

# **GO ABROAD CHINA**



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### **ABOUT GAC PROGRAMS**

Unlike the study of other disciplines, learning a language is a truly personal pursuit and demands flexibility to best reflect students' study habits and goals. With that in mind, our programs offer a variety of customizable options, including the choice of university, program level and intensity, dates and length of the study term, as well as numerous social and cultural activities. We offer courses from one week up to one year, from classes or group to 1-on-1 tutoring, and from total beginners to advanced students. We also offer internships, teach and volunteer programs. Whether you are a high school student looking for an edge before applying to college, a college student aiming to build your resume, or a professional seeking to build language skills and network, our programs are waiting for you!





#### **GAC China Study Abroad Programs**

- University Programs
- High School Year Abroad Programs
- High School Summer / Winter Camp
- Private Tutoring
- Business Chinese
- Study Tours in China
- Internship in China
- Volunteer in China
- Customized Program
- GAC Service Package
- Accommodation

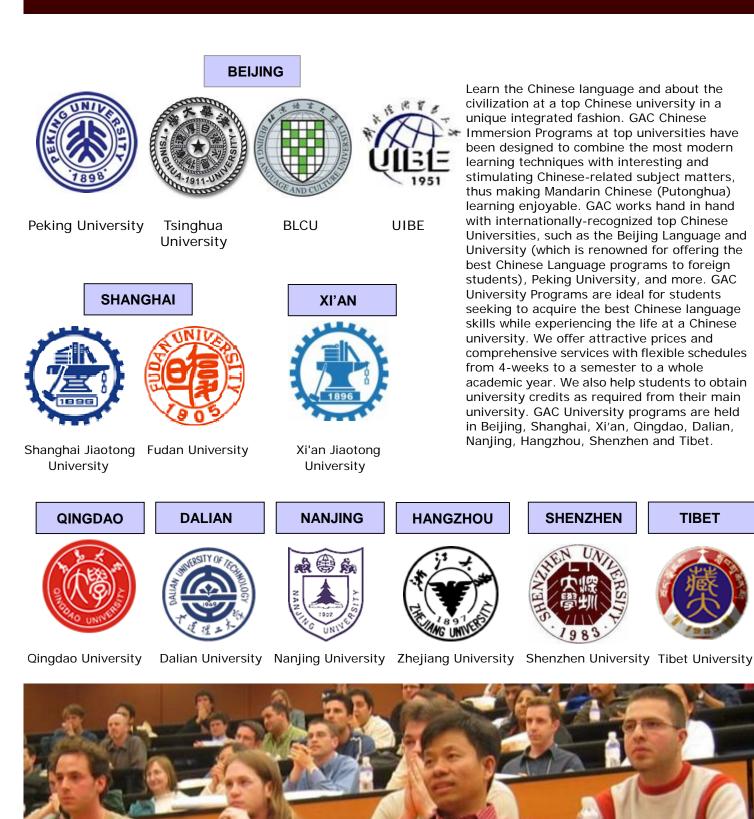
#### **Elective Workshops**

- Chinese Massage
- Chinese Calligraphy
- Chinese Painting
- Taiji Class
- Martial Arts
- Chinese Medicine

#### **Cities & Locations**

- Beijing
- Shanghai
- Xi'an
- Qingdao
- Dalian
- Nanjing
- Hangzhou
- Shenzhen
- Tibet

### **GAC UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS**



# GAC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAM

The GAC High School Academic Year Program is located on the campus of the High School Affiliated to Beijing Normal University. The two-and-a-half credit, intensive Mandarin Chinese course is offered at six levels to accommodate the needs of beginning through advanced language students. In addition, students take English, Mathematics, Chinese history and Chinese culture, all taught in English by American faculty. Outside the classroom, students participate in a variety of activities and spend approximately 50 days traveling throughout China with the school. There is no language pre-requisite for this program. Beginners in Mandarin may apply.

All students take Mandarin Chinese at the beginning through advanced levels. Classes of 6-12 students meet for ten periods each week. Our instructors focus on developing speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills so that students will be able to communicate actively in school, in their host families and on the streets of Beijing. Students are placed in classes according to their proficiency in Chinese based on a diagnostic exam administered at the beginning of the school year.

English-speaking faculty members from other U.S. schools or colleges teach English, math and Chinese history. All levels of Chinese are taught by native speakers who are trained teachers of Chinese as a Second Language.

The homestay is the heart of the GAC High School Academic Year program, giving students the opportunity to experience the daily rhythms of life and family relations as few foreigners are able to do. In their host families students learn Chinese language and customs, ranging from cuisine to family celebrations. The families are carefully chosen and interviewed from a large number of applicants. They will help students during orientation on their arrival, and provide them with assistance for the duration of their stay, and will be especially if any unexpected situations. They will also be warm and open-mined and will offer the student a real family environment where students can learn the Chinese language, better understand Chinese customs and culture.





