

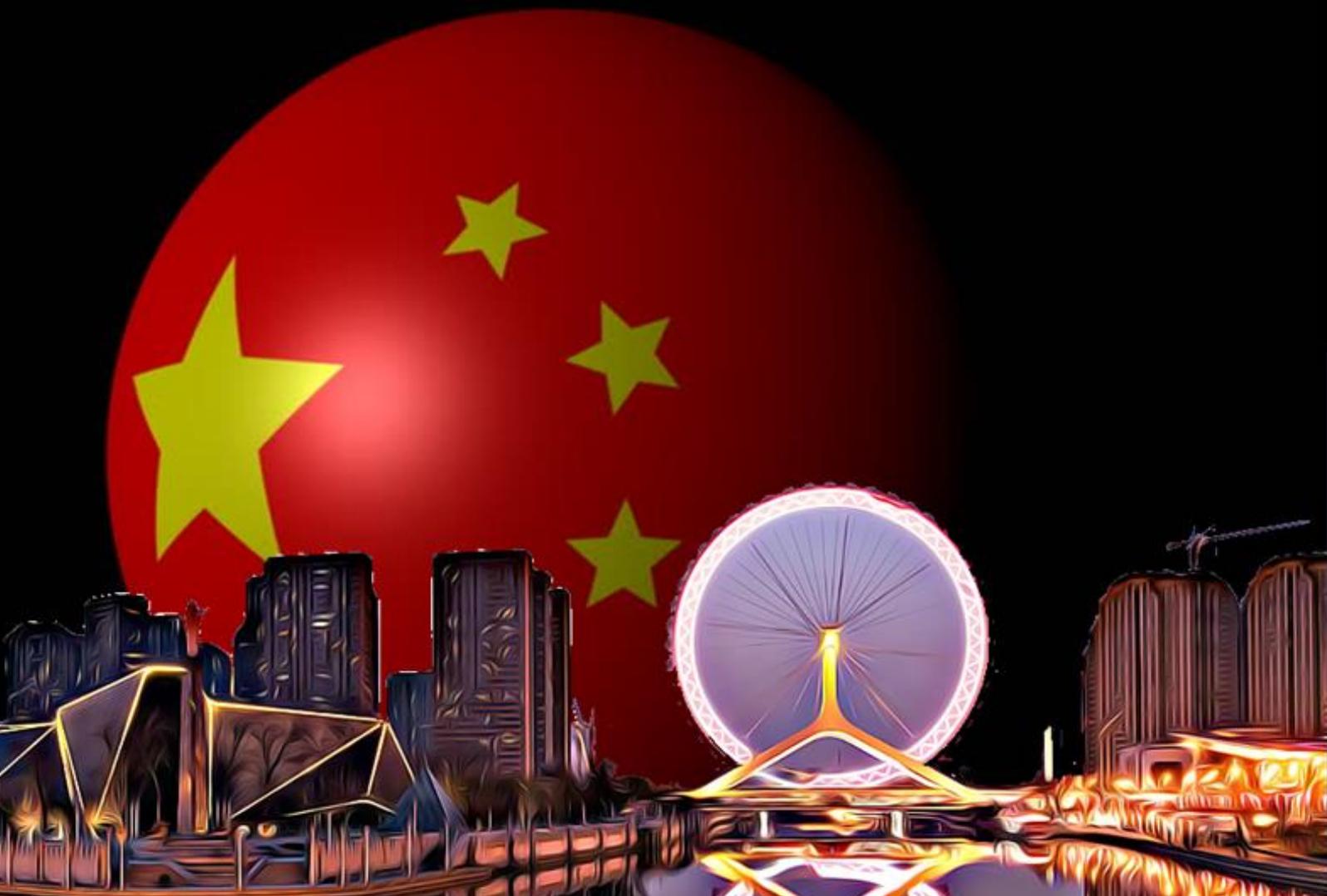


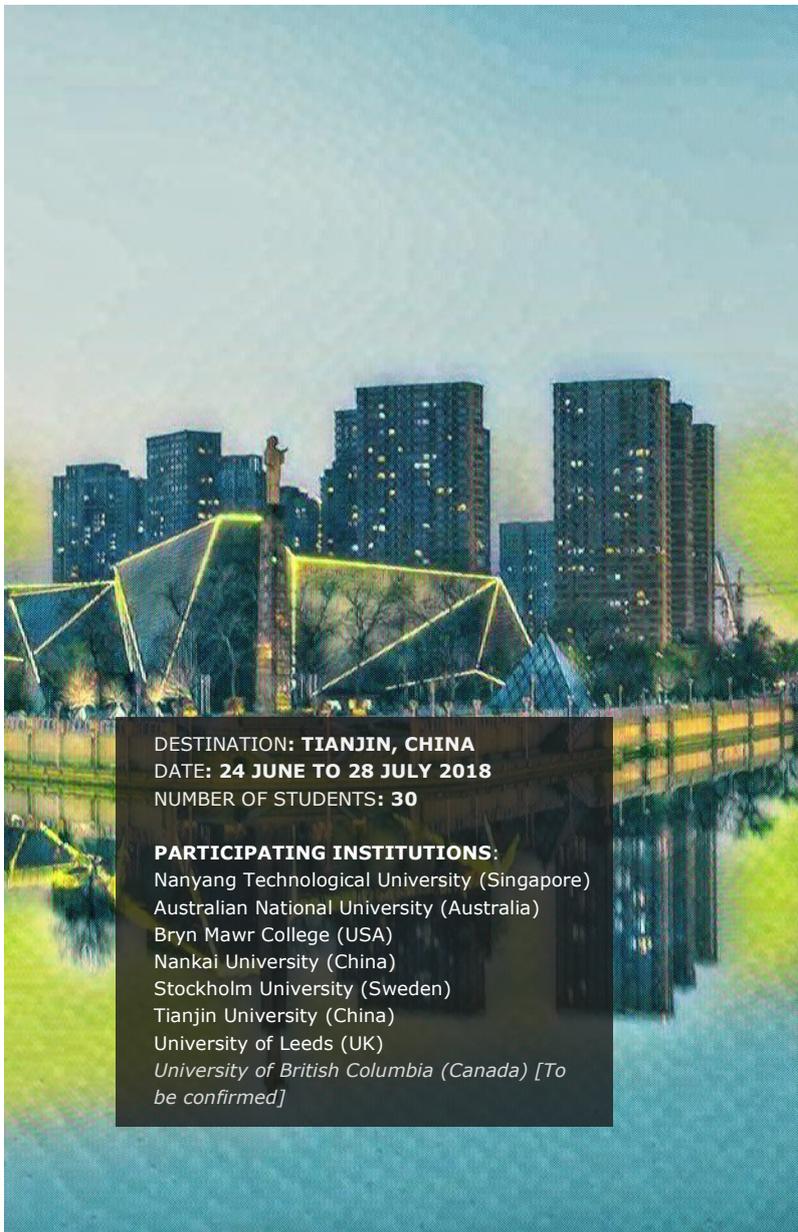
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# INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN *CHINA* 2018

24 JUNE TO 28 July 2018  
TIANJIN, CHINA





## NTU International Summer School in China Programme 2018

The annual Nanyang Technological University (NTU) International Summer School in China is now **open for application!**

The Programme is open to all students from NTU and select partner universities in your second or third year, especially those with an interest in Asian studies and China.

This is a five-week summer programme, including a one-week study tour.

You will take two **graded, credit-bearing** courses. Three interdisciplinary courses will be offered, exploring sustainability concepts and perspectives through *The Great Ideas, Science, Culture, and Society* and *Societies in Comparative Perspective*. The courses will be taught jointly by NTU faculty and faculty from partner universities.

Additional enrichment courses in Chinese culture will be made available to interested students.

The programme fee of **S\$4,000** includes course instruction, accommodation, orientation programme, and field trips. You can also elect to attend optional cultural programmes.

DESTINATION: **TIANJIN, CHINA**  
DATE: **24 JUNE TO 28 JULY 2018**  
NUMBER OF STUDENTS: **30**

**PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS:**

Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)  
Australian National University (Australia)  
Bryn Mawr College (USA)  
Nankai University (China)  
Stockholm University (Sweden)  
Tianjin University (China)  
University of Leeds (UK)  
*University of British Columbia (Canada) [To be confirmed]*

## Unique Learning Experience

In the summer of 2018, NTU will be partnering Bryn Mawr College, Australian National University, Stockholm University and University of Leeds. They have been selected because of the quality of their undergraduate education and with the view of creating a truly international learning experience.

