar’s Office. The $200 is broken down into $100 for the non-refundable application fee and $100 for a program deposit. The $100 deposit is refundable only if the participant withdraws prior to the withdrawal deadline indicated on the program materials or for medical reasons if the withdrawal is after the withdrawal deadline. Both the application fee and the deposit will be applied to the total balance of the program cost.

Applications that are not accompanied by the $200 application fee/deposit will be returned to the sender. (This $200 is also required of individuals who will be applying for financial aid.)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Priority Deadline: February 15, 2012. Late applications are strongly discouraged and will only be considered on a case-by-case basis.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Participants will reside in hotel with twin bedded rooms and will be provided two meals daily throughout the period of residency. (Refer to the Tentative Daily Schedule for specific details regarding housing and meals.)

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Individuals will be responsible for making their own air travel arrangements between the U.S. and Beijing, China and for purchasing their tickets from a travel agent or airline of their choice. (Travel insurance is recommended.) Participants should keep in mind that in order to arrive in Beijing, China on June 15 in time for the official beginning of the program, they should plan to depart the U.S. no later than June 14, 2012.

For information regarding airfares and airlines students may wish to check-out additional airfare sites on the Internet.

Important - The Study Abroad Office advises all participants that flight reservations for this program should not be booked until:

   a. After the February 15, 2012 application deadline

   AND

   b. The SAO has accepted the minimum number of participants needed to operate this program.

This advisory is given so that participants do not find themselves financially responsible for airline tickets should it be necessary to cancel the program. (See section entitled, CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM)

LAND TRANSPORTATION: For program-related travel the group will travel by coach. This transportation is provided as part of the NIU program cost. (Refer to the Tentative Daily Schedule for specific details regarding other program-related transportation.)
PASSPORT: --IMPORTANT-- All participants are required to possess a valid passport by March 1, 2012. Important Note: U.S. passports must be valid SIX months beyond the intended stay overseas. Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately upon acceptance into the program. After March 1 applicants may need to request expedited services or apply in person at the Chicago Passport Agency. If applicants are not within the Chicago area, they must apply at the nearest passport agency.) Information on acquiring a U.S. passport is available at the U.S. State Department’s website: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html. Foreign passport holders may need special visas for travel and are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas.

VISA: A valid passport is required prior to March 1, 2012 in order to obtain a visa to enter China. (Individuals who do not currently possess a valid passport should apply for one immediately upon acceptance into the program.) The Study Abroad Office will provide participants with the visa application form, assistance on completing the application and will then submit the visas for processing.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS/VACCINATIONS: Contact the NIU University Health Service at least eight weeks before your program to allow time for immunizations to take effect. The NIU University Health Service can advise students on what immunizations are required and can administer most immunizations. Most immunizations require a fee. Consult the Travel Clinic several months before you travel. Some vaccines need to be given over a period of months, so participants in this program must START EARLY!

NIU MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE: NIU Student health insurance is required for participation in an NIU study abroad program. Participants not currently enrolled in the NIU Major Medical Insurance Plan will be enrolled by the Study Abroad Office. The NIU Major Medical Insurance Plan has a $250 deductible clause. Students requiring medical attention will be expected to pay any related costs and then file a claim with the NIU Student Insurance Office after returning to the States. Receipts showing payment for all medical expenses are required for reimbursement.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT I.D. CARD: The ISIC card is provided as part of the program cost. The I.D. card can provide discount on international airfare and other travel. Students will receive an application and instructions for obtaining this card when accepted into the program.

The International Student Identity Card also includes a limited health and accident insurance policy which is only valid outside the U.S. Students will have to pay bills at the time of treatment and will be reimbursed later.

PASSPORT AND ISIC PHOTOS: You may have your passport and/or ISIC photo(s) taken in the NIU Study Abroad Office. Photos are $3.00 for the first photo and $2.00 for each photo after that. After the first two photos, photos must be purchased in multiples of two. Photos are usually developed while you wait. Study Abroad Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (closed over the lunch hour) and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.
NIU PROGRAM COST: The program cost pays for the following cost related services:

1) Accommodations and Continental breakfast and lunch on most days
2) Program-related land transportation
3) Admission fees to cultural and historical sites visited as part of the daily schedule
4) International Student I.D. Card
5) NIU tuition for undergraduate or graduate credit
6) NIU major medical insurance

PROGRAM COST: $3,915

All prices quoted are subject to change. The information contained in the program documents and forms is presented in good faith and is believed to be correct as of the date presented. Northern Illinois University reserves the right to amend, modify, revise, or delete any information appearing in these documents, including but not limited to the cost of the program.

Non-NIU students should consult with their home institutions regarding additional costs that may apply to study abroad. Non-NIU students are responsible for any study abroad charges imposed by their home institution.

ADDITIONAL COSTS TO PARTICIPANTS:

- Airfare
- Cost of acquiring a passport (approximately $135, including 2 passport pictures).
- Passport size photos.
- Additional costs associated with obtaining a visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Immunization fees (*if immunizations are required*)
- $40 Undergraduate application fee for non-NIU undergraduate students.
- Independent travel and visa costs associated with independent travel.
- Expenses for free-time pursuits.
- Expenses and purchases of a personal nature.

FINANCIAL AID: As a participant in a study abroad program through NIU, applicants may be eligible for: Pell Grant, SEOG, Perkins Loan, PLUS Loan, Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, MAP Award or your privately awarded scholarship with consent of awarding organization. Tuition waivers do not apply.

Please contact Pamela Rosenberg, International Programs Business Manager, Williston Hall 407, (815) 753-9530, prosenberg@niu.edu for more information.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM: Applicants withdrawing from the program February 15, 2012 not be refunded the $100 program deposit. Applicants withdrawing from the program after this date will also be held accountable for any funds obligated to overseas
vendors and agents on the applicant’s behalf. This provision is in effect even if the applicant has not submitted the $100 deposit or additional payments, and if the applicant is applying for financial aid.

If the applicant must withdraw after February 15, 2012 for medical reasons, funds obligated on their behalf to overseas vendors can only be refunded if:

1) The request is submitted to the Study Abroad Office in writing and accompanied by a signed statement stating that travel is not advised from a physician on the physician’s letterhead; and
2) NIU is able to obtain refunds from overseas vendors and agents.

CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM: The Study Abroad Office reserves the right to cancel this program if the minimum required enrollment is not attained. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for China, all applicants will be notified promptly of the warning and the possibility of cancellation of the program. If, during the course of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning is issued for China, students will be promptly notified of the warning and the advisability of canceling the program.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR CANCEL THIS PROGRAM AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY!
TENTATIVE DAILY SCHEDULE
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**Pre-Program Workshops (dates TBD)**

- Introduction to Study Abroad Program Orientation
- Chinese Culture, Language, Currency
- Camp Orientation and Expectations
- Develop Group Presentations for Leadership Institute Weekend
- Logistical preparations (passport, visa, immunizations, travel consultation, emergency information, etc)
- Civic Reflection Discussions
- What to bring/What not to bring

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<td>Visit Great Wall, Badaling section, afternoon visit Ming Tomb (breakfast, lunch)</td>
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<td>Visit Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and Temple of Heaven (breakfast, lunch)</td>
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<td>Visit Summer Palace, Panda House, Lama Temple and Olympic ground out view (breakfast, lunch)</td>
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<td>Visit hutong by pedicab, and Beijing Urban Planning Museum. After dinner enjoy acrobatic show (breakfast, lunch, dinner)</td>
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<td>Shopping, silk street or jade, pearl market (breakfast)</td>
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