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## BEIJING CENTER – SHANGHAI, CHINA

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

The Center is located in the Meiliyuan garden (Beauty garden), very close to the host family homes. Our classrooms are ideal for private lessons and small groups. Free internet access and a small cafeteria are at your disposal during your break. Our native multilingual staff are at your disposal for information and assistance. Through our partnership with the Beijing Capital Normal University we also offer excellent facilities for group study, plus high standard, brand new student accommodation and restaurant on the campus. Here again we offer you free internet access. A small cafeteria is available for your 'Jasmine tea' break!

**Beijing** is an amazing city - a city of contrasts where one has to be right now - and the preparation for the Olympic games makes it even more exciting! Any stay in China wouldn't be complete without visiting the cultural highlights of the Chinese capital - from the classic landmarks to 'off the beaten track' places of interest.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

**STANDARD CHINESE COURSE** This is a general Chinese group course designed for all levels. You can start any Monday (except for beginners: see dates). 20 lessons per week, i.e. 4 lessons in the morning from Monday to Friday that leave you free in the afternoon to discover the Chinese culture and the city.

**COMBINED GROUP + 4, 8 OR 10 PRIVATE LESSONS** This is a 20 morning-lesson standard course combined with 4, 8 or 10 private afternoon lessons per week. The private lessons allow you to go thoroughly into grammar or any of your weak points. You can also choose to study different topics according to your level and in agreement with your teacher.

**COMBINED GROUP + PRIVATE CHINESE BUSINESS LESSONS** As you know, one doesn't negotiate in English with Chinese partners. This course is ideally designed for you if your company is doing business with China or if you need to live or travel in China for your job. In addition to the 20 weekly morning standard lessons, you will attend 10 additional afternoon lessons that will meet your specific business language needs. These lessons are very practical, realistic and flexible to adjust to your line of business. Your teacher, very experienced, will use case studies, role-plays, formal presentations and simulations to help you acquire the vocabulary and the ease to negotiate in Chinese in your specific field.

**PRIVATE ONE TO ONE** This is a private course designed for those who wish to make the most of their Chinese course and learn at their own pace. Depending on your expectations, you can either apply for a 20, 25 or 30 private lesson course.

**HSK 6 WEEK PREPARATION COURSE** China's Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi, also known as HSK is a Chinese Proficiency Test, designed and developed by the HSK Centre of Beijing Language and Culture University to assess the Chinese language proficiency

of non-native speakers. If you wish to take the HSK test, this course is especially designed for you! 8 HSK preparation lessons per week (i.e. 2 afternoon lessons 4 days a week) during which you will be trained to the exam tests. This course must be coupled to morning classes such as the standard course.

**WORK EXPERIENCE IN A COMPANY** This program offers you the opportunity to improve or refresh your knowledge in the Mandarin Chinese during a 4 week standard course. Then you will spend 4 to 8 weeks as a trainee in a Chinese company. The placement fees include the research of the partner company corresponding as much as possible to your selection (it is not always possible to find a placement that matches exactly your choice), the follow-up and a certificate

### ACCOMMODATIONS

**Homestay** Our families are carefully selected and offer very good standard accommodation. They live in residential areas at a reasonable distance from the school (taxi fare \$1-\$3). They provide breakfast every morning of the week, dinner on Saturdays and Sundays. Please always be punctual! This is a golden rule in Chinese families!

**STUDENT RESIDENCE:** The brand new student residence is on the campus and offers superb facilities. The furniture is modern. The twin bedrooms are equipped with a very nice private bathroom (at least 3 star hotel standard). All the bedrooms in the student residence are equipped with telephone, computer (free internet access), tv, air-conditioning and even a thermos flask!

