

Encounter at a Glamorous City, Zhenjiang

Jiangsu University's Chinese Language and Culture Program



Enjoy a rich Culture & Language program with us!

Let's dive into your Chinese experience together!

China will spoil you with opportunities, adventures and perspective. This 5,000-year-old civilization is one that has continuously recycled itself and now is no exception. Today, China is blessed with a booming economy and a population bigger than any other country on the planet. This evolution is visible in every aspect of Chinese life, and the striking contrasts between its ancient past and modern future makes China an extraordinarily destination. Students who study in China will gain an exclusive insight into the culture that is shaping our modern world.

Jiangsu University's (JSU) main point in foreign language teaching is this program. Apart from the intense rich courses it provides, we also offer a lot of cultural activities. Mixing class work and proper immersion in extracurricular activities has always been proven to be the best academic system with the most promising results. This is actually how our program works! It provides a great opportunity for the students to learn a lot about the beauty of Zhenjiang's local history and culture.



Zhenjiang is located in the southwest of China, Jiangsu Province. It has a long history, beautiful sceneries and a pleasant weather. Zhenjiang is a famous historic and cultural city in China. The most popular places here are: Jin Mountain, Jiao Mountain and Beigu Mountain, which are along the Yangtze River. The scenery reminds of a magnificent painting of the landscape.

Thousands of years of history can be observed in the Xijin Ferry Street, which delivers a unique style of architecture. It resembles a natural history museum. Compared to cities like Beijing, Shanghai or Guangzhou, Zhenjiang has a more simple and quiet Chinese flavor, also known as the "Oriental Romantic Town". Zhenjiang provides a rich offer of Chinese language and culture e.g. if you walk in the "Three mountains", you will explore "The Tale of the White Snake", "Goddess Mirage", fascinating legends as well as lovely poetry and acting.

While walking through Zhenjiang, you can visit Sanguai house and have a taste of the typical local food with its own characteristics. You will have many opportunities to talk to warm-hearted and friendly people in our city and practice your Chinese. You will feel the magic of multiple cultures, explore the charm of Chinese culture and enjoy the life style of this small town. Finally, you will have gained your very own special adventure with all this, which will be a unique experience in your life.

At the end of the term and with a sufficient level in spoken Chinese, there will also be opportunities to speak in Chinese at the local radio station or having interviews with the reporter from the Zhenjiang newspapers.

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Get ready to immerse in the beauty and history of Zhenjiang



Jiangsu University (JSU) offers a variety of Chinese cultural and intensive language programs in the quite city of Zhenjiang. JU's programs have been designed by students and teachers together, and offer a unique charm. The programs are geared for students with no or little exposure to China and Chinese language. During their stay, teachers will guide students into developing a secure foundation of the language in an immersive Chinese ambience. Classes are medium-sized and taught by enthusiastic, bilingual and professional teachers. Students will also undertake dozens of cultural activities and excursions to gain sensitivity to the world's oldest standing civilizations.



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The Cradle of "Do"ers



Program Details

Our program has 3 distinctive, but correlated parts:

First, following the assistance of the teachers in charge, students can, together with the already learned Chinese vocabulary and sentences, write texts and dialogues related to a topic they can choose. Furthermore, the teachers will extend the cultural knowledge related to the chosen topic for the students. The goal of this first part is not only to help to become more fluent in the language, but also offer them a more profound understanding of the Chinese culture.

Second, students and teachers will plan practical activities together. Each student will be allocated with some specific tasks in the activities e.g. act as a host of an event, have a free speech etc. The goal of this part is to enable the students to experience the knowledge they have got by themselves and deliver the culture more deeply.

Third, after the above activities are completed, the students are required to write a short report of the previous events and also provide a video, photo or picture-drawing exhibition as a final memory of their exiting trip. The goal of this part is to strengthen the students knowledge of the Chinese culture and promote communication between them, allowing them to share their feelings and personal experiences.



The first lesson of Chinese Language and Culture



Introduction to traditional Calligraphy



Understanding and practicing Beijing Opera



Enjoy traditional music and Zither learning



Playfully experience ancient paper cutting

Experience

Activities which have already been successfully held by Jiangsu University's Cultural and Language program:

*The choice of learning a Chinese Art (as a speciality instead of just experiencing) will be given to every student with of one month or one semester programs . The finally selected choice will be according to the majority of the votes.



