Cost

Students will pay an exchange fee equivalent to one term of UW tuition to participate in the exchange. (As exchange students, UW students will not pay tuition or instructional fees to Sichuan University.) Students will also pay a fee of approximately $1100 for housing and cultural activities. (The amount of this fee is subject to change, and students should also be aware that changes in exchange rate could affect their costs.)

Tuition and fees do not cover: IPE fee, airfare, visa application fee, medical insurance, personal and travel expenses, meals. A budget sheet with estimates for all these costs will be available in March to help students with financial planning.

Payment Schedule

Participating students will submit a signed payment contract in March. The contract contains information about refunds and withdrawal policy. The payment contract will outline the payment schedule and amounts to be charged:

April 15: $600 ($350 non-refundable deposit plus $250 UW Study Abroad fee)
July 10: Exchange fee (less $350 deposit)

All payments made to UW will be charged to students’ accounts in the usual way.

Financial Aid

Most forms of financial aid can be used to cover costs during participation in the exchange. Participants who are on financial aid should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) to discuss how their awards will apply. Students interested in applying for increased financial aid during the study abroad quarter should obtain a revision request from the financial aid office. To obtain a revision students must submit the request to OSFA along with a budget sheet that IPE will provide. Check with OSFA for deadlines and forms. See http://studyabroad.washington.edu/ for more information.

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Scholarships

There are numerous scholarship opportunities for study abroad. International Programs and Exchanges (IPE) maintains an extensive list of funding options and also offers study abroad scholarships. Visit http://studyabroad.washington.edu/ for more information.
This is a unique opportunity for UW students to participate in a summer Chinese language exchange. While UW students may participate in a wide variety of language programs in China, this is the only one that has been planned in collaboration with UW Chinese-language faculty members. We have endeavored to keep costs low while providing a first-rate instructional and cultural experience that fits into the UW modern Chinese language curriculum. Sichuan University students will come to study at UW for the academic year as part of the exchange.

Chengdu is an ancient, fascinating city located in Sichuan Province, between the heartland of Chinese civilization and the Tibetan plateau. From the relics of the mysterious prehistoric Sanxing dui culture to the plethora of ancient Daoist and Buddhist temples dotting its hillsides, Sichuan has a long, rich history. It is a place of scenic wonder, including the stunningly beautiful Jiuzhai gou National Park. Sichuan is also famous for its spicy, vibrant cuisine and its ethnic minorities.

Program

Students will receive approximately 160 hours of classroom language instruction, earning UW credit equivalent to a full year of Chinese language coursework at the second-, third-, or fourth-year level. UW students will be in classes together with students from Arizona State University. Outside of class, students will meet with individual language tutors for language practice and for integration into Chengdu life, and will adhere to a Chinese-only language pledge. There will be opportunities for structured extra-curricular activities, and the program will include weekend excursions to local sites that will expose students to Sichuan’s cultural and natural heritage. Students are also free to explore China on their own after the program ends.

Students who wish to continue their studies in China may consider applying to the Chengdu Exploration Seminar (August 25 - September 17) or the UW Worldwide program at Sichuan University (Autumn 2014 or academic year 2014-2015, for info see http://depts.washington.edu/uwww/). Both programs must be applied to separately.

Application Process

Students who will have completed the equivalent of one to three years of college-level Chinese by June 2014 are welcome to apply. Priority will be given to students currently enrolled in UW Chinese language courses. Please see the application form for additional requirements and details.

Application Deadline: **February 28**

Applications are available online at http://asian.washington.edu/sichuan or at the Department of Asian Languages & Literature Department Office, Gowen 225.

Late applications will only be accepted if space remains in the program.

Students will be informed of the results of their application by **March 7.** In order to participate, accepted students must submit a signed payment contract in **March**, attend mandatory pre-departure orientation sessions in **May** (exact dates to be determined), and complete an on-line IPE orientation. Instructions and a detailed timeline for these and other procedures will be provided to accepted students.

*Note that the program begins the Monday following spring quarter finals week.*