



Panda Reserve in Chengdu

SWUFE

The University was originally founded in Shanghai as Guanghua University in 1925. On June 3, students broke away from St. John University after the May 30th Movement, a patriotic and anti-imperialist movement. With leadership of Zhang Shouyong, a prominent scholar in Qing Dynasty, Guanghua University was founded, and the name was inspired by a Chinese saying: this piece of land is forever bathing in the brilliance of sun and moon. It merged with schools and departments of business and economics from 16 other universities and colleges and was renamed Sichuan Institute of Finance and Economics. In 1980, People's Bank of China, China's central bank, took over the administration of the University and renamed it the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (SWUFE) in 1985.

The City: Chengdu

About

Chengdu is the provincial capital of Sichuan province in Southwest China, as well as a major city in Western China.

Chengdu holds sub-provincial administrative status.^[4] The administrative area houses 14,047,625 inhabitants: 7,415,590 within the municipality's nine urban districts and 6,632,035 in the surrounding satellite towns and counties' urban, suburb and rural area.

According to the 2010 census, Chengdu is the fifth most populous city in China.^[6] Chengdu is one of the most important economic and financial centers in Western China.

Life in Chengdu

Average Living Expense Per Month:

- Insurance: \$300
- Dorms: \$100
- Meals 5 days a week: \$100



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Schedule for Summer 2015:

- July 3: Depart as group from Houston, TX
- July 4: Arrive in Chengdu, transport from airport to dorm, settle in dorm, campus tour, guidance on local transportation
- July 5: Chengdu tour, lunch, rest of day is free
- July 6-10: classes; maybe a midweek evening visit to karaoke
- July 11-12: Bamboo Sea tour
- July 13-17: Classes, maybe a midweek excursion to Tex-Mex restaurant
- July 18-19: Excursion to Mt. Emei, Leshan Giant Buddha
- July 20-23: Classes, financial economics exam
- July 24: fly to Beijing, check in to hotel
- July 25: tour Great Wall of China
- July 26: tour Forbidden city, Tiananmen Square
- July 27: Fly to Houston

The Program

The program is for a full semester either in the spring or fall, and students will take a full semester course load while studying abroad. Hours will count towards the Texas A&M residency requirement. Students will also be charged regular A&M tuition and fees.

Experience life in China while

earning credit toward your

Economics degree!

To Apply

- 2.0 GPA and good academic standing
- Approval of the department
- Must attend all program specific pre-departure orientations

Courses

TAMU Students take 2 courses during this short summer session. The Department of Economics strongly recommends **The Chinese Economy**.

- Econometrics: ECMT 463
- Financial Markets: ECON 489
- Financial Economics: ECON 445
- Behavioral/Experimental Economics: ECON 440
- Chinese Economy: ECON 330

Cost to Students

Excursion will vary by number of students in the program. Many costs are semi-fixed, such as van or bus transportations, etc.

- TAMU tuition: \$2,200
- Estimated Airfare from Houston to Chengdu: \$2,400
- TAMU REEP Administration Fee: \$300
- Health Insurance, Visa, etc. \$300
- SWUFE expense for dorm: \$100
- SWUFE expense for 2 on campus meals 5 days/week: \$100
- Estimated student expense for food off campus: \$100
- Estimated student expense for entertainment: \$300
- Misc. SWUFE expenses: \$100
- Excursion Expenses: \$300 per excursion