Learning the art of Taiji



Visiting places where the history actually happened, including folk lore



Trip to Qufu and Mt. Tai



Closer to Lady White Snake - Trip to Hangzhou



Experiencing Chinese Cuisine



Summer/Winter Camp

ONE WEEK PROGRAM

This program is designed to give students a brief introduction to Chinese culture. Students with no or very limited knowledge of Mandarin Chinese are encouraged to take part in this exchange. Each day, students will attend language classes and participate in cultural activities. The language classes strive to develop student’s speaking and listening skills. By the end of the program, students will have a basic introduction to Mandarin Chinese and will be able to say common phrases.

Day 1	Survival Chinese	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campus tour• Chinese language activities• International Student Forum: “One word, Many Languages”
Day 2	Chinese Festivals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chinese folk experience• Paper cutting, Dough model making
Day 3	Chinese Cuisine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make Chinese moon cakes• Try Zhenjiang noodles• Trip to Jingkou Pavilion and a nostalgia night on Binjiang Avenue
Day 4	Local Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trip to Jinshan Park• Watch “Watch Snake” water show
Day 5	Kung Fu	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kung Fu, Tai Qi and Tai Qi Dragon Sword workshop• Trip to Xijindu, Zhenjiang’s old port district
Day 6	Romantic Zhenjiang	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watch “White Snake” performance
Day 7	Multicultural Charm of China	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chinese talk show• Farewell dinner party



Summer/Winter Camp

TWO-WEEK PROGRAM

Two weeks of the project will retain the characteristics of a week, to add more depth of Chinese learning and more rich cultural experience. Chinese learning will still focus on a number of topics, but the content is clearly more challenging, your Chinese level will be a qualitative improvement. Cultural experience, Chinese characters joined the guqin, calligraphy and painting, the more traditional flavor. Students on the Two-Week Exchange will have the opportunity to travel to UNESCO’s West Lake in Hangzhou – the city that has inspired China’s poets, scholars and artists since the 9th century.

Day 1-6	● Same as One-Week Program	
Day 7	Leisure Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Meet Host Family● Rest
Day 8	Trip to Hangzhou	● Visit West Lake
Day 9		
Day 10	Charm of Chinese Characters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chinese Calligraphy● Leisure afternoon
Day 11	China on your Fingertips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Trip to Wuliutang● Listen to master play Guqin and Guzheng● International Student Forum: “Multicultural Charm of China”
Day 12	Poetic Book	● Try Chinese calligraphy and painting
Day 13	Cultural Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Trip to Pearl S. Buck Museum● International Student Forum: “Bridge between Cultures”
Day 14	Talk Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chinese speech● Farewell dinner party

Summer/Winter Camp

ONE-MONTH PROGRAM

This program is designed to give students a deeper introduction to Chinese culture and provide students a strong foundation to Mandarin Chinese language. Students with no or very limited knowledge of Mandarin Chinese are encouraged to take part in this exchange.

The intensive language classes incorporate all four-language components: listening, speaking, reading and writing. By the end of this program, students should be able to successfully complete Level 2 of the HSK Language Proficiency Exam.

In addition to daily language classes, students will have the option to choose and specialize in one of the nine Chinese Arts listed below. Chinese Art classes are conducted twice a week and are taught by an expert. Calligraphy, Painting, Herbal and Traditional Medicine, Beijing Opera, Kongfu, Chinese Cuisine, Zither, Ancient Arts and Crafts, Tea Ceremony.

Students will also have the option to sign-up for cultural trips to nearby cities such as Nanjing, Suzhou, Shanghai, Changzhou etc.



Language and Culture Program

ONE-SEMESTER PROGRAM

For the duration of one semester, we offer in addition to all the previous said a Chinese level, which is high enough to join HSK3. More optional trips will also be available as well as the chance to choose a second Chinese Art* for extra payment. With this permanent Chinese environment, we offer an immersive way to study Chinese, which has been proofed to be the must successful way of learning any language. The only downside of this long term program is, that you might be desperate for these experiences when you are back home. Furthermore, we can also offer internships or part time jobs according to you preferences and qualifications. This is completely optional. Usually, teaching English at weekends or evenings is a common choice for foreign students here. If your interested in any Chinese Art, you will be placed in an internship program if you wish to (Eg. practicing culinary arts, working with art performers etc.)



