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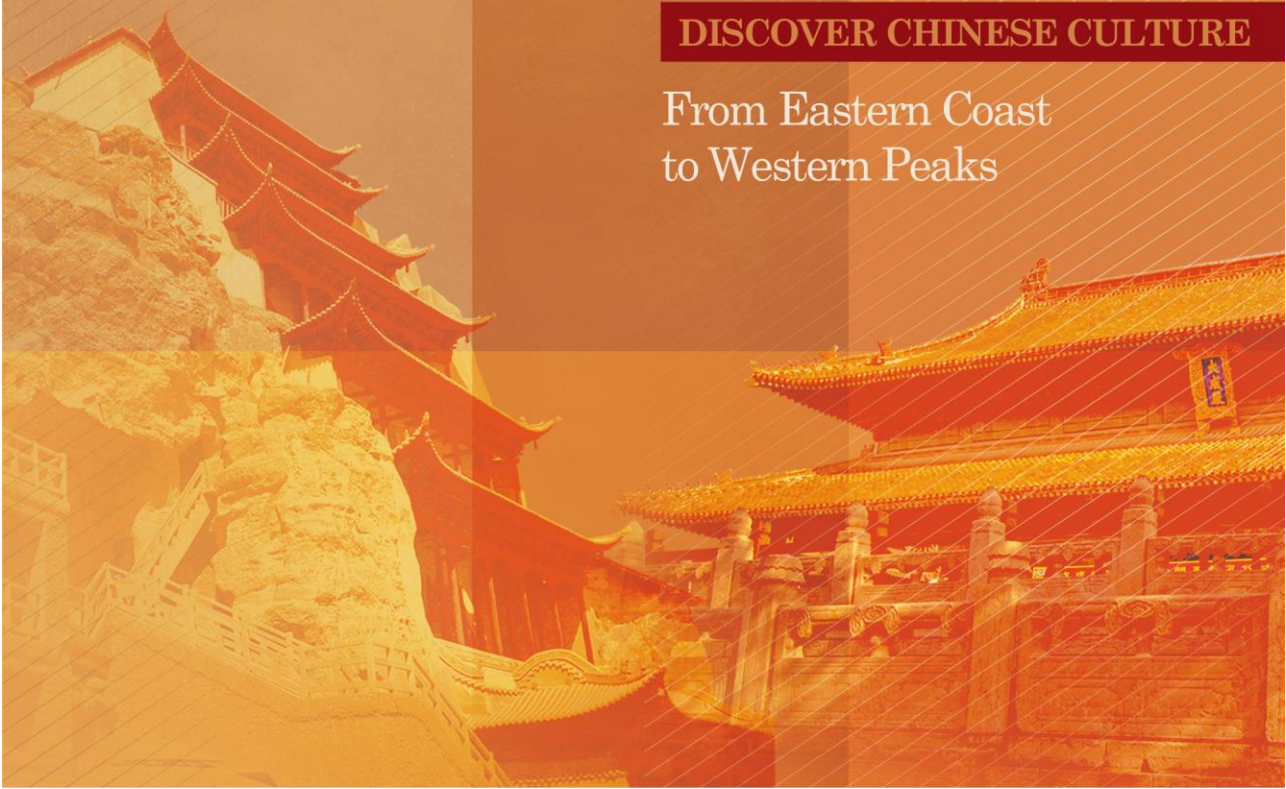
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2025 Shandong University -
Lanzhou University

International Summer Program

DISCOVER CHINESE CULTURE

From Eastern Coast
to Western Peaks



Introduction

Co-organized by Shandong University (SDU) and Lanzhou University (LZU), two top universities in China, this summer program is a cultural and intellectual feast focusing on archaeology and Chinese culture, aiming to provide participants an opportunity to fully experience the regional differences between eastern and western China as well as to gain a deeper understanding of the richness of Chinese culture.

The session at Shandong University covers a wide range of topics, including underwater archaeology, environmental and social archaeology, the cultural transition from a bioanthropological perspective, human adaptation and resilience on the Tibetan Plateau, early Chinese civilization and social complexity, funerary arts of ancient China, and the spread of wheat into China. Additionally, the program includes visits to Qingdao Beer Museum, Qingdao Museum, three Confucian sites in Qufu or Mount Tai in Tai'an, as well as the Archaeological Forum for Chinese and International Postgraduates at Shandong University, offering participants rich cultural exchange opportunities.

