THE BEIJING CENTER
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Loyola University Chicago and the
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Spectacular. Thrilling. Life-changing.

How will you describe your experience?

Your future already involves China—its culture, its language, its economy, and its ways of thinking. Companies, organizations, and institutions the world over need people with China expertise, and they are looking for graduates who can lead one of the most important discussions of this global era: what China is and where it’s heading. Working with Loyola University Chicago, The Beijing Center (TBC) puts China at your fingertips, giving you the support you need to shape your incredible, life-changing experience. China is the future. You can lead the way.

Discovering the Great Wall of China
EXCURSIONS

In keeping with our philosophy that “China is the classroom,” we take you out on the road for a two-week academic excursion at the beginning of each semester. These unique trips are a highlight of the program and a window into the cultural richness of China and its peoples. You will see and experience more of China in two weeks than most people will during their entire lives.

LEARN MORE • thebeijingcenter.org/excursions

LOCAL IMMERSION

The TBC community will immerse you in the daily life of Beijing with, among other things, our multi-day orientation, our robust activities calendar, and student-led events, such as:

• Hiking the Great Wall
• Chinese cooking classes
• Bike tours through ancient Beijing neighborhoods
• Acrobatic and martial arts shows
• Ancient tea ceremonies
• Chinese holiday celebrations

“I met a local kid in the Naxi village, and with the few Chinese words I knew, we connected. He offered me some of his snack. The gesture was so sincere. That is what the excursion was for me—China and me getting to know each other on a deeper level.”

— LALA SALES, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

SILK ROAD - FALL

The Silk Road excursion traces a 2,050-mile section of the ancient international trade route between Europe and China. Highlights include:

• See the Terracotta Warriors
• Cycle around Xi’an’s ancient city wall
• Explore Buddhist grottoes
• Visit Labrang Monastery
• Hike Tibetan grasslands
• Camp in the Gobi Desert
• Ride camels to watch the sunrise
• Dine and celebrate with Uighur peoples

YUNNAN PROVINCE - SPRING

The Yunnan excursion immerses you in the rich rural lives of Yunnan’s ethnic peoples, from the southern jungles to the northern mountains. Highlights include:

• Experience village homestays
• Live and socialize with local village communities
• Climb the Hani rice terraces
• Visit the ancient towns of Jianshui, Dali, and Lijiang
• Learn Naxi pictographs
• Hike on the Tibetan plateau
• Explore Zhiyun Monastery
• Celebrate the Chinese Spring Festival

Hani rice terraces—Yunnan Province
COURSES

China will be your classroom. TBC has a world-class curriculum taught by experienced faculty and experts who use a blend of Chinese and Western approaches to teaching and learning. You will choose from a number of English-taught courses offered each semester, including:

- Asian studies
- Business/economics
- Chinese language (required)
- Communications
- Fine arts
- History
- Internship
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Political science
- Sociology
- Theology

Course Accreditation through Loyola University of Chicago

LEARN MORE • thebeijingcenter.org/courses

INTERNSHIPS

TBC offers a 3-credit internship each semester. No prior Chinese language is required to participate. An internship in Beijing is an opportunity to develop professional experience and skills in a global environment and will give you a new perspective and deeper understanding of Chinese people and organizations.

TBC has a wide network of internship partners and works closely with you to identify host organizations that suit your major, language ability, and career goals. Examples include:

- Start-ups and tech companies
- Government departments and international agencies
- Research institutes
- Not-for-profit organizations
- Media companies (including print, social media, and TV)
- Embassies and chambers of commerce
- Multinational corporations

With prior approval from TBC, you may seek out your own internship opportunity outside of our current offerings.

LEARN MORE • thebeijingcenter.org/internships

“...the first-hand experience of going to clinics and Chinese hospitals in my traditional Chinese medicine class gave me unparalleled insight into the influence of traditional culture on modern Chinese everyday life.”

— CASEY CUNNINGHAM, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

CHINESE LANGUAGE

There is no language prerequisite to attend TBC. All TBC students study Chinese while in Beijing in our comprehensive Chinese language program:

- Choice of regular (4-credit) or intensive (6-credit) tracks
- Four levels—from elementary to advanced conversational
- Highly qualified faculty from the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), our host institution
- Weekly sessions with a UIBE student tutor
**CHINESE ROOMMATES**
Join our award-winning Chinese roommate program. When selecting your housing, you'll have the option to live with a Chinese roommate. Chinese roommates are undergraduate students from our host institution, the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), who will help welcome you to China and act as guides throughout the semester. They create an environment for cultural exchange from the first day you arrive in Beijing. Besides helping you understand language, customs, and culture, Chinese roommates will become some of the closest friends you will make during your time abroad. We encourage you to consider this unique option.

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“*My Chinese roommate, Kabe, was incredibly helpful to adjusting to Beijing and became one of my closest friends in the program. Whether it was traveling across the country together or just grabbing dinner, my time in China would not have been the same without Kabe.*”

—MICHAEL SLIWINSKI, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

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**THE CAMPUS & NEIGHBORHOOD**
TBC is centrally located in an urban residential neighborhood on the campus of Beijing's University of International Business and Economics (UIBE). Living on campus allows you to participate in Chinese campus life and UIBE's international community, which boasts more than 3,000 students from 145 countries. Our location also allows daily interaction with locals who live and work in the neighborhood. Only a short walk from two subway stops, TBC's location gives you easy access to all of the local city attractions and the central business district.

**MEALS**
There are plenty of delicious—and extremely affordable—food options nearby for you to sample China's diverse food culture. TBC does not have a formal meal plan, but offers an initial stipend for you to eat at the numerous cafeterias, coffee shops, and convenience stores on campus. Additionally, the surrounding neighborhood boasts dozens of inexpensive Asian and Western restaurants.

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**HOUSING**
UIBE's International Student Residence Hall will be your home during your time in Beijing. Standard rooms are double-occupancy and are equipped with wireless internet and in-room, Western-style bathrooms. Single rooms and apartment-style rooms are available at an additional cost. If you're a full-year student, you will have the option to live with a local Chinese family near campus during your second semester. All housing options include access to 24-hour laundry facilities and TBC's private student lounge.

**LEARN MORE** • thebeijingcenter.org/campus-and-housing
“My time at The Beijing Center has given me the opportunity to truly observe 21st century China. The Chinese nation is filled with a confidence and ambition that is infectious. It never ceases to amaze me how different China is from the image we see in the West. China has become a new land of opportunity.”

— SAEGER GODSON, LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Beijing Center offers both need-based and merit-based semester scholarships.

LEARN MORE
thebeijingcenter.org/scholarships

APPLY NOW

Applying to study at TBC is quick and easy—the application takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

LEARN MORE
thebeijingcenter.org/admission

MAKE THE EXTRAORDINARY A REALITY

Studying and living in Beijing isn’t as expensive as you may think. In fact, a semester at The Beijing Center is often comparable to staying at your home campus. TBC also offers scholarships to help defray the costs of studying abroad.

LEARN MORE • thebeijingcenter.org/scholarships

WHAT’S COVERED IN THE COST?

• 12 to 19 credit hours
• Two-week academic excursion
• Furnished housing in a residence hall
• Required international health insurance
• 24-hour on-site program support
• Orientation program in Beijing
• Individual tutor for Chinese language
• Day trips in and around Beijing
• Initial meal stipend

“Riding the high-speed train along the Silk Road”
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