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APPLICATION FOR
SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE
AT SIAS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
XINZHENG, CHINA
2014

Sias International University (Sias) http://en.sias.edu.cn/ in Xinzheng, China, and Fort Hays State University are offering three undergraduate FHSU students an opportunity to study at Sias for one month during FHSU's Summer session. Airfare from Denver, Colorado, and Sias tuition, room, and board will be provided. If the student is interested in FHSU credit for the study abroad experience, then tuition will be charged at the Virtual College per-credit hour rate. Students wanting FHSU credit must contact the Director of International Student Services in Sheridan Hall 208 prior to the study abroad experience—credit cannot be earned retroactively. Insurance, passport, visa, and other miscellaneous expenses will be incurred by the student. Students will live in dormitories on the Sias campus in Xinzheng, and are responsible for all other incidental expenses.

The student's study program will be tailored to the interests of the student. All Chinese cultural-related courses and major subject studies will be offered in English. The FHSU students selected will not necessarily have to take the same courses. Upon returning, those chosen will be required to make presentations to other FHSU students during the International Education Week in November 2014 and throughout the year. A student must be a full-time (enrolled in 12 credit hours) undergraduate student at the time of application and be enrolled as a full-time (12 credit hours) undergraduate student at FHSU for the Fall 2014 semester. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 at the time of application.

We anticipate that the dates of the program of study will be during the month of July 2014. These dates are subject to change. Optional travel from Sias to other cities during this period of study will be made available. However, the individual student is responsible for any costs associated with this optional travel.

A selection committee consisting of the Director of International Student Services, one faculty member from each of the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Business and Entrepreneurship, the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Provost for Strategic Partnerships, the Assistant Director of International Student Services, and one student representative will interview the finalists.

- A complete Sias Study Abroad application consists of: 1) the **Application Form**; 2) two **Academic Reference** forms; and 3) an **official transcript**.
    1) For an application, visit www.fhsu.edu or www.fhsu.edu/exchange/study-abroad/ and download the fillable Application Form. Complete and email the form to mmeier@fhsu.edu. An email notification of receipt of the application will be sent to you.
    2) Print 2 copies of the Academic Reference form from the website for your references to complete (one from your Academic Department and one from outside your Department)
    3) Submit an official copy of your transcript (should include final Fall 2013 grades).
- The complete application, consisting of 1-3 above, must be received in the Office of Strategic Partnerships, Fort Hays State University, Sheridan Hall 112, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601-4099, by **4:30 p.m. on December 18, 2013.**
- **Interviews will be conducted the week of February 3-7, 2014** (applicants will be notified of the final decisions by e-mail or by phone).

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Name	
Address	
Phone	
E-mail	
Major	
Classification	**FR** ◯ **SO** ◯ **JR** ◯ **SR** ◯ **GR** ◯
Cumulative GPA (2.75 minimum required)	
Academic Advisor	
Expected Graduation Date	

Reasons why you believe this opportunity will benefit your education:

Past experience in travel or study abroad:

Will you be interested in FHSU credit for this study abroad experience? (A decision must be made prior to departing for the Study Abroad Program.) YES ◯ **NO** ◯

What are your areas of interest and what do you hope to gain from this study at Sias?

How will this experience benefit your education and your future career?

Do you plan to participate in the additional travel package outlined in the itinerary of the study abroad experience? (cost of this travel package if approximately $1,200)
YES ___ NO ___

Upon your return to FHSU, presentations will be required during International Week in November 2014 and throughout the academic year. Will you be available to make presentations? YES ___ NO ___ (if not, please explain)

Do you presently own a passport? YES ___ NO ___

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM AND SEND <u>ORIGINALS</u> OF THE ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORMS AND TRANSCRIPT BY December 18, 2013, TO:

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