The session at Lanzhou University focuses on the theme of Sustainability & the Ancient Silk Road, covering topics such as the archaeological significance of the Hexi Corridor, intangible cultural heritage like Lanzhou Beef Noodles making, and grotto art from the Dunhuang Academy. Highlights include lectures by renowned scholars, visits to the Mogao Grottoes, Jiayuguan Pass, and the Colorful Danxia landform, and immersive activities such as volunteer projects, desert camping, and cultural workshops. This session offers participants a unique opportunity to explore western China's cultural and historical richness.

Program Sessions

SDU Session: July 7-July 12

LZU Session: July 13-July 25

Program Highlights

● Experience of both Qilu Culture and Gansu Culture

Participants of this program can experience the different cultures in Shandong and Gansu within one trip. Shandong was known as Qilu in ancient times. It was the home of the Qi and Lu states during the Spring and Autumn (770-476 BC) and the Warring States (475-221 BC). Shandong province is the birthplace of Confucius and Mencius and one of the roots of Chinese traditional civilizations. Meanwhile, Gansu province is a meeting point of agricultural and nomadic civilizations as well as Central Plains and Western cultures, with unique Long cuisine, rich local customs, and historical cultural cities contributing to the comprehensive cultural identity of Gansu.



● Emphasis on Professionalism and Cutting-Edge Research

The summer school program specifically invites top archaeologists from Shandong University, who possess deep academic expertise in their research fields and stay abreast of international academic frontiers. The course content covers both classic theories and methods of archaeology as well as hot topics currently being discussed in the archaeological community.



● Combination of Practice and Theory

The program not only focuses on transmitting theoretical knowledge but also emphasizes the importance of practical operation. Through field trips and visits to laboratories and museums, participants can experience hands-on processes such as archaeological excavation, artifact restoration, thereby deepening their understanding of theoretical knowledge and enhancing practical skills.



● Cross-Cultural Exchange Platform

The Archaeological Forum for Chinese and International Post-graduates at Shandong University and Silk Road Sustainable Development at Lanzhou University are two major highlights of the program, providing a platform for participants to showcase their research results, exchange academic ideas, and establish cooperative relationships. Participants can meet peers from different countries and cultural backgrounds through these activities, broaden their international horizons, and enhance mutual understanding and friendship.



● Agenda

Itinerary (July 7-July 13)			
Date			Activities
DAY1	7/7	Monday	Opening Ceremony, Group Photo 开营仪式、合影
			Lecture 1: Underwater Archaeology By Professor Bo Jiang
			Welcome Lunch
			Visit Joint International Research Laboratory of Environmental and Social Archaeology and SDU Museum 参观山东大学环境与社会考古国际合作联合实验室及博物馆
DAY2	7/8	Tuesday	Lecture 2: Spread of wheat into China: New data and new issues By Professor Zhijun Zhao
			Tsingtao Beer Museum 青岛啤酒博物馆
DAY3	7/9	Wednesday	Lecture 3: The Human Odyssey on the Roof of the World: Adaptation and Resilience on the Tibetan Plateau By Associate Professor Yuchao Zhao
			Laboratory Practices, Teaching, Discussion
DAY4	7/10	Thursday	Lecture 4: Made for the Dead: Funerary Arts of Ancient China By Associate Professor Fanghan Wang
			Qingdao Museum 青岛市博物馆
DAY5	7/11	Friday	The Archaeological Forum for Chinese and International Postgraduates at Shandong University (2025) 山东大学中外研究生考古论坛 (2025年) Closing Ceremony
DAY6	7/12	Saturday	Leave for Qufu or Tai'an Visit The Temple and Cemetery of Confucius and the Kong Family Mansion in Qufu, or Climb Mount Tai in Tai'an
Day7	7/13	Sunday	Leave for Lanzhou from Jinan
Itinerary (July 7-July 13)			
DAY1	7/13	Sunday	Arrival & Welcome 接机
DAY2	7/14	Monday	Opening Ceremony 开幕式 ★Charm of Gansu 《魅力甘肃》 ★Archaeology - Hexi Corridor 《考古·河西走廊》
			Lanzhou Night Fair 兰州夜市
DAY3	7/15	Tuesday	Location: Lanzhou
			★Campus Tour 兰州大学校园游 MUSEUM OF LZU 博物馆 ELECTRON MICROSCOPY CENTRE 电镜中心 LZU MANAGEMENT CENTER OF SCIENTIFIC OBSERVING STATIONS 科学观测台站管理中心
			★Chinese Kung Fu: Ba-Duan Jin 八段锦

