Engineering Term Abroad (ETA) a semester of ME coursework in CHINA, Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Spring Semester 2016

FACT SHEET: ETA-SJTU Program—similar cost!—no change in graduation date!

Dates: January 11 to May 17, 2016 on site in People’s Republic of China
Eligibility: Open to all ME Students in good academic standing who will be enrolling in engineering coursework appropriate for semester 6 classifications in Spring Semester 2016
Cost: Similar cost compared to regular West Lafayette semester (airfare included)
Credits: 16 to 19 Purdue academic credits; credit transfer prearranged
Applications: Applications and deposits due May 1, 2015

Note: Please apply for a passport if you are considering this program for 2014 and do not hold a current passport with validity through December 2016. The program arranges for all other necessary travel documents.

Courses: Coursework is in English, taught by both Purdue and Shanghai Jiao Tong affiliated instructors in the School of Mechanical Engineering. Designed to fit Semester 6, the program preserves Purdue ME Plans of Study. The program does not delay graduation.

Applications: Please complete a short application (paper) available for printing from the MECOM (ME 290) course page and bring to ME Room 3003B. Applications can also be picked up in ME Room 2008. A $500 check (program cost deposit) made payable to Purdue University is required by May 1, 2015. The program roster will be announced by mid-summer. Deposits are returned to anyone who cannot be accommodated.

Program description: The program provides a substantial international credential for students in good standing who will be graduating following an additional year of academic coursework. Students do not need to extend their time to graduation or incur additional costs, compared other semesters completed in West Lafayette. The program offers 16 credit hours with pre-established credit transfer. Of those, 9 credits are ME core courses, with one technical elective and one or two general education courses. A “class size” group of about 40 Purdue ME students complete the program together.

Location: The program is offered jointly with Shanghai Jiao Tong University’s School of Mechanical Engineering in Shanghai on their new engineering campus located in Minhang, an area southwest of the city center. University housing and cafeterias are available on site with Purdue ME’s housed in the same residence halls with their choice of Purdue roommates.

Cost: Total semester costs, program costs plus regular Purdue tuition totals are similar to the same semester completed on the West Lafayette campus, based on mid-range Purdue University housing and meal packages. Transportation expenses from the U.S. to Shanghai and return are included in the total costs. The program also includes several cultural excursions in and around Shanghai and additional activities during the Chinese New Year Festival.

Program support: Participants complete a one-credit orientation class during the Fall Semester to get acquainted and to prepare as a group for departure. Essential travel documents are completed as a group and the group travels together to Shanghai. A few useful Chinese phrases will also be covered in these orientation sessions but no Chinese language skill is required for program participation.

Language: There is no language requirement. All courses are taught in English. The city of Shanghai as well as the University is a cosmopolitan environment where it is not essential to speak Chinese.

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