Dates
The program typically runs from June 1st through July 31st. Please see the program website for specific dates, as they are subject to change.

Next Steps
More information is available online at international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/programs. Prospective students should make an appointment with the Study Abroad Advisor for China, Katie Ron, by calling 319-335-0353. Students should also discuss their plans with their academic advisor.

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Program Summary

Iowa in Tianjin is a high-quality yet affordable two-month summer program specially designed by the College of International Education (CIE) at Tianjin University of Technology (TUT) in collaboration with the University of Iowa Department of Asian Languages and Literatures for students who have successfully completed 1-3 years of Chinese language study. This program will provide students with a comprehensive and balanced curriculum, which combines classroom instruction with field trips, language partnerships, and extra-curricular activities.

Tianjin, China

Tianjin is a port city located 80 miles southeast of Beijing with a population of 15 million. It enjoys a long history as a culturally significant center of trade and commerce. Currently, it is known for its excellent geographical location, pleasant climate, an efficient transportation system, modern conveniences and cultural interests. It is also regarded as an optimal learning environment for standard Mandarin Chinese, ‘Putonghua’, and an ideal community for language immersion.

Academic Program

The program offers an eight-week curriculum for which students will earn a total of eight semester hours of University of Iowa resident credit.

Credit is awarded as follows:
- 4 s.h. for Intensive Chinese Language
- 3 s.h. for Chinese Regional Culture
- 1 s.h. in Chinese Folk Art

This is a practical art class that includes seal carving, egg-shell painting, and other traditional folk arts. The teaching methods will allow students at the elementary or intermediate proficiency levels to acquire language skills required for effective communication within a short period of time, and for advanced students to gain language proficiency at a professional level.

Cultural Activities & Excursions

There will be a program orientation at the beginning of the session in Beijing. Students will visit famous places like the Forbidden City and the Great Wall while in China’s capital. Programmed activities include excursions in Tianjin and the surrounding area. Toward the end of the program, participants will spend five days visiting another part of China. Past sites have included Taishan Mountain, the Shaolin Temple, and Xi’an, home of the Terra Cotta Warriors. Conversation partners from among interested TUT students are available and they will take you to even more traditional events around Tianjin.

Cost

For complete cost details, please see the “application” tab of this program’s website. There you will find an up-to-date cost sheet that outlines the total estimated costs associated with participating in this program.

Accommodations

Students stay at the International Student Dorm for the duration of the program. The dorms are set-up hotel-style with two beds to a room. They also come equipped with telephones, internet access, a private bathroom, and access to washing machines. Students are given a stipend for meals. Other conveniences are available in the vicinity of the dormitory. Occasionally, homestays are an option. Fees for homestays will be paid to TUT in cash upon arrival in Tianjin. If interested in living with a host family, please speak with your study abroad advisor.

Eligibility

This program is open to all UI students who are in good academic and disciplinary standing. Applicants must meet the minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8, and must have successfully completed 1-3 years of university-level Chinese language courses.

Transportation

Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to Beijing, China. However, the University of Iowa will suggest an itinerary for the group. Staff members from TUT will meet students at the Beijing airport.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

In general, financial aid received to attend the University of Iowa may be applied toward the cost of studying abroad as long as the student is making satisfactory progress toward his/her degree. In most cases the Office of Student Financial Aid can adjust financial aid to cover additional costs incurred by study abroad. Moreover, students are encouraged to apply for scholarships based on need, merit and/or diversity that are awarded by Study Abroad. Complete information is available at international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding.