

UF Connections in China



China is situated in East Asia and is the world’s most populous country. The US Department of State estimates its total population at 1,373,541,278. The capital city is Beijing. Information about travelling to China can be found on the [Department of State](#) website. The [Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information.

China’s status as a major economic and political power in the global environment has made it a go-to destination for academic collaboration. The University of Florida is proud to maintain a strong, active presence in China through research engagement and student exchange.

Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

The University of Florida currently has more visiting students, scholars, and researchers from China than from any other country.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers				
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	OPT	Exchange Visitors
43	1368	38	704	566

UF Students in China

The University of Florida had 123 students study in China in the academic year 2013 -2014.

Study Abroad Programs and Reciprocal Agreements			
UF College	Destination Institution or Program Name	Focus of program	Location
Business Administration	Business School Sun Yat-sen University	Study Abroad	Guangzhou
Business Administration	Shanghai Jiao Tong University, MBA Office	Study Abroad	Shanghai
Business Administration	University of Nottingham Ningbo, China	Exchange	Ningbo

Cooperative Agreements

Cooperative Agreements differ from Reciprocal Agreements (also known as Exchange Programs) since they are still at the initial stages of developing collaborative efforts between the two institutions. They are broad declarations of intent for the promotion of exchanging faculty and students. These agreements are generally valid for five years, with the possibility of renewal. The full list of Cooperative Agreements in China can be found at:

<http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html>

Cooperative Agreements		
Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus
Agricultural Life and Sciences – Department of Horticultural Sciences	Beijing Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences	Research
Business Administration	Beijing Foreign Studies University	Exchange
Emerging Pathogens Institute	Beijing Institute of Microbiology and Epidemiology, Academy of Military Medical Sciences	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences	Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Department of International Cooperation	Exchange
Design, Construction, and Planning	Chongqing University, International Research Alliance on Sustainable Built Environment	Research
Engineering - School of Sustainable Infrastructure and Environment	East University of Science and Technology, School of Resources and Environmental Engineering	Exchange/Joint Degree Program
Pharmacy	Fudan University, Pharmacy	Exchange
Agricultural Life and Sciences – Department of Forest Resources and Conservation	Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University	Exchange
Liberal Arts and Science – Department of Biology	Helionjiang University, College of Life Sciences	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences	Huazhong Agricultural University	Exchange
Business Administration	International Business School of Beijing Foreign Studies University	Exchange
Education - School of Teaching and Learning	Jiangsu Second Normal University, Department of Education	Exchange/Teacher Training
Agricultural Life and Sciences – Department of Horticultural Sciences	Liaoning Academy of Agricultural Sciences	Exchange
Liberal Arts and Sciences	Minzu University of China	Exchange/Joint Degree Program
Agricultural and Life Sciences	Nanjing Agricultural University	Exchange/Joint Degree Program
Engineering – Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering	Nanjing University, Department of Environmental Sciences	Exchange
Fine Arts	Nanjing University of the Arts	Exchange
Education	Nanjing Xiaozhuang University	Exchange/Joint Degree Program

Fine Arts - School of Music	National Taiwan Normal University	Exchange/Medical Student Rotation Program
Emerging Pathogens Institute	School of Public Health, Sun Yat-Sen University	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences – Department of Agricultural Education and Communication	Shandong Agricultural University	Exchange/Joint Degree Program
Liberal Arts and Science - Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures	Shanghai University	Exchange
Business Administration	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, P.R. China	Exchange
Cooperative Agreements		
Academic Unit at UF	Institution Name	Focus
Medicine – Jacksonville	Sichuan University	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences	South Subtropical Crops Research Institute, Department of Plant Nutrition	Exchange
Liberal Arts and Sciences - Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures	Southwestern University of Finance and Economics	Exchange
Emerging Pathogens Institute	Wuxi Center for Disease Control and Prevention	Exchange
Liberal Arts and Sciences - Department of Biology	Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden of the Chinese Academy of Sciences	Exchange
Agricultural and Life Sciences	Zhejiang University, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences	Exchange

Highlights

- **[UF in China—Retail Study Tour](#)**

This unique study abroad opportunity offers UF students the chance to visit six Chinese cities and complete a course on “Global Retail Leadership Development.” The program includes visits to corporations and meetings with government officials.

