

May Term Experience

The China May Term study experience has been and will continue to be an exceptional opportunity for Westminster undergraduate students who are interested in Chinese business, culture, and language. The first trip, offered in May 2006, was such a hit with student participants and a small number of guests that it was repeated in 2007 and 2008. Trip leaders Chris Tong and Brian Jorgensen are planning another trip in May 2009, and many Westminster students are already beginning to feel the excitement, particularly after watching the Chinese-hosted Olympic Games on television during summer 2008.



As a business- and economics-focused experience, the two-week May Term China experience includes visits to various businesses. These visits afford students the opportunity to learn first-hand some of the practices, challenges, and opportunities in doing business in and with China. However, the trips have also included visits to historical and cultural points of interest, such as the Great Wall of China, the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum, the ancient Yu Gardens, and the five gorges of the Yangtze River. And, of course, there is always time for exploring on one's own the fascinating people and places of this great country. Overall, the experience is always educational, fun, and exciting.



Because the China experience is an educational program, Westminster students earn four hours of credit for participating in the trip and the classes that precede and follow it. And for Westminster students who were full-time during the preceding academic year, there's no tuition cost. Only cost for the trip itself has to be paid. It's no surprise that the 2008 trip filled rather quickly, resulting in several interested students having to be turned away!