### **GAC SUMMER / WINTER CAMP**

The GAC Summer / Winter Camp program is designed to provide the most comprehensive and balanced curriculum for young learners. Our program is not only an academic in-class learning experience but also a multi-city travel and entertainment program. It combines Chinese language classes, cultural workshops, guided excursions and social activities, allowing students to rapidly improve their Mandarin whilst enjoying their summer and winter holidays through multiple cities in China.

Students have Chinese courses in small classes at GAC partner schools. Students have a choice of a standard program (20 hours of class a week) or an intensive program (30 hours of class a week) for 4 weeks, with classes taught Monday through Friday.

A minimum of four afternoon or evening activities are offered from Monday to Friday. They include team bonding activities such as cross country; sports activities including martial arts, ping pong; cultural workshops such as calligraphy, Chinese painting; and other relaxing activities such as watching acrobatics shows, touring the city, and volunteering activities such as excursions to immigrants' school, etc. Special activities are designed with students' requirements and preferences in mind.

For 5, 6, 7 and 8-week Programs, excursions to other cities like Shanghai, Xi'an, Hangzhou, etc, are organized to enrich students' experience and learn about various kinds of local cultures in China.

The program also focuses on teaching students the Chinese language and culture by creating an environment that facilitates maximum interaction with local Chinese students. The homestay is the heart of the GAC program for teenagers in Beijing.

# GAC 1-ON-1 & BUSINESS CHINESE



### GAC 1-ON-1 TUTORING PROGRAMS

GAC Private Chinese Language Programs are designed specifically with the needs and goals of each student in mind. It offers participants the opportunity to learn Chinese when, where, and how they desire. Private courses are especially effective for students who wish to focus only on a specific aspect of the Chinese Language, such as reading or writing.

Our tutors are native Chinese university graduates with at least two years experience in teaching Chinese as a foreign language. Most of them teach at renowned universities in China such as Beijing language and Culture University, Tsinghua University, Peking University and Beijing Normal University. They will customize individual study plans based on students' Chinese levels and desired areas of improvement. Private course start times, weekly schedules, and study durations are completely flexible. According to our previous students' feedback, a private language course is the most efficient way to improve Chinese language skills in a short period of time.

GAC General Chinese Language courses are available to students at all proficiency levels (Beginner through Proficient). General Chinese Language Programs are designed to provide students with the necessary Chinese skills to succeed in any Chinese Language environment.

The HSK (Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi) is China's officially recognized Mandarin proficiency exam. HSK results are internationally recognized as proof of Mandarin Chinese language proficiency. GAC Language teachers are trained at helping language students to succeed at this examination.

### GAC BUSINESS CHINESE PROGRAM

GAC offers students the unique opportunity of learning both business and Mandarin while immersing them into China's unique culture. Having knowledge of both Chinese language and business will give participants a great advantage, whether they are already working and living in China or plan to in the future. It will also benefit participants in terms of future employment to show that they have lived and studied in China. Knowledge of Chinese business and language is greatly sought after by businesses and governments alike.

GAC Business Chinese Private Tutoring Program is available to students at Intermediate, Advanced and Proficient Mandarin Chinese levels (or a minimum of 6 months Chinese Language experience). Business Chinese Language Programs provide students with the necessary Mandarin skills to conduct business in a Chinese language environment. All programs are comprehensive, meaning that each student will learn to read, write, speak, and listen to Chinese, but Private Program students may choose to study only a certain aspects of the language. Emphasis is placed on the contemporary usage of business language and related business culture. Courses incorporate textbooks, business contracts, periodicals, newspapers, press releases, government documents and a variety of other teaching materials.

UIBE Chinese Business Program organized by GAC in association with University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), the China Business program is a short intensive course comprised of lectures, seminars and discussions, and onsite visits which are designed to compliment students' Mandarin Chinese language studies in China.



# **GAC STUDY TOURS IN CHINA**

### GAC STUDY TOURS PROGRAM

GAC offers multi-city study tours for international students and schools. GAC Study Tours give real insights into China as they balance academic learning with cultural workshops and guided tours. Every tour is unique as it is designed according to the individual groups' educational interest. We utilize our resources and connections throughout the country to develop tailor made tours for a variety of customers. You will travel, study, learn and experience old and new China - from the historical to the modern. GAC strives to provide experiences that are safe, educational, and enjoyable!

