NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
Chinese Language & Cultural Studies
Information Guide
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Nanyang Technological University (NTU Singapore) is Singapore’s leading science and engineering institution and ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide. NTU is the fastest rising university in the world’s Top 50 and ranked 39th globally. NTU is placed 1st amongst the world’s best young universities.

Immerse yourself in an Asian learning experience in one of South East Asia’s most exciting hotspots—Singapore. Chinese Language & Cultural Studies is NTU’s most popular summer program. Designed for beginners, this course will equip you with basic Chinese language skills and expose you to China’s intriguing 5000 year history and culture. You will enjoy a balance of lectures, interactive workshops and cultural visits.

NTU’s unique Chinese Language & Cultural Studies program opens up fascinating Asian cultural experiences and opportunities for students and at the same time equips you with key entrepreneurial skills for future ventures into Asia, where more than 4.3 billion people live.

China is returning to its position as the world’s largest economy—boost your employability and entrepreneurial skills by becoming China and Asia intelligent!

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Program Overview

- 3 week study program
- Experience complete cultural immersion
- Learn Chinese language skills
- Learn how to read and write Chinese characters
- Learn and experience the 5000 years of Chinese culture and history
- Attend lectures, interactive workshops and cultural excursions
- Additional cultural activities
- Gain international and intercultural experiences
- Live in the hub of the fastest growing region on earth!
Program Details

NTU’s Chinese Language & Cultural Studies is delivered by NTU’s Confucius Institute—jointly established by the Ministry of Education of the People’s Republic of China and NTU.

The course consists of two parts:

**Part One: Chinese Language**

This course is specially designed for students with little or no background in Mandarin. The course content is topic-based to help students master basic conversational skills for daily use. Basic reading and writing skills are also introduced to help students accumulate Chinese vocabulary and enhance their learning. Using an experiential learning approach, students will have to perform several assigned activities.

At the end of the course, students will be able to understand and construct simple phrases, basic conversations, and how to write basic strokes, character components and single-component characters. They can expect to learn up to 260 Chinese characters, 40 grammatical points and 300 commonly used sentences.

**Part Two: Chinese Cultural Studies**

The Chinese cultural studies course aims to expose students to the interesting aspects of Chinese culture and its art forms through understanding the history of China, to appreciating the philosophy and aesthetic aspects of Chinese calligraphy, Chinese paper cutting, and Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Appreciation of Chinese culture will be further enhanced through field trips.

**Course Organisation:** Classes will be held from 9.30am—5.00pm on the NTU campus.

Course Assessment: Mid-term test—30%; Final examination—70% (oral: 30%; written: 70%)
Program Dates
Monday 4 January—Friday 22 January 2016

Program Cost
SGD $2200.00

Accommodation
All students will be accommodated at Hotel West, within ITE College West. Hotel West is a 22-room training hotel designed for authentic learning for students studying Hospitality Service courses at ITE College West. Accommodation will be in twin-rooms. ITE West offers a range of recreation facilities including: Swimming pool, sporting fields, basketball courts, gym and pool tables, as well as bountiful food and beverage outlets. NTU will arrange two-way transport between Hotel West and NTU daily for the duration of the program (Monday to Friday).

Travel Grants
Applications will be on a competitive basis and ranked on the merit of the application statement. Grants up to $1,500 will be available.

OS-HELP Loan
Extra financial support can be gained by applying for an OS-HELP loan if applicable. This program must be for academic credit.

Included in Program Cost
- Tuition & NTU admin fees
- Orientation
- Cultural & social activities that form part of the course
- Daily two-way transport between NTU and Hotel West (Monday—Friday)
- Travel and medical insurance through UTS Travel Insurance Policy

Not Included in Program Cost
- International airfares from Sydney to Singapore
- Accommodation
- Personal expenses and spending money
- Group Hospitalisation and Surgical Insurance (compulsory)
Who can apply

This fantastic trip is open to students with:

- A keen interest in Chinese language and culture
- A current GPA of 1.5 or over
- An easy going, flexible and independent character with a willingness to take initiative to learn.
- Willingness to work hard and adapt to different surroundings and work environments
- Strong team working skills

Requirements

If you are selected you must:

- Attend a pre departure session
- Represent UTS with distinction at all times during the program
- Submit at least two blog posts during the program to UTS to be used on the UTS: BUILD Abroad Blog
- Submit a reflection piece to BUILD on your return
- Complete a feedback survey on your return

Academic Credit

Nanyang Technological University: Chinese Language and Cultural Studies can form part of the subject In-country Language and Culture Study 977918 (6cp) or 977913 (8cp). For further information on how to enrol in this subject, please refer to this PDF

Next steps

Applications close on Wednesday 30 September 2015 at Midnight.

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