



CET

CHINA FIELDWORK  
SEMESTER

HIGH SCHOOL/GAP PROGRAM  
IN RURAL YUNNAN PROVINCE



CET ACADEMIC  
PROGRAMS

Spring 2021 and 2022

# WHY CHOOSE CHINA FIELDWORK SEMESTER?

**Because you'll take advantage of all that rural China has to offer.**

China's mega cities get a lot of media attention, but living and studying in rural China allows you to observe how economic, social, and environmental changes are impacting smaller communities. In this interdisciplinary, full-semester program, you'll discover how the Chinese landscape has changed a community's sense of place over generations and then compare that to the urban setting of Shanghai at the end of the program.

**You'll benefit from inspired teaching in the field.** Academic Director John Flower (of Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC) designed the fieldwork-based curriculum to challenge motivated high school and gap year students looking for a study abroad experience unlike any other. You'll engage with teachers and mentors in the field and the classroom. Receive proof of all that you've accomplished with a transcript from Dickinson College, CET's school of record for high school and pre-college programs. You'll also take advantage of the industry-leading advising, risk management, and student support services of CET, expertise we've honed through 35+ years of experience operating study abroad programs in China.

**Because you'll grow beyond your wildest expectations.** Though your curriculum has courses focused on individual topics, the program's experiential learning component ties all the different subjects together. You'll be challenged to speak Mandarin, learn new skills through an apprenticeship, and apply your learning in an entirely new way through individual and group projects. These experiences will more than prepare you for college—they'll prepare you for life.

**"All of my subjects blended together so perfectly to make me feel like I was always learning new things and always in a stimulating environment."**

-Raphael C., Sidwell Friends School

# CHINA FIELDWORK SEMESTER

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## IMMERSE IN RURAL CHINA

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- Xizhou, Dali in Yunnan Province is your home base for exploring rural China from diverse perspectives.
- Live at the historic Linden Centre, an educational facility built in 1939, restored in 2015, and committed to cultural exchange.
- Spend several weekends with your local host family in Xizhou.
- Study the natural wonders of the Tibetan Plateau on a three-week Traveling Seminar.

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## PROJECT-BASED FIELD EXPERIENCE

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- Yunnan is your classroom through the program's project-based approach to history, literature, and science.
- You'll complete three major projects during the semester to help you understand the land, people, and community of Xizhou.

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## LEARN REAL-WORLD CHINESE

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- Classes are available for students at every level—beginning to advanced.
- Use your knowledge while shopping at the local market, playing games with your weekend homestay siblings, and gathering information for a project in a nearby temple.

## APPRENTICESHIP EXAMPLES

For one month, you'll spend half of each weekday working one-on-one with a local craft master, observing and learning a skill practiced in the Xizhou community.

- Silversmithing
- Traditional tie dye
- Woodcarving
- Cooking
- Wood block printing
- Wool felting
- Paper cutting
- Traditional instrument playing



# CHINA FIELDWORK SEMESTER

This interdisciplinary, place-based approach offers an opportunity to contribute to an ongoing study of the local area. Coordinated individual and collaborative group projects bring to life and connect concepts across the courses as you learn in hands-on work environments. And a semester organized sequentially around six core thematic units—Place, Dwelling, Work, Belief, Diversity, Modernity—ensures a deep and holistic understanding of the surrounding community.

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## ACADEMICS

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### CORE COURSES

Each course equals 1 Dickinson College credit (equivalent to 3 semester credits).

You take all three of these courses:

- Grassroots China
- Chinese Literature in Translation
- Landscape Ecology

### CHINESE LANGUAGE

Each course equals 1 Dickinson College credit (equivalent to 3 semester credits).

You are placed into one of these courses according to your skill level:

- Beginning Chinese
- Intermediate Chinese
- Advanced Chinese

### OPTIONAL MATH ELECTIVE

- If you need to continue math, we will help coordinate a distance learning course with your high school or an online course, along with on-site or online tutoring support.





## Dates, Fees, Credits

### SPRING SEMESTER

Application Deadline: October 15

Program Dates: January - May

Program Length: 15 weeks

College Credit Equivalents: 12

Prerequisite: None

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For semester-specific dates and fees, please visit: [cetacademicprograms.com/cfs](http://cetacademicprograms.com/cfs)

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## LIFE IN XIZHOU

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- You'll share a room at the Linden Centre with other students and enjoy common spaces like a shared kitchen, dining area, and courtyards for playing games and hanging out.
- All meals are included in the program fee, and most of them will be enjoyed as a group at the Linden Centre—your hub for living, studying, and connecting with your group and program staff.
- Xizhou, a welcoming community of about 2,500 people, provides endless opportunity for immersion into local life. Take a scenic bike ride to the Tongue of Erhai Lake. Taste Xizhou *baba*, a Dali specialty pancake beloved by locals. Chat with your apprentice master about ancient woodcarving techniques.

