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Learn the Culture*

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CITY AND SCHOOL INFORMATION – SHANGHAI, CHINA

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

ICCI - Intensive Chinese Culture Immersion has been teaching Chinese to international students for over ten years. The school's programs aim to allow students of Chinese to experience China first hand, to give them the opportunity to immerse themselves into the Chinese lifestyle and reach out to the Chinese people. ICCI caters to the student's individual needs, offering intensive Chinese language courses from beginner to advanced levels. ICCI also provides numerous lectures, fieldtrips and cultural activities that are an intrinsic part of their programs.

It is said that whatever happens in China happens first in Shanghai. As China's largest city and the second largest in the world, Shanghai is a most vibrant, bustling, modern and international city, with tremendous cultural and economic opportunities. You can visit the financial district, watch traditional Chinese acrobatics, listen to jazz in the famous Peace Hotel, see architecture of the Old Chinese City and the French Concession, take a boat trip on the Huangpu River, and learn about Chinese culture in the world renowned Shanghai Museum.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

ICCI programs focus much more on the communicative skills than on the Chinese Writing System. Mornings are devoted to language instruction from textbooks in the three subjects of study: writing (grammar), speaking, and listening. In the afternoons, at least two hours are devoted to practicing the language skills learned through numerous lectures, discussions, on-site visits, oral presentations, interpretation, local fieldtrips, and cultural activities. ICCI uses experienced and dedicated Chinese language instructors. All are college graduates, some with masters degrees, and native speakers of Chinese. Cultural lectures are given by Chinese scholars.

Group Programs

Group 5 or 8, 20 hours per week. Group classes provide an interactive atmosphere for students. The Group 5 program is organized with no more than 5 students per class, while the Group 8 program is organized with of no more than 8 students per class. Both programs consist of 4 hours daily, Monday - Friday, of Chinese language instruction in small classes. Upon arrival in Shanghai, participants are placed in a class according to initial oral and written language evaluations. Those students who have no knowledge of Chinese will be placed in a beginner class.

Homestudy Program

Tutor 20 hours per week. In addition to Group classes, ICCI offers a unique language learning opportunity with their Homestudy Program. The student lives and studies with a qualified teacher for full immersion in Chinese language and culture. The program caters to individual needs, offering personalized courses from beginner to advanced levels. Two-on-one is available for those students at the same language level.

Children & Family Options

ICCI can provide daycare in a home for children ages 5-10 years. Children are cared for by a carefully selected Chinese family while parents are in class. Daycare can be provided on an hourly basis (minimum 5 hours per day) or all day, 8.00 to 18.00. Children ages 10-17 may participate in language classes in the Homestudy Program.

ADMISSIONS

ICCI welcomes students age 18 years and older regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous knowledge of Chinese is required except where otherwise indicated. A visa is required for entry into China.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay

ICCI offers homestays to all students. ICCI visits every host family before students arrive to make sure that each home is up to the school's standards and to ensure that the student will feel at home in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. All homestays are apartments with a Western-style bathroom, hot shower and air-conditioner. Students are provided with a single or double room and 3 meals daily.

ICCI also arranges hotels and apartments (12 weeks and up) for those students enrolled in the Group 5 or Group 8 program.

Arrival transfer from the airport is included in the cost.

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. Short trips outside Shanghai and long trips within China are at additional 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 - Shanghai, China

Programs



Homestay Program

Tutor 20 hours per week. ICCI offers a unique language learning opportunity with their Homestay Program. The student lives and studies with a qualified teacher and his/her family for full immersion in Mandarin Chinese language and culture. The program caters to individual needs, offering personalized courses from beginner to advanced levels.

Homestay Programs focus much more on the communicative skills than on the Chinese Writing System. After only 4 weeks even beginners will be able to

communicate with Chinese people.

Mornings are devoted to language instruction from textbooks in the three subjects of study: writing (grammar), speaking, and listening.

In the afternoons, at least two hours are devoted to practicing the language skills learned through numerous discussions, on-site visits, interpretation, local fieldtrips, and cultural activities. From beginning level to the advanced level, teaching techniques and special emphasis are differently applied, with some afternoon activities varying by level as well.

The school utilizes a large body of teaching materials and textbooks drawn from China, Taiwan, and the United States. Experienced and dedicated Chinese language instructors provide lessons. All are college graduates, some with masters degrees, and native speakers of Chinese. The school provides regular follow-up training in western second language teaching methods to their teachers.

Two-on-one is also available for those students traveling together, however, both must be at the same language level.

Children & Family Options

The school can accommodate families traveling together. The following options are available:

* Daycare in a home for children ages 5-10 years. Children are cared for by a carefully selected Chinese family while parents are in class. Daycare can be provided on an hourly basis (minimum 5 hours per day) or all day, 8.00 to 18.00(6:00 PM).

* Children ages 10-17 may participate in language classes in the Homestay Program.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous knowledge of Chinese is required except where otherwise indicated.

A visa is required for entry into China. To apply for a visa, students are advised to either:

* Apply for a tourist/visitor visa if planning a short-term visit.

* Apply for a student visa if planning a visit longer than 3 months.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Program
Homestay Program
Children & Family
Options

Admissions &
Academic Credit

Activities
Cultural Activities &
Excursions Within
Shanghai

Comments

"I really appreciated the commitment of my homestay professor. On only the rarest of occasions did I speak English. Otherwise, I managed entirely in Mandarin, which challenged my communication skills and forced me to think in the language. This was exactly what I was looking for."

University Student, Da Rosa,
Washington DC

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.

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