

# CHINA

A GVSU FACULTY LED PROGRAM



## SOCIAL WORK

DECEMBER 2009  
OPEN TO ALL MAJORS

### TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

With over 1.3 billion inhabitants and listed in the top-five world economies, China calls for attention. This dynamic country boasts an ancient civilization spanning millennia, yet leads the world in cutting-edge developments. China's most populous city, Shanghai, radiates ineffable elegance, cosmopolitan sophistication, and obsession with the new.

During this 17-day trip, students will begin their visit in Shanghai. Students will learn the history of the city along with economic, political and cultural dynamics by visiting some social work agencies. Students will learn about rural development and the social issues this sector of the population is facing. Visits to a children's home, elder's home, hospital, and Shanghai's welfare department will also be incorporated into the trip. Finally, students will travel by train to Beijing to witness how people in China shape their culture and personality.

### WHEN CAN I GO?

This program will take place from December 5 through December 22, 2009.

### WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Program participants will stay in hotels while in Shanghai and in Beijing.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to both, Bachelor and Master seeking students in the field of Social Work. Other social science majors may attend also. Students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (3.0 for graduate students) and must submit a complete application by **October 1, 2009**.

## WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for:

**SW 354:** International Service (4 credits) Undergraduate

**SW 630:** Global Service Learning (4 credits) Graduate



## HOW MUCH DOES THIS PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is \$4,000\*

### Includes:

- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodations
- Most meals
- All field trips
- All Ground Transportation

### Not included in the fee:

- GVSU Tuition
- Personal expenses
- Passport/visa fees/photos
- Immunizations
- Additional meals
- ISIC (optional)

\*Fee subject to adjustments based on actual exchange rates and international airfare.

## FINANCIAL AID

All students considering study abroad should have their financial aid reevaluated regardless of whether they are currently receiving federal aid. Additional need-based study abroad grants are also available to eligible students. Early application for financial aid is strongly recommended.

## GRANTS

GVSU offers grants to be used specifically for faculty-led programs. These grants, which are approximately \$500, are based on financial need only-academic or other criteria are not taken into consideration. All degree-seeking students accepted into a GVSU faculty-led program are automatically considered for the grant if they have a current

## HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad) to begin your online application. Completed applications must be submitted by **October 1, 2009**.

## WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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Additional information can be found at: [www.gvsu.edu/ssw](http://www.gvsu.edu/ssw) under "Global Service Learning"