



Exploring Chongqing, Understanding China
Southwest University (SWU) International Summer Program 2017



Southwest University, Chongqing, P. R. China

We are pleased to announce the “**2017 Southwest University International Summer Program**”. This is a special event intended for students from our major partner universities around the globe. Participating students will have precious opportunities to experience Chinese language and culture; to gain a thorough understanding of Southwest University, one of China’s top higher educational institutions; to learn about Chongqing, a rapidly expanding metropolis with a unique regional culture typical of western China; and to find out, in a broad way, what’s going on in China, the world’s 2nd largest economy. The main purpose of this event is to boost interactions with our partner institutions, to help increase student mobility, and to demonstrate our readiness to expand cooperation.

The summer program incorporates a rich variety of exciting activities, including classes, seminars, cultural excursions, sightseeing, visits, home stay at Chinese families, and fun games. Please refer to the details below.

Kindly be informed that in this context, “home university” means the International Office (or Study Abroad Office or a similar official office) of SWU’s international partner university.

1. Program theme: Exploring Chongqing, Understanding China

2. Host university: Southwest University, Beibei District, Chongqing, P. R. China

3. Time: You are also welcome to send students (minimum number of 10) for the program at any time you deem suitable.

4. Application deadline: April 14th, 2017.

5. Applicant qualifications:

- 1) A registered full-time undergraduate or graduate student at the home university;
- 2) A citizen of the country of the home university;
- 3) Good command of either Chinese or English (The main communication language is English);
- 4) Good skills to communicate in an intercultural environment.

6. Application materials:

- 1) Official Nomination Form from the home university (see Attachment 2);
- 2) Application form (see Attachment 3);
- 3) Applicant's Personal Statement describing the purpose and benefits of participating in this program;

4) One copy of the applicant's passport (the page with the passport holder's photo);

5) One copy of the applicant's home university student ID card (both sides).

7. Fees and charges: SWU will cover everything during the program, including classes, seminars, housing accommodation, meals, local transportation, excursions, sightseeing and insurance.

Program schedule for 15 days

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATES AND CONTENTS OF THE SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF YOUR GROUP CONSISTS OF 10 OR MORE STUDENTS.

Day & Date	Time	Activities
Day 1	All day	1) Arrival and airport pickup at Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport; 2) Check in at the International Student Building, Southwest University
Day 2	A.M.	1) Opening Ceremony and Orientation 2) Campus tour (visits to University History Museum, Fine Arts Gallery, the History Museum, and the Central Library)
	P.M.	1) Welcome banquet 2) Introductory Chinese 1 (1 hour) 3) Seminar 1: Chinese Culture and History (2 hours)

Day 3	All day	<p>One-day tour in downtown Chongqing, including:</p> <p>1) Visits to cultural sites of distinctive regional features, the commercial center and the Three-Gorges Museum</p> <p>2) Appreciation of the famous night view of Chongqing</p>
Day 4	A.M.	<p>1) Introductory Chinese 2 (1 Hour)</p> <p>2) Seminar 2: Chinese Education (2 hours)</p>
	P.M.	Fun games with SWU students (Hosted by the College of International Studies)
Day 5	A.M.	<p>1) Introductory Chinese 3 (1 hour)</p> <p>2) Sitting in on a class at Southwest University</p>
	P.M.	Chinese Martial Art (3 hours) (Performed and taught by the College of Physical Education)
Day 6	A.M.	<p>1) Introductory Chinese 4 (1 hour)</p> <p>2) Seminar 3: Chinese Paper-cutting and Chinese Knot (2 hours)</p>
	P.M.	<p>1) Speed dating to match the participants with host families</p> <p>2) Free to explore the university community and prepare for weekend activities</p>
Day 7	All day	One-day home stay to experience Chinese family life or Local culture exploration
Day 8	All day	1) Visit to Chongqing Natural Museum

		<p>2) Visit to Jinyun Mountain</p> <p>2) Special Chongqing cuisine—Hot Pot—for dinner</p>
Day 9	A.M.	<p>1) Introductory Chinese 5 (1 hour)</p> <p>2) Seminar 4: Touring China (2 hours)</p>
	P.M.	<p>Chinese Music and Traditional Chinese Musical Instrument Appreciation (3 hours)</p> <p>(hosted by the School of Music)</p>
Day 10	A.M.	<p>1) Introductory Chinese 6 (1 hour)</p> <p>2) Seminar 5: Chinese Economy (2 hours)</p>
	P.M.	<p>Visit to a major industrial manufacturer or company in Chongqing</p>
Day 11	All day	<p>Visit to the Golden Blade Gorge in Beibei District</p>
Day 12	A.M.	<p>1) Introductory Chinese 7 (1 hour)</p> <p>2) Seminar 6: Chinese Tea Culture (2 hours)</p>
	P.M.	<p>Interactive session: “Which types of talent are global employers seeking?”</p>

Day 13	A.M.	1) Introductory Chinese 8 (1 hour) 2) Seminar 7: Chinese Calligraphy (2 hours)
	P.M.	Seminar 8: Chinese Contemporary Movies
Day 14	A.M.	Presentation, Assessment and Certificate Awards (The presentation will be a reflective piece of work that will be made in group by the participants from the same university. Presentations will last no longer than 5 minutes. Participants are encouraged to feel free to express their thoughts about their stay in China, the culture, the people and new things they have learned!)
	P.M.	1) Shopping gifts for family and friends back home 2) Farewell banquet 3) Packing luggage
Day 15	All day	Leave for the airport

Why Chongqing? Why SWU?

A noted historic and cultural city dating back over 3000 years ago, the youngest municipality of China, the largest inland city of rivers and mountains on the planet, the city of miracles. This is Chongqing, one of the four Chinese cities identified on the world map at the UN General Assembly Hall.

Chongqing has been maintaining its regional importance in defense, politics, trade, industries, and logistics ever since ancient times. Its glories and growth marked the history of China. Over the past century, Chongqing was first the commercial and trade center of the region, then the wartime capital of then China, and now on the path for greater prospect. It was an ancient military fort and now the hub connecting China's vast west and eastern coast as well as the rest of the world. Currently, as the economic center of the upper Yangtze River, and the world's fastest-growing metropolis whose population has increased from 2 million in 1967 to today's 32 million, Chongqing enjoys sound momentum in its effort to become one of the most livable places in China, and is embracing the world in a profound way.

Located in Chongqing municipality, Southwest University (SWU) is a key comprehensive "211 project" university under the direct administration of the Ministry of Education. The origin of SWU can be traced back to the East Sichuan Teachers College in 1906. It was newly established in July, 2005 through the incorporation of former Southwest Normal University and Southwest Agricultural University. SWU covers a total area of 600 hectares. Currently, the total number of the students at SWU has reached more than 50 000, covering a wide range of majors including philosophy, psychology, economics, law, pedagogy, literature, history, science, engineering, agronomy, management and so on.

Every year, SWU has about 1600 international students coming from nearly 80 countries all over the world. With well-known academic strengths, a garden-like campus, a dynamic culture and reasonable living costs, SWU is the sweet home for all the international students.