

Chengdu, China

Fall 2008

Study with visiting professor Dr. Marianne Cooley, University of Houston

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (EDU/ENG, 3 credits, 300-level, taught in English)

Earn three hours of English transfer credit and acquire a useful credential for earning money through tutoring or teaching English while you live internationally. If you stay in Chengdu for the spring semester, you can also add further experience in TEFL through an internship, and you'll have more confidence and knowledge to apply during your internship. In the course, we'll consider issues so that you can learn about the field and develop a personal philosophy and conclusions about how you would teach English.

Asian Englishes (ENG/Asian Studies, 3 credits, 300-level, taught in English)

Is English an Asian language? Two Asian countries account for the great majority of English learners and users in the world today—India and China. Together they have perhaps a billion English speakers, and represent the earliest and most recent extensions of English in Asia. But English also appears in various forms throughout Asia. Distinctive linguistic characteristics, functions, and variations differentiate several Asian Englishes, but these various Englishes also serve as a single English as a Lingua Franca for Asian organizations and meetings.

Chengdu Program Highlights:

- Participate in an optional weeklong tour to Beijing, host of the 2008 Summer Olympics
- Take courses in Mandarin Chinese, a language becoming increasingly important in the global workforce
- Enjoy field trips to a Panda research institute, the Sanxingdui Museum, sacred Buddhist mountains and ancient villages
- Sample the local spicy Sichuan food and traditional “hot pots”



Host University: Southwest University for Nationalities

Maximum program enrollment: 60 students

Minimum GPA: 2.5

Language of instruction: English/Chinese

Application deadline: June 15