**HOTELS:** 3 star hotels, single (double bed) or twin-bed rooms are equipped with nice and modern furniture, bathroom, kettle (or 24 hours hot and cold spring water), cups and jasmine teabags, hairdryer, satellite TV, fridge, telephone, air conditioning. A laundry service is also available at a very reasonable price.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

#### Cultural Activities & Excursions

Fieldtrips and cultural activities are organized as an essential component of ICCI's curriculum, offering many opportunities to interact with Chinese people and explore the culture. Fieldtrips and cultural activities within Shanghai are included in the cost.

### TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 823 North 2nd Street, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

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## Programs & Activities - Beijing, China

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### Class Schedule & Information

Study from 2 weeks to 6 months or more for students of all ages (18 and older).

Class-Hour: Each lesson lasts 50 minutes.

Class Times: 4 lessons each morning

AM 9 am - 10.40 | 10 min break | 10.50 - 12.30

PM 2 pm - 3.40 | 10 min break | 3.50 - 5.30

Groups: Small groups of 10 to 12 students maximum per class allowing individual attention and the opportunity for each person to actively participate during the lessons. Tutor classes one-on-one.

Levels: 7 levels from complete beginner to advanced levels.

Teachers: All our teachers, native speakers, are holders of a university degree. They are

qualified and experienced in teaching Chinese as a foreign language at all levels.

## Our Students

Our students come from many different countries. To give you an idea:

- from Europe 50%
- from the USA 20%
- from Asia 20%
- from South America 3%
- from other countries 7%

They include all age adults: university students, teachers, business, government and international agency staff, and mature adults. Some earn credit, some work in-country or need to learn Chinese for work purposes, and others take courses for enrichment.



## Group Course Levels

(Tutor classes available at all levels)

**BEGINNER LEVEL** You have never studied Mandarin Chinese. You will learn the grammar basics, Chinese phonetics as well as basic Chinese vocabulary to be able to build simple, everyday sentences.

**POST BEGINNER** You already know a few words or perhaps learned some Chinese years ago but have now forgotten most of it. To acquire a good basis, you will start again from the beginning with the grammar, Chinese phonetics and basic Chinese vocabulary.

**ELEMENTARY LEVEL 1 and 2\*** You have learned some Chinese phonetics and a few words but you cannot express yourself. You will learn basic Chinese vocabulary, sentence structure and grammar using everyday topics. Phonetics, tone exercises and drills ensure that you learn the correct pronunciation and intonation from the very beginning.

\*Level 2 is a little more advanced than level 1

**INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1 and 2\*** You have acquired elementary Chinese grammar and you can express yourself on general topics. This course goes thoroughly into grammar, more complex sentence structure and specific vocabulary. You will be able to express yourself better on everyday topics.

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**ADVANCED LEVEL** You are able to hold a conversation and express your opinion. This course will help you improve your reading (newspapers), your listening comprehension (news broadcasts), and your conversational skills. It will broaden your vocabulary and strengthen the grammar structures.

# ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE\***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000    SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

*\* If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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# PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

**A. Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
If student, school attending and year

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In Emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Address, Phone)

**B. BACKGROUND:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level:  Beginner  Post Beginner  
 Intermediate  Advanced

**C. LODGING:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

**D. GOALS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E. INSURANCE:** Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- Check Preferences.**  
 Single  Share Twin  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes Smoking  No Smoking  Either  
 Yes Pets  No Pets  Either  
 Yes Children  No Children  Either  
**PREFER:**  Homestay Involvement  Freedom to Come/Go  
**ARE YOU?**  Quiet  Outgoing  Frequent Traveler  
**OBJECTIVES:**  Enrichment  Academic Credit  Job Related  
**HOBBIES:**  Reading  Music  Cooking  Jogging  Sports

<b>F. PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
<b>Your Signature</b> (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

**INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES**

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For More Info: <http://www.nrca.com/INS24hrHotline.html>

**H. CREDIT CARDS:**

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:  
 VISA  Mastercard  American Express Amount Charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

**CHANGE FEES** of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

**CANCELLATIONS** are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

**CONDITIONS:** Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

**INFORMATION USE:** Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

**NOTE:** Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.