



Alliance News

Study Abroad in Asia

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The First Semester in India Wraps!

personally goals they felt they fulfilled during their semester with formally concluded on May 11th with a cultural evening of Alliance, and two thirds of the respondents rated the student performances, gifts to staff and faculty, and teacher/ship/directed research as the strongest component of the program. A full listing of our past and current internships is maintained on our website under Internship and Directed Research in the Pune section.

Results from the Spring 09 India Participation Survey were recently compiled, and we are thrilled with the stellar reviews we received for this inaugural run. The Alliance received highlights from the Mumbai Visit response to the overall Pune program experience, as well as a resounding "yes" to the would-you-recommend-this-program-to-another-student question. Students also highly rated the academic, cultural, and

As their second field study visit of the term, students spent three days exploring the nearby megalopolis of Mumbai. The Alliance arranged visits to the financial district and Mumbai World Trade Center, the Dharavi slums and a well-known NGO working there, and last but not least, the famous Whistling Woods film studio, where numerous Bollywood films are produced.

Summer Program Begins

The summer semester began on June 16th with a group of 12 students. Dr. Sunila Kale, Assistant Professor at the College of Global Studies, is serving as visiting faculty for the summer program, teaching the core course on Contemporary India and overseeing student internships and research. We are thrilled to have her with us this summer and will send updates in our next newsletter!



Meet our Shanghai Summer Language Director



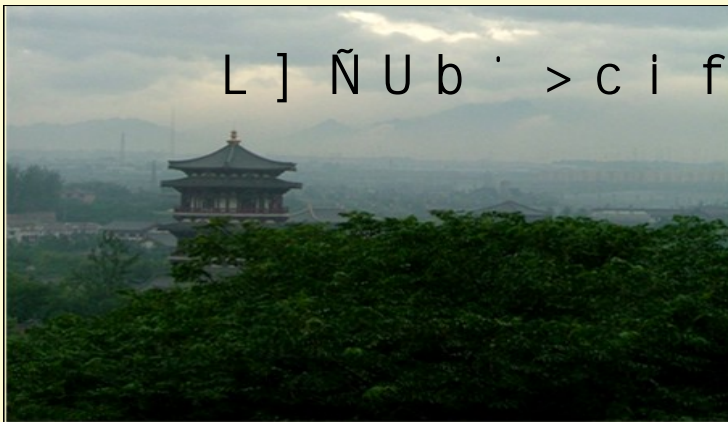
The Alliance is pleased to announce the appointment of **Professor Wang Peng as our Summer Language Director in Shanghai.** Professor Wang is overseeing our Chinese Language programs in Shanghai this summer while Tian Zhuo is on maternity leave.

Wang Peng is currently teaching Chinese and training teachers in the U.S. and China. She currently teaches at Georgetown, where she has taught Chinese for the last 7 years. She has also taught Chinese at Oberlin College and Brown University, as well as at the esteemed IUP program at Qinghua University in Beijing, Middlebury College summer school, and at the Oberlin-in-China Program in Kunming. Equally as valuable as her teaching credentials is her experience as Chief Instructor at IUP where she was responsible for designing the curriculum, training and supervising teachers.

Wang Peng conducted a 3-day training for the Alliance language teachers in Shanghai prior to the start of the summer term. Her main responsibilities are supervising the teachers and maintaining the highest standards in the classroom. Wang Peng also ensured that our students were placed in the appropriate language level and continues to assess their language progress. Her expertise is a tremendous asset to our programs.

Scholarship News

- We are thrilled with our newest program. All of the students are enjoying with their Chinese roommates, taking some of their art history classes in a private lecture hall of the History Museum, and preparing for their two week study trip along the Silk Road. In celebration of our program, we have increased the amount of money we can award to \$3,000 to \$5,000 per semester. The amount of money we can award is now \$3,000 to \$5,000 per semester. We are able to offer this amount of money to our students.
- Thanks in part to funding from the Alliance Foundation, we were able to award our spring, summer, and fall 09 participants a total of \$87,000 in scholarships. These are need-based and students from traditional majors or minority backgrounds are encouraged to apply.
 - *In spring 09, the Alliance awarded a total of \$10,000 to 2 India students and 14 China students.
 - *In summer 09, the Alliance awarded a total of \$4,500 to 3 India students and 12 China students.
 - *For the fall 09 semester, the Alliance awarded a total of \$4,000 to 1 India student and 8 China students.
- Schools with a scholarship recipient include A&M University, Arcadia University, Colorado State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Brown University, St. Michaels College, University of Arkansas, Bryant University, Northeastern University, Susquehanna University, Indiana University Bloomington, University of St. Thomas, University of Pittsburgh, University of Denver, Temple University, University of Memphis, Princeton University, University of Illinois Urbana, Vassar College, Cleveland State University, University of Virginia, University of Minnesota Minneapolis, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Johns Hopkins University, University of California San Diego, University of San Diego, Texas Tech University and the University of Kentucky.



students broke into tears. She had never hiked before, let alone climbed a mountain, and never thought that she would hike on the Great Wall. This trip proved to be a great opportunity for team building, and a great wall for students to know each other.

summer students arrived in Beijing on June 10 days of orientation and a full day hike on the Great Wall. On the morning of our hike, the skies cleared and gave way to weather rarely seen in Beijing. The students to their new home. They moved into their apartments, met their Chinese roommates, and explored the neighborhood and campus. We also took a trip downtown to the Summer Palace and the Summer Palace. One of the bike rides around the City Wall.

Staying Fit

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to run in a marathon. This was ironic because when the phone was searching for a needle and thread to sew the button on my jeans, which had exploded off like the cork from a champagne bottle, I stubbornly continue to buy pants according to the size I want. I don't seem to control myself.

The Marathon my friend wanted me to run was none other than the Beijing Marathon.

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full marathon have to conquer the course three times, but there are also 5k, half marathon, and walk options. The first race was held in 1993, and over the years has grown into the largest international competition in the city. Last year, over 1,500 runners from 45 countries participated in the event. The runners included city residents, foreign tourists, experts and students, and were also joined by China's Olympic champions Xiong Ni, Ge Fei, and Yang Jinghui.



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The registration deadline for the marathon is October 15th, but there are also 5k, half marathon, and walk options. The first race is held on the first Sunday of November. That gives about as much time as I need to get ready. Hopefully someone will have water and Gatorade to hand off to me as a jog past. Swearing @

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The Xi'an City Wall was built in the Ming Dynasty over 600 years ago, and is the oldest and best preserved city wall in all of China. It stands 40 feet tall, is 46 feet wide at the top, somewhere between 50 feet thick at the bottom, and is surrounded by a deep moat. Running on the wall will be a great way to see the city.

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Beijing Credit Hour Increase

Beginning this summer, the Alliance increased the Chinese language contact in the BEIJING summer program from 12 to 15 hours per week. Accordingly, the credit awarded has increased from 5 to 6 credits for language, increasing the total credits for Beijing to 9 (instead of 8). The change will only affect the summer terms and only in Beijing. Students will continue to have a 1:1 session with their teachers for an additional 30 minutes/week.