

Teaching Practicum In China



Welcome to a Teaching Adventure of a Lifetime!

Half way around the world from St. Louis, in a town eight hours northeast of Beijing, you'll find Fuxin Experimental Middle School and its partner elementary schools. Since 2004, adventurous UMSL College of Education students have made the trip to teach at the schools. Now part of College of Education's Studio Schools network, Fuxin Experimental Middle School hosts Practicum II students.

If you choose to take part in this adventure, successful completion of three months at the school fulfills the teaching practicum requirement, but it does much more. You are immersed in an educational environment that challenges you to hone your teaching skills, pushes you to be creative in unusual ways, and encourages you to reach within yourself to grow in appreciation for other cultures. Perhaps most importantly, it brings you into professional and personal relationships that are supportive, warm, and life-changing.

No Chinese language skills are required and courses are conducted in English. While all participants teach English classes, you are free to use any subject matter in the courses you teach. Past participants have gone to jobs in a variety of schools and educational fields, and some have remained to teach in China.

Professional Support for Your Journey

Fuxin is a city of approximately 700,000 people located six hours by bus from Beijing. Student teachers will teach English at Fuxin Experimental School (middle and high school) or a local primary school. Student teachers will teach approximately 14 classes per week of English to Chinese-speaking students. UMSL faculty members will assist students before their departure and will conduct the student teaching seminar as an on-line course. A supervisor from Shenyang Normal University will visit the students to observe teaching and provide support on the ground.



Costs

Students in the China study abroad program receive free housing in the Fuxin Experimental School dorms. They also receive a stipend to cover daily expenses. Our former students in this program note that the cost of living is extremely low in Fuxin, and the stipend allowed them to live comfortably. Students in the China program also receive a free cafeteria plan for meals. Students must pay for the costs of their flight up front. Students are also responsible for UMSL tuition for student teaching, the costs of a passport (\$100), visa (\$180), and student health insurance (≈\$40/month).

Travel

Students will travel to China in mid-February. Upon arrival in Beijing, students and faculty will spend several days touring the city with Fuxin Experimental School staff before travelling by bus to Fuxin. Students must have a valid US passport and a China tourist visa good for 90 days. Students may get an open-ended return ticket so they can travel after their student teaching experience. The UMSL study abroad coordinator will make arrangements for plane tickets; students are responsible for purchasing tickets once arrangements are made. All efforts possible will be made to ensure the most affordable travel possible.

To Apply

Interested, eligible students must complete and return the study abroad application no later than October 15th. The study abroad student teaching coordinator may arrange interviews as needed.

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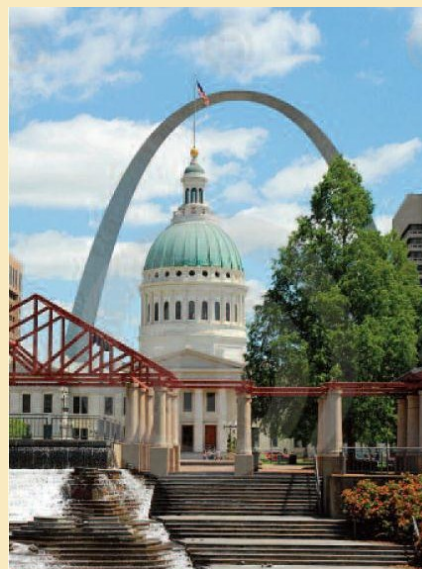
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