DAY4	7/16	Wednesday	★National Intangible Cultural Heritage: Experience of Lanzhou Beef Noodles Making 国家级非物质文化遗产：兰州牛肉面传习交流经验
			★Gansu Provincial Museum 甘肃省博物馆 Gansu Jiandu Museum 简牍博物馆 ★Jiandu Culture 《中国简牍文化》
			Citywalk Yellow River Side - Sheepskin Raft, Lanshan Night Scene 黄河风情线——羊皮筏子、兰山夜景
DAY5	7/17	Thursday	Zhuaxixiulong Grassland—Yak 抓喜秀龙草原——牦牛
			Wuwei—Tianti Mountain 武威——天梯山
DAY 6-7	7/18-7/19	Friday-Saturday	Location: Zhangye 张掖
			Shandan Army Horse Breeding Farm 山丹军马场
			Colorful Danxia landform 七彩丹霞地貌
			★Volunteer Activity - Entering Campus 义工活动——走进校园
			Giant Buddha Temple 大佛寺
DAY8	7/20	Sunday	Location: Jiayuguan 嘉峪关 Jiayuguan Pass, Great Wall, Jiayuguan Night Fair 嘉峪关城楼、悬臂长城、嘉峪关夜市
			★Walking at the border 行走在边关
DAY9	7/21	Monday	Location: Guazhou 瓜州
			Yulin Caves 榆林窟
			★Encore Dunhuang 又见敦煌
DAY10	7/22	Tuesday	Location: Dunhuang 敦煌
			Mogao Grottoes 莫高窟
			★Dunhuang Painting Classes 敦煌绘画
			★Grotto Art by DUNHUANG ACADEMY 《石窟艺术》——敦煌研究院
DAY11	7/23	Wednesday	Mingsha Mountain, Moon Crescent Spring 鸣沙山、月牙泉
			★Dunhuang - A Holy Land Where Eastern and Western Cultures Intersect by DUNHUANG ACADEMY 《敦煌——东西方文化交汇圣地》——敦煌研究院
			★Desert campsite, Campfire night talk 沙漠营地、围炉夜谈
DAY12	7/24	Thursday	Closing Ceremony 闭幕式

Application Requirements:

1. Open to all international applicants who are interested in archeology and Chinese culture. Participants from history, archaeology, anthropology, and other humanities or social science-related fields are invited to apply.
2. Fluent in English

Program Fees:

3000 CNY for two sessions, 1500 CNY for each, which includes tuition, accommodation and local transportation.

Students from partner universities of Shandong University or Lanzhou University are eligible to apply for the scholarships. If granted, students will be exempted from the program fees during the program. Please contact the International Affairs Office of your home institution for more details.

Application Instruction:

Please complete the online application at <http://www.apply.sdu.edu.cn/en/index> before March 15th, 2025.

(Please select “2025 SDU-LZU ISP” in the “Summer School” type of education.)

Organizers:

Shandong University:

SDU is listed in the Double First-class University Initiative, a national program to raise Chinese universities and disciplines to world-class level. With its main body Shandong Imperial College established in 1901, SDU is one of the initiative universities of modern Chinese higher education. At present, SDU is one of the most comprehensive universities in China in terms of subject categories, covering liberal arts, social sciences, science, engineering, and medicine. As for its archaeology discipline, SDU has a distinguished legacy in archaeology education, dating back to the 1920s and formally establishing the discipline in 1972. The School of Archaeology concentrates research on Human Evolution and Paleolithic Archaeology, Prehistoric and Historic Archaeology, Archaeological Sciences, and Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies. It also has laboratory facilities for archaeological research.

Lanzhou University:

Lanzhou University (LZU) is situated in Lanzhou, the capital city of Gansu and the geometric center of Chinese territory. Established in 1909, LZU is also listed in the Double First-class University Initiative, spanning 583 acres across two campuses and three affiliated hospitals. Covering a wide range of disciplines with distinctive advantages and features, LZU has a total of 12 disciplines and hosts a vibrant academic community, comprising 20,504 undergraduates, 14,557 postgraduates, and 4,688 doctoral candidates and a faculty of 3,781 members.



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