Study Abroad for Chinese Language

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

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.

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

Next Steps

1) Use the program list on back as a starting point. Find out more information in the RIT Study Abroad Compass: www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply

2) Talk with your academic advisor to determine timing and coursework.

3) Make an appointment to meet with an RIT Study Abroad Advisor www.rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting

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<td>Fall, Spring</td>
<td>RIT Exchange</td>
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<td>Full semester, 15-16 credits 6 levels of Chinese language courses, plus business electives.</td>
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<td>Business, Language &amp; Culture (East China Normal University)</td>
<td>Full semester, 15 credits Students take 6 credits in Chinese language along with electives in Chinese culture, business, international relations, or an internship placement.</td>
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