Sino-Summer is an affordable, authentic and focused short-term-study-in-China experience. Students have the opportunity to choose from two Sino-Summer sessions to study in either Nanjing or Guiyang, and live there one month for free, while earning BSU credits that will transfer back to Normandale. From the term before your departure until your return, BSU will provide support and guidance all the way through. During the first 8-weeks of Spring session, you will attend an online pre-trip orientation class (INTL 2100 Instructed International Tour) before flying out to China in May. Accommodations and tuition at the Chinese Universities are covered by scholarships*, and a monthly stipend will cover student meals from the host institutions.

*Sino-Summer Scholarship Eligibility: Full-time student Spring 2024; Does not hold Chinese citizenship

Pre-Departure Course For All Students - Spring 2024

Online through Bemidji State University

Session 1: May 13-June 7, 2024  Global Health Perspective
Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine; Nanjing, China
Earn 5 Credits in MnTC Goal 6 and 8

Session 2: June 10-July 13, 2024  Comparative Economic Development
Guizhou University; Guiyang, China
Earn 8 Credits in MnTC Goals 5 and 8

Session Information - See next page!

Eligibility: At least 18 years old, 2.5 GPA in good academic standing.  PSEO students not eligible.

Scholarship Assistance: Normandale scholarships for study abroad are available for this program in fall and spring. Check www.normandale.edu/travel for application process.  Fall scholarship applications due Dec 1, 2023.  Additional national scholarships also available at this link.

Financial Aid: May be used to assist with tuition and travel fees.

Contact the Normandale Community College Global Studies Coordinator for more information @ globalstudies@normandale.edu
Program Details

Session 1: May 13 - June 7, 2024
Global Health Perspective • Nanjing, China
Five Credits  MnTC Goals 6 and 8  This 3-credit course examines a cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary approach by integrating Chinese and Western health beliefs and practices related to health promotion, maintenance, and restoration. Students will visit a traditional medicine hospital, community clinics, and attend class with their Chinese faculty and peers. They will learn about a variety of cultural and professional similarities, differences, and issues between traditional medicine and more modern health practices. Requires a 2-credit online predeparture course.  Program Cost: $4,889

Session 2: June 10 - July 12, 2024
Comparative Economic Development • Guiyang, China
Eight Credits  MnTC Goals 5 and 8  During this session, students will take two 3-credit courses: Macroeconomics and History of Mixed Economy, immersing themselves in a different kind of economic society. Students will explore the question of how human societies in different parts of the world organized themselves for social provisioning. Alternate course option for those who have already completed Macroeconomics. Requires a 2-credit online predeparture course.  Program Cost: $5,965

Program Costs Include:  tuition and fees for all course credits, estimated round trip airfare, meals and incidentals, on-campus dormitory style accommodations, ground transportation, all activities, international medical insurance, application fee, Chinese Visa, and U.S. Passport fee - if you don’t already have one). Chinese Citizenship ineligible for Sinu-Summer scholarship sponsored by Chinese Embassy and will need to pay an additional $1,000 to cover accommodations and other fees.

Register as a Non-Degree Seeking Student
https://www.bemidjistate.edu/admissions/online-distance/
Follow the undergraduate online application instructions and select the following

In Application Section 6 “Major”:
- Select Bemidji State as your school.
- Select “Complete courses but not a degree” under Major - Educational Intent.
- Select “Online” as your preferred delivery method.
- Select “General Studies (Undecided)” as your major/academic program.
- Select “Not Seeking Degree” as your desired degree/award.

Travel Requirements
Chinese Visa & U.S. Passport is required. If you don’t have a passport valid through the end of 2024, do not wait. Processing times can take months once your application is sent. If you need help, contact the Global Studies Coordinator. Instructions at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply.html

Payments & Cancellations
$150 non-refundable application fee  
Cancellation after January 12th subject to BSU Tuition refund schedule/policy
Full payment and cancellation policy for can be viewed at the QR code above.

Financial Aid
If you plan to use financial aid, you must make an appointment with the Financial Aid office to discuss your aid qualifications. Take this document with you so the Financial Aid officer will increase your summer term educational expenses due to registering for this study abroad class at Bemidji State Univ.

Application Steps

Step 1
Read Full Information
https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/international/education-abroad/sinosummer/

Step 2
Apply to BSU
As a Non-degree Seeking Student
https://www.bemidjistate.edu/admissions/online-distance/

Step 3
Apply to Program
Use QR Code Above
Click “Apply Now”
Priority Deadline: Dec 12, 2023 or until filled up to January 12, 2024
Pay $150 Application Fee

Step 4
Stay in Touch
Watch for emails from the BSU for course registration and other important information. Reach out with questions.
Apply for your passport!