Expenses & Application

	1 Week	2 Weeks	1 Month	1 Semester
Fees	900¥	1600¥	3000¥	7800¥
Program start date	Summer Camp: Jul./Aug.			Sept.
	Winter Camp: Jan./Feb.			Mar.
Application deadline	Summer Camp: Jun. 30th			Aug. 15
	Winter Camp: Nov. 30th			Feb. 15
Specializing in one Chinese Art*			1	2 or more
Student ID card				Yes
School trip	1	2 or more	2 or more	2 or more
Optional school trip (for add. fee)			1	2 or more
Focus on Listening/Speaking	Yes	Yes		
Focus on Listening/Speaking/Reading/Writing			Yes	Yes

For Application

Please contact us on our e-mail (admission@ujs.edu.cn) to book your seat for the program. Groups of more than five people can apply to study at any time during the whole year (apply one month ahead of your customized date). Larger groups have further discounts (10-30%)

Additional Financial Information

Contact your home university, local government and local embassy for available bursaries and scholarships.

Students are recommended to prepare 350 RMB per week, as pocket money. This should be enough for 3 meals a day, everyday of the week as well as entertainment and other living expenses.

Upon arrival, our Chinese student volunteers may help students visit the local bank to exchange currency.

PS: There is no application fee.



Expenses Include

- Tuition Fee
- Internet
- Personalized pre-departure advising
- Immigration visa assistance
- Parental support and advises
- Student health insurance
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Multi function card (library/payments inside campus)
- Student ID card (only for one semester program)
- Volunteers to support you
- Consultant for professional assistance
- Psychological Councelling

The program fee does not include:

- Airfare to and from China
- Visa application fees in home country
- Pocket Money
- Meals (roughly 50 RMB per day)
- Accommodation (50 RMB/day for 1 or 2 weeks)
- Accommodation (20 RMB/day for 1 month and above)
- Optional trips organized by Jiangsu University. These trips range from 500 RMB in Jiangsu Province, and up to 1000 RMB outside the province.

Accommodation

Depending on the program a student is enrolled in, two types of accommodations are available to choice from: Jiangsu University's on-campus dormitory, or with a Chinese host family in Zhenjiang.

On-Campus Dormitory

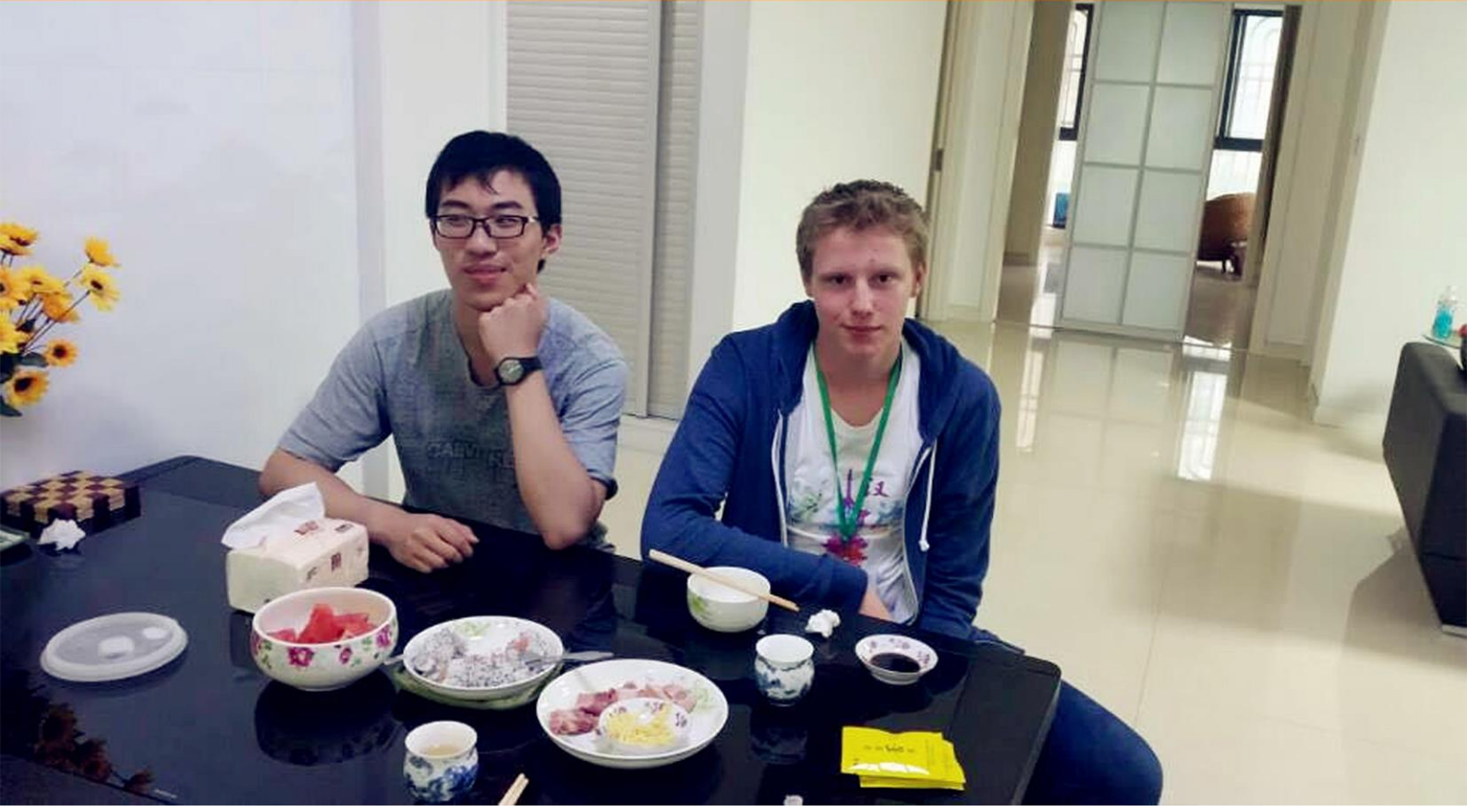
Jiangsu University has two dormitories on campus specifically for international students. All rooms are furnished, each room with a private washroom and equipped with a television, air conditioner and free Internet service. Both dormitories have an English-speaking receptionist onsite during the day, and 24-hour security all year long. Students will share their room with one roommate.