Key components of GAC Study Tours in China are as below:

- Short intensive Chinese survival language & culture courses.
- Group on-site orientation or seminars held in English by GAC staff and selected industry and academic experts in China.
- On-site visits to selected organizations, schools, Chinese and multinational companies, countryside villages or other venues of interest.
- Interactive Culture workshops in English introduce Chinese culture, art and music, including calligraphy, cooking, Peking Opera, Tai Chi, Wushu, Mahjong, songs, and crafts.
- Activities with Chinese students in the same age group and interests, with events such as panel discussions and seminars.
- Guided study tours to China's historic attractions include qualified English-speaking tour guides, sightseeing, and covered admission fees at places such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, and more.
- A range of hotel accommodations from 3 stars to 5 stars to fit any group budget is available. Hotels are selected on the basis of their security, location, comfort, and facilities. Students also have opportunity to live with local host families in Beijing, to get first-hand experience into the Chinese culture and way of life.

- All meals, consisting of breakfast, lunch, and dinner, are provided during the study tour. Special Chinese foods are also arranged as a part of the cultural experience; students will enjoy Peking duck, Chinese feast, Xinjiang cuisine, hotpot, dumplings, etc.
- Airport transfers from and to the airport are included. Domestic transportation, such as air-conditioned buses, trains, and airplanes, is provided for transport to the listed locations in the itinerary.
- GAC's professional and experienced staff provides onsite, 24-hour assistance on matters ranging from travel arrangements to educational needs, accommodation, meals, and logistics as you study and travel in Beijing, Shanghai, Xian and other cities in China on the itinerary specially tailored to your needs. GAC staff will solve any problems and ensure the quality of the education tours.

GAC offers unique China study tour packages that are tailored to meet the different needs and interests of any group including:

- University & College Study Tours
- High School Study Tours
- Company Tours or Conferences
- Government Tours or Conferences
- Senior Tours
- Other

For further inquires about the itineraries and costs, please email <u>inquiry@goabroadchina.org</u>.

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### GAC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Study Mandarin Chinese while learning about doing business in China with an internship program in Beijing. Ideal for students and young professionals, this intensive program is designed for participants wanting to jumpstart their careers and gain practical, hands-on Chinese business experience. It will allow interns to improve both job and Chinese language skills while living, studying, and working abroad in China.

Integrating Chinese language studies with work experience, students will not only learn Mandarin Chinese through intensive Chinese classes, elective workshops, language exchange, social activities, guided tours, but will also be able to practice their Chinese in a workplace as well as business networking events while obtaining practical China related work experience.

Currently, the GAC internship program is offered in Beijing and Shanghai, where a wide spectrum of international companies representing many different types of industries is headquartered due to the cities' reputation as the central hub for governmental and business connections. GAC partners with a broad range of companies representing multiple industries, giving an excellent opportunity for interns to work within a company in China. The experience will give the individual a unique opportunity to learn Chinese language and culture, as well as the workings and business practices of a Chinese or multinational company operating within China. are provided per week. Students may choose from the Mandarin Chinese or Business Chinese classes. Lessons will focus on improving conversational skills for both casual and professional situations. Students may also join GAC University Programs in Beijing.

Internship placement is based upon several factors such as students' educational background, past work experiences, career goals and the desired length of internship. We try to place program participants with a company that operates in a field that they would like to work in. We allow you to choose among many different industries, including Banking and Finance, Business Development, Education, IT, Marketing and Advertising, Non-Profit, Retail, and Travel and Tourism. From there, we will find an established company within which you can work. The program will require you to work between 10-20 hours a week depending on the internship. The trainees will work in a selected company for 10-30 hours per week.

Some more services as for internship program:

- Business networking events.
- Ongoing monitoring and assessment.
- Weekly discussion with internship supervisor.
- A report and a reference letter outlining your achievements that can be used for future applications.

In order to help our trainees get the most from their experience, an elementary level of Mandarin Chinese is required for the GAC Internship Program. All students interested in registering for the program are suggested to take at least 4 weeks of language training. 20 or 30 small group classes averaging 4 to 5 students or GAC One-On-One Tutoring



# **GAC VOLUNTEER & ELECTIVES**

### GAC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM in Beijing

We know that one of the best ways to get to know locals and make a lasting difference is to give back to the community. As an international volunteer with GAC, you'll make a positive contribution by sharing in the goals of a local community that warmly welcomes you. You'll gain new perspectives and insight into both China's culture and yourself. It's an exciting and personally inspiring experience, and the memories you develop memories will stay with you forever.

GAC assists, in the suburbs of Beijing, children with special needs, children with disabilities, children with autism, and orphans and the children of poor migrant workers.

In addition to the Volunteer programs in Beijing, other programs include teaching English in rural areas, environment protection, and more. Please visit our website for further information.

