

Basic information: 2021F Beijing LSA+

1. The Beijing LSA+

A. A brief history and current situation of the program

In 1982, Dartmouth College launched the China FSP (Foreign Study Program) at Beijing Normal University (BNU), one of the earliest Sino-American intercollegiate exchange programs since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the United States in the 1970s. In the fall of 2005, the two schools initiated the Beijing BNU LSA+ (Language Study Abroad) program; and in 2018, Dartmouth consolidated its two China BNU programs, offering now only the Beijing LSA+ in the fall term.

Over the past 38 years, nearly a thousand Dartmouth students have participated in these two programs to study Chinese language and culture in China. More than 20 students applied to participate in the program this past year, but the 2020F Beijing LSA+ was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although at present it is not clear when we will be able to resume the fall term Beijing LSA+ program, we hope that with the advent of the COVID-19 vaccines we will be able, in the fall of 2021, to offer the Beijing LSA+ at BNU again.

B. The academic curriculum of the program

Beijing LSA+ is a total immersion and intensive Chinese language and culture program. Its academic curriculum consists of 24 class-hours per week, Monday through Friday. Classes are taught by BNU instructors from the university's College of Chinese Language and Culture. There will be daily quizzes and weekly tests and each student will have two one-on-one individual tutorial sessions per week. This curriculum conducted in a native language environment will help you improve your Chinese effectively and quickly. Additionally, the Beijing LSA+ program, by your living on the BNU campus, will allow you to experience a different culture and the local Beijing customs first-hand.

C. The Beijing LSA+ and the ASCL (Asian Societies, Cultures, and Languages) Program

ASCL Major Requirements

- a. One introductory course chosen from ASCL 1: Thinking through Asia offerings
- b. Two language courses beyond the first-year level (or the equivalent)

- c. Three Interdisciplinary, Interregional, Transnational or Diaspora courses
 - ◎ note: Students can substitute an additional ASCL 1 for one of these requirements
 - ◎ note: ASCL 11s also fulfill this requirement
- d. Three discipline specific courses
- e. One ASCL 80: Advanced Seminar (serves as the Culminating Experience)

Languages Track Major

- a. One introductory course chosen from ASCL 1: Thinking through Asia offerings
- b. Five language courses beyond the first-year level (or the equivalent)
- c. Three Interdisciplinary, Interregional, Transnational or Diaspora courses and discipline specific courses
 - ◎ note: Students can substitute an additional ASCL 1 for one of these requirements
 - ◎ note: ASCL 11s also fulfill this requirement
- d. One ASCL 80: Advanced Seminar (serves as the Culminating Experience)

ASCL Minor Requirements

- a. One introductory course from among the ASCL 1: Thinking through Asia offerings
- b. Two Interdisciplinary, Interregional, Transnational or Diaspora courses
 - ◎ note: Students can substitute an additional ASCL 1 for one of these requirements
 - ◎ note: ASCL 11s also fulfill this requirement
- c. Three discipline specific courses

Language Minor

Six language courses beyond the first-year level

◎ note: Students can substitute one language course with a course about language. Substitutions must be chosen from the following list of courses:

CHIN 45.01 Introduction to Classical Chinese, ASCL 60.19 (/LING 11.02),

Languages of China, ASCL 60.20 Languages and Scripts of Gender, Class, and Nation, ASCL 60.92 Theory and Practice of Translation, ASCL 62.01 Chinese Calligraphy, ASCL 80.06 Chinese Calligraphy and Manuscript Culture: Orchid Pavilion.

— *Excerpt from the ASCL website. Last Updated 7/14/2020*

2. Courses, credits, and extracurricular activities

Chinese courses

Second-year Chinese: CHIN 22/23/31, for students who have already taken CHIN 1/2/3 or CHIN 4 or equivalent on Dartmouth campus.

Third-year Chinese: CHIN 31/32/33, for students who have already taken CHIN 22/23 or equivalent on Dartmouth campus.

Fourth-year and beyond: According to your Chinese level, you will be placed into the appropriate BNU' s international students' Chinese language classes.

Cultural activities

Chinese culture classes twice a week in the afternoon: Tai Chi (Taiji), calligraphy, Chinese painting, Chinese seal carving, etc.

Cultural tours and/or theatrical performances in Beijing on weekends.

Field-trips to Xi 'an, Chengdu, Tibet, etc.

3. Term calendar (2021 Fall)

- September 11, arriving in Beijing; BNU will arrange for student pick-ups at the Beijing International Airport.
- September 12, 6:00 p.m. welcome dinner.
- September 13, the opening ceremony, campus tour, textbook distribution.
- September 14, classes begin.
- December 3, classes end.
- December 4 - 6, departing. Checking out of the dorm before 12:00 noon on Monday, December 6.

Note: The duration and dates of the 2021F Beijing LSA+ program are all tentative.

4. Costs

Generally speaking, after you pay your Dartmouth tuition and room charge, you only need to pay for your international travel, your daily meals, and visa application and related fees to participate in the Beijing LSA+.

Tuition and Fees

The fees charged by the College for a Dartmouth-sponsored off-campus term of study include regular tuition charges for a term at Dartmouth, service fees, as well as the specific costs established for each off-campus study locale. In many programs, the room and board costs tend to be higher than for a term in Hanover. You can view a budget sheet for this program. The cost of transportation to and from the site is the responsibility of the student.

Financial Aid

In order that all qualified Dartmouth undergraduate students may have the opportunity to take part in off-campus programs, the College endeavors to adjust its normal financial aid awards for students already receiving aid. Tuition and expected family contribution for Dartmouth's off-campus programs are the same as for an on-campus term. Assistance is available to meet extra costs associated with off-campus programs, including airfare. Half of any extra cost is met with additional Dartmouth scholarship; loan assistance is offered for the other half. Loan assistance is also offered to replace the employment that would normally be included in an on-campus term. Although financial aid recipients are given aid to cover all of the required costs of the program, students are responsible for purchasing their own plane ticket and, on some programs, meals. Often this means that part of the expected family contribution is used towards these costs rather than for tuition.

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5. Program application

A. Online application form

You can fill in the application form for participation in 2021F LSA+ in Beijing on OCP's (Guarini Institute for International Education) website right now.

Application deadline: Feb.1st, 2021.

Decision date: Mar 1st, 2021.

Here is the link to the website:

<https://guarini.dartmouth.edu/programs/ascl-lsa-beijing-chinese>

B. Passport

If you already have a passport, make sure it is valid until or beyond the end of June 2022. If you do not have a passport, you should get it as soon as possible—it usually takes two-three months to secure one. BNU needs to know your passport information by the end of March in order to prepare for your student visa application.

C. Visa

BNU will prepare the visa application form and the admission letter for you in May. If you already have a Chinese Q visa, you should change it to an X2 visa. You can also enter China with a Q visa and then, with the assistance of BNU, change it to an X2 visa after arriving in China.

6. Health and safety

OCP will hold a health and safety meeting for the students participating in the program. Attendance at the meeting is mandatory. The time and place of the meeting are to be determined, please wait for OCP' s notice.

7. Other relevant information

Other relevant information, such as how to buy airplane tickets, accommodations at BNU, local transportation, self-service sightseeing, shopping and going to the gym, etc., will be discussed at the orientation meeting before the end of 21W term.

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