Maymester Study Abroad Program
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Program Description
Frontiers in Biotechnology is a Maymester course focused on (a) biotechnology and (b) the culture of China. Biotechnology is the use of living systems and organisms to develop technologies or make products that help improve our lives. Genetic engineering is the direct manipulation of an organism’s genome. Biotechnologies based on genetic engineering have made a significant footprint in many fields.

Southwest Jiaotong University (SWJTU) is an internationally recognized university located in Chengdu, China focused on engineering and technology. As part of the course, we will meet with undergraduate students from the “2+2” program of the School of Life Science and Engineering, SWJTU. The 2+2 students are enrolled in a program where they study two years at SWJTU and also two years at GSU here in Atlanta.

Chengdu is a dynamic city located in Sichuan Province in southwestern China. It captures the feel of modern China with its bustling streets, glass skyscrapers and focus on style. At the same time, it maintains a connection to ancient China, with beautiful temples, tea houses and historic sites. The city is located in a fertile valley among high mountains and is in close proximity to diverse ecological sites including the internationally-known Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Our course will be an enriching mix of science, cultural exchange and sightseeing.

Eligibility
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University College of Arts and Sciences. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

Application Deadline: February 6, 2018
TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY
We plan on visiting several historic sites around Chengdu, including Wuhou Shrine, Dujiangyan World Heritage Site, Leshan Big Buddha, Emei Mountain and the Panda Base. The university reserves the right to alter travel and other arrangements if required by circumstances.

Courses and Credits
Participants who successfully complete the program’s courses will receive 4.0 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University.

Scholarship Information
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu/prospective/funding-study-abroad or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 to learn more about scholarships & financial aid for study abroad.

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Accommodations
Participants will stay in the international student dormitory on the host university campus. Each student will have a single room that is part of a suite and that has an Ethernet connection and air conditioning. Dining is at one of the four campus cafeterias or in nearby restaurants.

Program Cost
The program cost is tentatively set at $1600 (excluding airfare/visa/passport), PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost. Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements.

Price Includes
• Student dormitory accommodation
• Ground transportation, excursions and entrance fees
• Guest lectures
• Administrative fees and incidental expenses for the program
• Health/Evacuation/Repatriation insurance

Price Does NOT Include
• Georgia State University tuition and fees
• Round-trip airfare
• Passport and visa
• Personal expenses and excess baggage charges

Payment Schedule
February 6, 2018: $100 deposit with application
February 13, 2018: $750
February 20, 2018: $750
(all payments are non-refundable upon receipt)