Chinese Host Family

Students enrolled in the One-Month Summer Exchange and the Semester Exchange programs have the option to live with a Chinese host family in Zhenjiang throughout their stay. This accommodation option is free of charge to students.

All host families have been carefully selected and screened by Jiangsu University's administration team. All families live in the city of Zhenjiang, and no more than 10 kilometers away from the university campus. Host families are volunteers and open their doors to students to share their culture and hope to learn from the international students in exchange.

In China, both parents usually work outside the home and have only one child. It is also common for a grandparent to live with the family, or live close by and visit often. In Zhenjiang, most Chinese families live in multi-story apartment buildings. Students will likely share a room with a host sibling, but may also have a private room. Jiangsu University will help students arrange transportation to and from the university and their host home.



Facilities

Besides one of the most beautiful campus in whole China with dozens of huge park areas, small forests and lakes, we also have a hospital, gym, swimming pools, inside-campus buses, bicycles for rent and a modern library with a vast variety of books.

Even several print shops, bicycle repair stations as well as supermarkets are spread all over the campus to make your life here even more convenient.

Meals:

Six canteens and one Muslim-Halal canteen, are located across campus serving 3 meals a day to students and facility staff. Exchange students will be given a re-chargeable card to deposit cash and purchase meals at any of the canteens.

Students may also help themselves to the supermarkets, street food vendors and local restaurants conveniently located outside of the campus entrance.

Students living with a Chinese host family often return to their homes to eat meals with the host family. Meal schedules and dietary restrictions should be discussed between the student and Chinese host family. Jiangsu University program coordinators and volunteers may help student translate and communicate these matters.



Students' Feelings

One of my favorite things was to meet the Peer friend, of Zhenjiang's No. 1 middle school. She told me so much about how they live, which dream they have, the culture, points of interests of Zhenjiang, and her favorite books and so on...

Fabian Hoch

Austria

2015 two-week program student



It was quite easy to learn or to improve our Chinese, because the teachers were really dedicated and we felt very moved. After a few days, my Chinese got better and better. We also spent time with the teachers and volunteers after class and workshops in our free time, because every minute with them was beautiful.

Michael Leitner

Austria

2015 two-week program student

Students' Feelings

I came to JSU as an exchange student in '13, and came back on the CSC scholarship as a language student for '14. Thanks to JSU's language courses, by my second year I was able to take a winter internship with Hilton Hotels, working as a bilingual operations manager- a position I am confident I would not have gotten if it weren't thanks to the tremendous support provided by my profs.

William Russell

Canada

2013-2015

