

Protected Ag in China

May 10-June 5, 2010

PSS 4990/6990, Special Topics Course
Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
Mississippi State University

MSU in partnership with the University of Arkansas, University of Florida and 6 Chinese Institutions is offering students a unique opportunity to earn 3 credits through a course entitled "Protected Ag in China".

The course will be offered again in December 2010.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit cities of Shanghai, Shouguang, Qingdao, Beijing, Wuhan, Yunnan, and Guangzhou in China
- Develop an appreciation and understanding of horticulture crops season extension research, production, and marketing in China.
- Familiarization with the general agriculture production system in China.
- Distinguish opportunities and technologies that would benefit US agriculture and economy
- Experience culture, history, cuisine and language of different regions of China
- Explore the interrelationships between agriculture in China and US

Student Financial Aid:

Students are encourage to apply to their home institutions for additional financial aid.

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The study abroad trip in China will include visits to universities, research institutions, production companies, and markets, which offer students opportunities to directly experience and witness horticulture crops (fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc.) season extension research, production, and marketing in China in order to comprehend a broader perspective in season extension technology. While the primary focus of the study abroad trip is to view and evaluate China's use of season extension techniques, the group will also be exposed to other agricultural practices used in China.



The students will have opportunities to interact and to learn from their peers in China. This trip will also include interests other than agriculture, such as history, ecology, business, architecture, political science, geology, and natural resources.

Transportation & Lodging

The course involves extensive travel throughout China. In-country transportation is by charter bus and train. Students will share rooms with 1-2 others. A complete itinerary detailing overnight accommodations will be posted at msucare.com/crops/hightunnels/.

Application & Fees

Estimated 2010 Program fee: \$2,500

Fee includes: transportation in China, hotel accommodations, field trips, tours, guest lectures, all meals, international health insurance and medical emergency assistance.

Scholarship: \$1,000 will be available to 4 students each from MS, AR, and FL

A non-refundable \$300 deposit toward the total cost of the program is required at the time of application. The remaining fees are due **no later** than 30 days prior to departure.

Not Included in the program fees:

Round-trip airfare (~\$1,000), tuition and fees (\$650-950), additional personal travel and expenses.

Eligibility: Students in all majors with an interest in agriculture, food science, and world trade policy are welcome to apply. Final selection is based on an application and interview process.

Application deadline--20 February 2010

Space is limited to 12 students (4 students each from MS, AR, and FL), so please apply early.

All SEC colleges and universities have an agreement that any student attending an SEC institution has the ability to participate in Study Abroad programs offered by other SEC schools. Program credit can easily be transferred to the student's home institution as long as appropriate advising and accommodations have been made (www.secac.uark.edu/EducationAbroad/default.aspx).

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