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## ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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- For a key component of the Landscape Ecology course, we'll take you on a three-week Traveling Seminar along the Tibetan Plateau. Visit monkey reserves on Baima Mountain and discuss conservation efforts, hike China's famous Tiger Leaping Gorge, and visit Tibetan farming families.
- There are plenty of activities in Xizhou, too—movie nights at the Linden Centre, *tai chi* practice, and exploring old town Dali with friends.
- The program finishes with a few days in Shanghai, where students can take AP exams as needed, as well as explore urban China before heading home.

# LET'S GET STARTED

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## ADMISSIONS, ELIGIBILITY, AND INCLUSION

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China Fieldwork Semester participants are motivated high school sophomores, juniors, or seniors and gap year students. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until the final application deadline. Applicants are generally expected to have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher. We believe in making study abroad accessible to all students. We recruit and actively support academically qualified students of all races, religions, origins, abilities, gender identities, and sexual orientations.

### THE ONLINE APPLICATION INCLUDES SUBMISSION OF:

- An application form including short essays
- An official high school transcript
- Transcripts for any college-level courses taken
- One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher

For more information or to start an application, visit:

**[www.cetacademicprograms.com/high-school](http://www.cetacademicprograms.com/high-school)**

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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We are committed to increasing access to full-semester study abroad for high school and gap students. CET has a financial assistance pool for students who demonstrate family financial need. Award amounts usually range from \$500-\$3,000.

It's easy to apply. Fill out the financial assistance application in your online account. Ask a parent or guardian to submit the required financial information. We'll notify you about financial assistance shortly after your program application has been reviewed.

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## HEALTH & SAFETY

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CET has decades of experience and a strong track record with risk and crisis management. We rely on careful planning and preparation, overseas staff with local knowledge and contacts, professional resources in the US and abroad, and regular review and

communication about potential issues. In each location, we have identified appropriate medical facilities and all students are covered by comprehensive health and medical evacuation insurance included in the program fee. The health and safety of students is our first priority and we understand that communication with family members is critical. CET staff are available through our 24/7 on-call system to provide support should any health, safety, or security concerns arise during the program.

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## FULL-TIME, BILINGUAL, ON-SITE STAFF

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China Fieldwork Semester is staffed by full-time professionals familiar with the location and fluent in Chinese. The academic team ensures the academic experience is rigorous and holistic. Residential staff support you in your daily life in Xizhou. They manage program logistics, meet regularly with students, and advise on cultural adjustment, health and safety concerns, and other needs related to a successful term abroad.

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## Dickinson COLLABORATION WITH DICKINSON & TRANSCRIPTS

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Dickinson College, a national leader in global education at the college level, is the school of record for CET high school and pre-college programs. You will receive a CET grade report and an official Dickinson College transcript listing each course taken with the corresponding grade earned upon completion of the program. One Dickinson credit is the equivalent of three or four semester credits. Upon request, and for an additional fee, Dickinson College will send an official copy of the transcript to your high school and/or any college you designate. Credit transfer to high schools or other US colleges and universities is at the discretion of each institution. Dickinson College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 267-284-5000.



# OTHER CET PROGRAMS

## HIGH SCHOOL/PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAMS

CET offers Global Perspectives and/or Intensive Language programs for college credit in these locations:

- › Shanghai, China
- › Havana, Cuba
- › Toulouse, France
- › Dublin, Ireland
- › Florence, Italy
- › Osaka, Japan
- › Amman, Jordan
- › Hamilton, New Zealand
- › Málaga, Spain

## GAP YEAR ABROAD

- › Intensive Chinese Language (Beijing, China)
- › Intensive Italian Language (Siena, Italy)
- › Intensive Arabic Language (Amman, Jordan)
- › Intensive Japanese Language (Osaka, Japan)

## CET PROGRAMS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

CET operates academically rigorous study abroad programs in Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East for undergraduate students from across the United States. Top senders include American University, Brandeis University, Lewis & Clark College, Middlebury College, Syracuse University, University of Minnesota, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of Texas at Austin, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, and Yale University.

Learn more about any CET program at  
[www.cetacademicprograms.com/programs](http://www.cetacademicprograms.com/programs).

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## WHO IS CET?

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CET Academic Programs is a study abroad organization that has been developing and delivering innovative educational programs abroad since 1982. Originally “China Educational Tours,” CET began operations in Beijing, and today offers a varied portfolio of semester, summer, and short-term customized programs for college, high school, pre-college, and gap year students around the world. Known for strong academics, professional program management, and supportive student services, CET strives to integrate students into their host communities, adopt environmentally conscientious practices, and promote diversity and inclusion across all programs.

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