

## ***STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM***

### **Augsburg College** Minneapolis, Minnesota **and** **United International College** Zhuhai, China

Augsburg established a formal relationship with the United International College in 2007. A student exchange between the two institutions is beginning the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Bruce Reichenbach, Augsburg professor of philosophy, will teach in China as a visiting professor at UIC in the fall semester. Interested Augsburg students will initiate the exchange as study abroad students at UIC. An equal number of UIC students will study at Augsburg in the spring semester.

#### **About the United International College (UIC)**

The United International College (UIC) is located in the city of Zhuhai, across the bay from Hong Kong. Jointly founded by Beijing Normal University and Hong Kong Baptist University, the college is the first full-scale cooperation in higher education between Mainland China and Hong Kong. The mission of the college is to build a new model for liberal education in China and to nurture talented future graduates with international perspectives.

Since its founding in November 2005, UIC has grown into an international college with a unique educational approach. Thirteen undergraduate programs are currently being offered by three divisions, namely the Business and Management Division, the Humanities and Social Science Division, and the Science and Technology Division. English is the medium of instruction at UIC.

UIC faculty members are recruited from more than 20 countries and regions, 45% of whom are from abroad, 19% from Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan, and 36% from Mainland China with overseas study experience.

#### **About the City**

Adjacent to Hong Kong and Macao, Zhuhai displays a blend of Oriental and Western cultures. It is one of the first Special Economic Zones in China. Located on the west bank of the estuary of the Pearl River, the city covers 7,653 sq km. It is truly a coastal city. Zhuhai has 146 islands scattered in the South China Sea, hence its nickname City of a Hundred Islands. In 2002, the city's population totaled 1.23 million. Today, Zhuhai has evolved from small border villages into a rapidly growing beautiful coastal city with modern economic development zones.

#### **Academics**

All courses at UIC are taught in English. Courses are offered in the areas of Business and Management, Humanities and Social Sciences, Science and Technology, and General Education. Course descriptions are listed in the Undergraduate Handbook at:

[http://uic.edu.hk/en/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=460&Itemid=322](http://uic.edu.hk/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=460&Itemid=322)

Augsburg students are eligible to register for any of the courses for which they meet prerequisites. UIC courses are worth .75 Augsburg credits. Course approval will be done prior to departure to ensure that a full course load that will meet Augsburg requirements. A Mandarin Chinese language course will be available on a non-credit basis.

### **Housing and Meals**

Students will live in double rooms in the Cultural Village hostel at UIC. All international students will have a Chinese national student for a roommate. The rooms are equipped with air conditioning, desk, bed, dresser, closet and private bath. The Village facility also has a small supermarket, a room of washing machines and some meeting rooms.

The cost for the room is about \$300 USD per term. There is no meal plan, but students can eat for about \$3-\$5/day (for 3 meals!!) at the 50 some restaurants and cafeterias adjacent to the campus. The other costs for students are all discretionary spending (travel, personal items, etc.).

### **Program Dates**

The fall semester will begin in the second week of September and end by December 31, 2009. The exact starting date has not yet been determined. The semester is 4 weeks plus 2 weeks for examinations. International students may take their examinations earlier than Chinese national students to ensure that they are home in time for the beginning of second semester in January.

### **Application Deadline**

An extended deadline applies to this particular program. Students may submit applications to Augsburg Abroad until April 1.

### **Eligibility**

Students must have second year standing and a 2.5 GPA.

### **Program Fees**

Students pay the Augsburg on-campus cost for tuition for their term in China. Housing is paid directly to UIC (estimated Fall semester 2009 cost is \$300). Food is paid for out of the student's pocket and is estimated at \$3 -\$5 per day for three meals.

### **Financial Aid & Scholarships**

Students who received financial aid (scholarships, grants or loans) at Augsburg can use that aid for study abroad. Loans may be increased as necessary to cover the additional travel costs related to their study abroad program. Students may work with Augsburg Abroad and Augsburg's Financial Aid Office to determine if they can receive an increase in aid.

### **For More Information**

Contact Leah Spinosa de Vega in Augsburg Abroad regarding application policies and process.  
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