

Study Abroad for Chinese Language

RIT students majoring in Chinese must participate in an international experience before graduating. Eligible study abroad experiences include: a full semester program (fall or spring); academic year program; or a summer program with approval from the Chinese program director Zhong Chen.

Students doing a minor or immersion in Chinese would greatly benefit from spending time abroad enhancing their Chinese language skills and learning about Chinese culture. Students should meet with their CLA language coordinator.

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Cultural immersion is the fastest, most effective way to learn a language leading to increased fluency. (nafsa.org)

Why study Chinese language abroad?

- Hearing, reading, and using your Chinese skills on a daily basis improves your pronunciation, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- Gaining an understanding of the cultural origins of the Chinese language will give you new clarity and meaning to words and sentences that once seemed abstract.
- Acquiring advanced-level Chinese language skills increases your value to prospective employers.

For a culturally immersive experience

- Live with a local family in a homestay.
- Take elective courses in Chinese.
- Set English aside - join clubs and other activities that give you the opportunity to interact with Chinese-speaking students.
- Attend community events, festivals, and activities that are not typically for tourists.

Next Steps

- 1) Talk with your academic advisor and CLA language faculty to discuss timing and coursework.
- 2) Use the program list on back as a starting point to explore programs. Or do a search in the RIT Study Abroad Compass:
www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply
- 3) Make an appointment to meet with an RIT Study Abroad Advisor
www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting



Scholarships

- > **CLA Global Opportunity (GO) Grant** - automatic \$500 grant for CLA majors to study abroad
- > **Gilman Scholarship** - open to U.S. citizens who receive a Pell grant
gilmanscholarship.org
- > **Boren Scholarship**
borenawards.org
- > **Critical Language Scholarship**
borenawards.org

Chinese Language Programs Abroad

Location	Term(s) Offered	Program Provider	Program Name	Program Details
SEMESTER PROGRAMS				
Beijing, China	Fall, Spring	CIEE	Advanced Chinese Studies (Peking University)	Full semester, 13-16 credits Advanced level language program. Classes taught fully in Chinese.
Beijing, China	Fall, Spring	CIEE	Intensive Chinese Language (Peking University)	Full semester, 16 credits Students take 2 courses in Chinese language, plus elective courses.
Shanghai, China	Fall, Spring	CIEE	Business, Language & Culture (East China Normal University)	Full semester, 15 credits Students take 6 credits in Chinese language along with electives in Chinese culture, business, international relations, or an internship placement.
Shanghai, China	Fall, Spring	CIEE	Accelerated Chinese Language (East China Normal University)	Full semester, 15 credits Students take 12 credits of Chinese language, plus one elective. Students may choose to add on an internship.
Shanghai, China	Fall, Spring	CIEE	China in a Global Context (East China Normal University)	Full semester, 15 credits Students take 6 credits of Chinese language, plus two electives in East Asian studies. Students may choose to add on an internship
Taipei, Taiwan	Spring	CIEE	Chinese Language & Asian Studies (National Taiwan Normal University)	Spring semester only Students take Mandarin language (all levels) and elective courses (taught in English or Mandarin)
SUMMER PROGRAMS				
Beijing, China	Summer	CIEE	Summer Intensive Chinese Language (Peking University)	Summer, 12 weeks, 10-12 credits Students take two Chinese language courses, and an optional elective course.
Shanghai, China	Summer	CIEE	Summer Accelerated Chinese Language (East China Normal University)	Summer, 8 weeks, 10 credits Students take two Chinese language courses (beginning to advanced levels)

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PROGRAM PROVIDER WEBSITES:
 CIEE Programs – ciee.org