

NANJING UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAM

LUSHAN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE and CULTURE INSTITUTE, JULY 1-26th, 2013



A College Level, for Credit, Official Summer Program of the Shanghai American School

Study Chinese in China's Historic Mountain Resort 'Kuling' - Rising abruptly 5,000 ft above the Yangtze River in northern Jiangxi Province between Nanjing and Wuhan, Lushan, has for centuries been a place of refuge and learning for mystics and poets, artists and scholars, monks and missionaries. In the early 20th Century it became a summer health retreat called "Kuling" for western missionaries and the summer capital of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. Pearl Buck's family was among the very first foreigners who summered here to escape the heat of the Yangtze River valley. People from many countries still consider Mt Lu as their home in China.

Shrouded in mist and cooled by soft breezes during the blazing summer months, the Lushan Language and Culture Institute is located in the mountain village of Kuling and provides an ideal place to study Mandarin and Chinese culture and to explore the historic mountain. Escape the heat and the crowds of China's big cities and study in a National Park rich in scenic history. The Lushan Institute is operated by Nanjing University as a joint program of the Lushan Scenic Bureau and the Kuling American School Association. This year's summer program begins July 1st and ends July 26th, 2013 for high school age students and above. More info at: www.lushaninstitute.com

Lushan Institute Summer 2013 Program and Courses

A. Chinese Language Beginning * **Instruction hours: 16 hrs/week Credits: 4**
Comprehensive Chinese + Communicating Chinese The course will provide instruction in all four language skills of aurally understanding, speaking, reading, and writing for students with no or little previous Chinese experience. Students learn about 200 characters to help them meet the basic understanding of Chinese expressions and character structure.

B. Chinese Language Intermediate **Instruction hours: 16hrs/week Credits: 4**
Comprehensive Chinese +Communicating Chinese
This course is designed for students who have successfully completed beginning level or have their Chinese vocabulary over 500. The course will continue to develop the four skills of aurally understanding, speaking, reading and writing in Chinese. In this course students are required to comprehend and produce paragraph-level Chinese with high accuracy and fluency. By the end of this course, students are expected to deal with daily-life related Chinese in a target language environment with no difficulty.

C. Chinese History and Culture **Instruction hours: 4 hrs./week Credits: 2**
Chinese civilization, a one part of the global civilization, has its specific features. This course, as an access to understand China in its historical context, is a general introduction on the Chinese civilization, including the forming of the nation, dynastic history, cultural features, and other events

and elements that have significantly helped to foster the Chinese civilization. Students will be encouraged to investigate some recent research focuses as case studies, such as the institution evolution, the culture and social transition, the women history, etc.

D. Lushan Cultural Outdoor Education, Tours and Excursions

Lushan is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a living international history museum. Culture classes in calligraphy, tai chi, cooking and other topics will be offered each afternoon. Extended excursions take place every Saturday including trips to Lions Leap (Five Old Man Peaks), the Foreign Villas Museum, Pearl Buck's House, Three Step Water Falls, the White Deer Academy and the Thousand Steps Hiking Trail. Shorter walks take place during week days afternoons to the old Christian Church, Cave of the Immortals, Lushan Conference Site of Mao's Communist Party Meetings, the Kuling American School and Cheefoo School, Yellow Dragon, Black Dragon and Paradise Pools, Three Trees, Meilu (Chiang Kai-Shek's Villa), the Lushan Museum, the Bell of All Religions, and the Poetic Forest Art Trail.

Not for Credit

**Language and culture classes are taught by Nanjing University Professors for credit from NJU, Maximum of 6 credits available by examination*

Food, Travel and Costs

Lodging: Fully furnished dormitory rooms are available at the Institute in a new building recently constructed by Lushan Government.

Fees and Tuition: Total \$2300 US dollars: Price includes all courses, lodging, food, local excursions and travel up the mountain from local airports. Two week option for \$1500.

Food: Three meals per day will be provided at the Institute, the price is included in tuition.

Travel to Lushan: The best International airport arrival location in China from abroad is Shanghai, Pudong (PVG) or Beijing (PEK), fly to Nanchang (KHN). Students should plan to arrive Saturday, June 29th, or an extra fee will apply. Students will be transported from Nanchang airport by vans (a 2 hr. car ride up the mountain).

Visa: Students should have a valid China visa –usually from USA, a 60 day tourist visa will suffice.

Insurance: Students should arrange for their own Travelers and Medical Insurance

Waiver: Students will be required to sign a complete legal waiver

Age of Students: High school age 15 and older, including interested adults of any age.

Registration and Website: Please go to www.lushaninstitute.com or email us at lushaninstitute@gmail.com. In the USA, please call Steve Harnsberger, US Program Director, at 415-987-2674.

***Note:** The Lushan Institute is an accredited International Summer College Program operated by Nanjing University and sponsored by Shanghai American School. NJU provides university credits by exam which are recognized by most colleges worldwide. The Lushan Scenic Bureau coordinates tour activities and the Kuling American School Association markets the program worldwide. We welcome high school students over age 15, college students and adults from all backgrounds.



Five Old Man Peaks or "Lions Leap"



Shanghai American School
An International Community