### **GAC ELECTIVE WORKSHOPS**

GAC arranges many electives and student activities that are both fun and help students learn more about Chinese Language and Culture. Some of the activities currently offered include:

- Chinese massage
- Chinese calligraphy
- Private music lessons
- Chinese painting
- Martial arts
- Chinese medicine
- Chinese cooking

### **GAC ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS**

Offering activities for all age groups, GAC organizes many free social, sporting and cultural activities, along with guided tours and excursions for students during their study program in China. These are excellent opportunities to practice Mandarin learned in classes in out-of-class settings.

- Social Activities
- Sporting Activities
- Culture Activities
- Guided Tours
- Charity Excursions

### **GAC ACCOMMODATION**

### GAC ACCOMMODATIONS

GAC offers many different types of accommodations to suit our students. The accommodations provided are all legally approved. Clean, comfortable and conveniently located, all of GAC' s accommodations are safe and secure with 24-hour security.

Accommodation is included during your entire study stay. Program fee varies according to the type of accommodation selected, but through our relationship with the universities and involvement in the Chinese community, GAC arranges preferential rates for students housing options. Obtained through GAC at local instead of "foreigner" prices, you can choose to live privately or share with a GAC-arranged roommate in university dorms, student flats, apartments, hotels, or with Chinese host families.

### Homestay

Homestay is the preferred accommodation choice for those students wanting a unique opportunity to get firsthand experience into the Chinese culture and way of life. Daily contact with the host family will likely enhance your Chinese language skills as well.

Host families are carefully selected based on several criteria: comfort and cleanliness of home environment, type of meals provided, educational background, etc. Each room is furnished with new and modern furniture, including a bed, desk, chair and closet. A storage area may also be provided for the student to store personal belongings. Electricity, gas, water, and two meals a day are included in the accommodation.

Your host family is there to support you in a new environment and will try to make you feel as comfortable as possible.

#### Apartment

Share or live in your own apartment with other students and live in one of the best apartment complexes in the heart of the University district. These modern and spacious apartments are fully furnished and comprise of 2 or 3 bedrooms, a living area, bathroom and kitchen. The common living area includes a lounge, dining area, TV (with cable and DVD player), desk, chairs, telephone, and Internet access. Each bedroom has a bed and storage area for clothes and personal belongings. The kitchen has a refrigerator, microwave and basic cooking utensils. A single occupancy room is provided. Both apartment complexes are located just within 20 minutes away from their respective campuses.

### Campus Dormitory

International dormitories on campus are available for students enrolled in the GAC University Program.

Economical Double Room: Each room has two single beds and basic furniture with shared toilet and shower facilities on each floor.

Standard Room (Single/Double): Each room has two single beds, a TV, phone, private bathroom, desk, chair, mini-fridge, 24-hour hot water, heating, and air-conditioning.

#### Hotel

Students may live in a three star hotel. Each room is fully equipped with modern furniture, a bed, fridge, private bathroom, satellite TV, air-conditioning, and telephone (IDD and ISD). Hotel facilities include laundry, daily housekeeping and restaurants. Single or double occupancy is provided.

### • With a Chinese Roommate

This housing option, only offered by GAC, is ideal for those who wish to take advantage of total language immersion, but do not want to stay with a Chinese family. This living arrangement is also the best way to quickly make Chinese friends and experience Chinese youth culture. If you choose this option, GAC will arrange for your housing and select suitable roommates with the same gender from a pool of potential candidates. Chinese roommates are comprehensively interviewed and personally selected based on a number of factors including his or her profession, personality, hobbies, etc.



### **GAC SERVICE PACKAGE**



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Many students and parents have seen us as their trusted resource in China because our students' satisfaction and well-being are our main concerns. We ensure that our students have a fulfilling Chinese language learning experience in China within a comfortable, safe, secure, and friendly immersive environment. GAC's all-inclusive study programs are designed to make your experience in China rewarding and memorable. Our service package covers everything from pre-departure procedures in a student's home country right through to the end of the immersion program in China, including accommodation, insurance and medical membership, visa support documents, and more.

All of the following services items are included at no additional costs in the program fees.

- Program registration and enrollment
- Visa documentation
- Pre-departure assistance
- Airport pickup and drop off
- Accommodation
- Welcome Packet upon arrival
- Welcome dinner & networking session
- Orientation and campus tour
- Textbooks
- Elective workshops
- Social activities
- Culture activities
- Sporting activities
- Guided tours
- Charity excursions
- Internship placement
- Travel coordination and assistance
- Skype account for international calling
- 24-hour / 7-day hotline support & assistance
- Personal daily life setup service
- Certificate & credit
- Farewell dinner & departure assistance
- And more

### **CONTACT GAC**







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