Preparing Americans for China-related careers

The Chinese Flagship Program at OSU leads to a Master of Arts in East Asian Languages and Literatures with a concentration in Advanced Chinese Language and Culture. This challenging program trains Americans to realize their intentions in Chinese culture and society while developing professional language proficiency. Its unique mission focuses on the cultural aspects of communication, emphasizing performance (doing is knowing) at every stage of the learning process.

The program’s innovative, two-year curriculum combines intensive classroom training, individualized domain-specific tutoring, personalized language instruction, and a ten to twelve month immersion assignment supervised by the program’s year-round training center in Qingdao, China.

The Master of Arts is earned by successfully completing the program, attaining advanced language skills (ILR 3, ACTFL “Superior”), demonstrating the ability to use Chinese in an academic discipline or occupational area, and the completion of a thesis or Master’s project in Chinese.

One-year and short-term program options are also available for non-degree seeking students.
Eligibility Requirements

• Minimum level of Chinese language proficiency equivalent to the ACTFL advanced-low (ILR level 2) in listening and reading. Testing requirements will be determined after applications have been received. Qualified applicants testing at ACTFL intermediate-high (ILR level 1.5) may be required to attend the Flagship Intensive Training Program in preparation for autumn enrollment.
• Minimum undergraduate and/or graduate GPA of 3.00 (out of 4.00) or B.
• Applicants should possess an established academic or professional domain interest.
• GRE scores are required to be eligible for OSU financial support.
• Application instructions and deadlines are available on our website.

Flagship Intensive Training Program
Summer- Qingdao, China

This intensive nine-week course offers advanced Chinese language and culture studies and is designed to prepare incoming students for the rigors of a graduate-level Chinese program. The curriculum features small classroom instruction along with a Chinese roommate program and an integrated series of community-based learning opportunities. Incoming students may be recommended to complete this program depending on their individual language ability.

Innovative Classroom Experience
First Year- Columbus, Ohio

During the program’s first year of studies, students are trained to operate, interact, and negotiate with Chinese in Chinese culture. The first year curriculum features a one-on-one Research Domain Tutorial designed around students’ individual research interests. Participants in this course meet with an instructor daily to develop language and subject matter expertise in their field. All classes are taught in Chinese by experts from China.

Personalized Language Instruction
Summer, Second Year- Qingdao, China

The Chinese Flagship Program is unrivaled in its ability to integrate Americans into Chinese work, academic, and social environments. Students begin a year-long immersion assignment with one-on-one language tutoring at the Program’s Qingdao Center. Students in the program also arrange their own housing and engage in a community-based project of their own design.

Unparalleled Work and Study Immersion
Autumn and Spring, Second Year
Various locations throughout China

Through its one-of-a-kind work, study, and research curriculum, the Flagship Program prepares Americans for China-related careers. During their second year of studies, students attend regular graduate-level courses at top Chinese Universities, such as Nanjing University, and complete an internship related to their research specialty. Degree-seeking candidates also complete and defend a graduate thesis or Master’s project in Chinese.

Costs and Financial Aid

Full graduate fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP) and administered by The Language Flagship. Apply online at:

http://www.iie.org/programs/nsep/old/flagship/default.htm

Please visit our website for current information regarding tuition, fees, and additional sources of financial assistance.

About The Language Flagship

The Language Flagship leads the nation in designing, supporting, and implementing a new paradigm for advanced language education. Through an innovative partnership among the federal government, education, and business, The Language Flagship seeks to graduate students who will take their place among the next generation of global professionals, commanding a superior level of fluency in one of many languages critical to U.S. competitiveness and security.

Flagship programs at institutions across the country are led by nationally recognized leaders and innovators in language education.