- **[UF in Chengdu—Chinese Language](#)**

The Chengdu study abroad program is targeted at beginning Chinese language students, and creates an opportunity for students to receive a full year’s worth of Chinese credits in one intensive summer program, complete with cultural excursions and housing.

- **[UF in Beijing—Chinese Language](#)**

The Beijing study abroad program is intended for intermediate to advanced Chinese language students to earn a full year’s worth of Chinese language credits in one intensive summer program. The program is hosted at a premiere Chinese university and includes many cultural opportunities.

- [Chinese Spring Festival Gala](#)

Each year, the Chinese Student Association hosts a Chinese Spring Festival Gala at the UF’s Phillips Center for the Performing Arts to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The event is free to the public and includes a multitude of cultural presentations.

- [Harn Museum](#)

The Asian Collection at the Harn Museum contains more than 2,000 works of art from all areas of Asia, including China. The collection is far-reaching and pieces span from the Neolithic era to contemporary times. The exhibit includes works in a multitude of mediums and seeks to explore traditions and trends evident in Asian art evolution.

- [Dr. Welson Tremura Teaches Abroad](#)

Renowned School of Music Associate Professor Welson Tremura traveled to China in summer 2015 to perform and teach a course in “World Music Cultures” at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China.

- [Dr. Craig Smith Teaches Abroad](#)

Distinguished Associate Professor in the School of Art and Art History Craig Smith traveled to China in summer 2015 to teach three courses abroad on the relationship between creativity and design in arts and engineering. Dr. Smith taught these courses through the same University Immersion Program that Dr. Tremura participated in at Sichuan University in Chengdu. Dr. Smith also lectured in Beijing, hosting an art seminar.

- [UF’s Dr. Ying Xiao Invited as a Guest Lecturer to the College of New Jersey](#)

In May 2015, UF Assistant Professor of Chinese film and media studies Dr. Ying Xiao was invited to guest lecture at the College of New Jersey on “New Social Media and China’s Identity.”

Research Projects

Funded Research Projects						
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)	Co-PI department	Project title	Funding agency/ Sponsor	Project Funding
Pamela S Soltis	Natural History	Stephanie Ann Bohlman Jeremy Lichstein Eric Triplett	Forest Resource & Conservation Biology Microbiology & Cell Science	Dimensions US-China: Collaborative Research: How historical constraints, local adaptation, and species interactions shape biodiversity across an ancient floristic disjunction	National Science Foundation	\$1,199,043

Xinguang Chen	Epidemiology			Social capital and HIV risk behavior among rural migrants in China	National Institutes Of Health	\$624,644
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- [**PhD Student Rebecca Stubbs**](#)

Biology PhD student Rebecca Stubbs (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) received the honor of being a National Science Foundation Fellow for the 2015 East Asia Summer Institutes (EAPSI) program. Ms. Stubbs’ research focuses on high-elevation, high-latitude flowering plants. She conducted two months of fieldwork in China studying the Chinese taxa of the flowering-plant genus *Micranthes*.

- [**Dr. Escobedo and the Ecosystem Services of Chongming Island, China**](#)

UF School of Forest Resources and Conservation’s Francisco Escobedo and Shanghai Normal University’s Min Zhao are currently collaborating on a research investigation. Escobedo describes the focus of their collaboration as such: “Permanent plots have been located on Chongming Island, China, Municipality of Shanghai. Due to recent transportation links to Shanghai, this once rural Island will experience substantial urbanization pressures in the near future. Monitoring plots will assess the spatial characteristics of urban forests and the effects of urbanization on ecosystem services and carbon offsets.”

Key Connections

- [Chinese American Student Association](#)
- [Chinese Student Association](#)
- [Chinese Studies at the University of Florida](#)
- [UF Teaching and Research Opportunities for UF Faculty in China](#)

Adding information to this brief

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email ogre@ufic.ufl.edu.