The Programme will enable you to meet with Chinese and international college students to exchange ideas about culture and communication. You will get to immerse yourself in a dynamic exchange between international faculty, students and environment, which delivers a unique cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary learning experience, while at the same time, earning credits towards your degree programme at NTU.

## Courses

The Summer Programme in 2018 spans over five weeks and will include three multi-disciplinary courses, with a special focus on comparative perspectives on philosophical ideas and legal concepts, society and culture, as well as literature. Of the three courses, you will choose two as part of your summer study.

### The Great Ideas

This course examines ongoing debates about the great ideas of liberty, equality, rights, modernisation and globalisation. In the first half of the course we explore different nations' contrasting approaches to the law of freedom of expression, freedom of religion, rights to privacy, rights to due process and humane treatment, rights to equality for women and minorities, and rights to personal autonomy in matters such as sexuality.

The second half of the course is organised around the concept and recent history of modernisation, with special reference to its environmental consequences. We will draw upon some of the concepts introduced in the first half of the course and explore ways in which they intersect with modernisation as articulated in four main strategies in the Global South over the past seventy years. Students will study how social structures and physical environments have changed because of these strategies and reflect upon the associated changes in ethical and legal discourses that have come about as well.

### Science, Culture, and Society

This course will investigate the various socio-political-literary implications of 20<sup>th</sup> Century advances in science. Students will explore how scientific innovations in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century have led to corresponding innovations in contemporary culture (including literature, film, the arts, and our place in the environment). The evolution of postmodern culture will be understood in the context of changing attitudes about the means and ends of science.

Course content will include a series of texts (literature, film, philosophy, sociology, and the environment) from last two hundred years – looking specifically at how society has become increasingly sceptical of the concept of scientific progress in an age of ever changing conceptions of what constitutes (scientific) truth – a world where even near universal scientific consensus about global warming is all too easily characterised as “fake news” (along with so many other established “facts”).

### Societies in Comparative Perspective

This course centres on the process of sociocultural evolution and social change. In doing so, students will examine human societies past and present, that is social evolution from hunting and gathering to industrial societies. Using an ecological evolutionary approach, students will investigate the relationship between sociocultural systems and their environment and the stability and evolution of human societies through time. Thus, the focus is less on the behaviour and attitudes of isolated individuals than on the explanation of social structure and patterns of social change.

Some specific issues covered include types of human societies, causes and consequences of food production, social and cultural characteristics of societies such as the degree and form of social inequality, family structure, and gender relations.

**These courses are tentative and subject to change. Students will be informed of any changes by March 2018.**

## Study Tour

A key feature of the Summer Programme is the out-of-class study which will be an integral part of each course. A study tour is an academic course involving traditional classroom learning and experiential learning. Faculty-led tours provide students first-hand opportunities to investigate other cultures, enhancing academic development. You will be working together with faculty and students from Singapore, USA, Europe, Australia and China, visiting places in and around Tianjin that provide a rich history relating to the courses.



**Top:** Basking in rich Chinese culture at the Porcelain House in Heping District of Tianjin City

**Middle:** Posing for a must-have shot on the Great Wall of China

**Bottom:** Rallying around the Forbidden City (July 2017)

## Orientation

Before your arrival in Tianjin, NTU will provide you with a comprehensive Information Kit, which includes practical information such as a calendar for the summer with timetable of your courses and considerable information preparing you for your time in China. Upon arrival you will be picked up from the designated airports and brought to your accommodation. You will attend a welcome reception

with your fellow students followed by an orientation programme around Nankai and Tianjin Universities and surrounding area, as well as induction to the University facilities.

## Culture Classes

As part of the Summer Programme, you may also take up to two courses in Chinese culture. Each course provides one hour per week of instruction. Culture classes can include Chinese martial art, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese culinary art, and *tai chi*.

## Housing

You will be housed alongside other Summer School students, in twin sharing rooms, near Nankai and Tianjin Universities. The accommodation is located on a bustling street in town. Rooms come with bathroom facilities and Wi-Fi access.

## Programme Fee and Living Expenses

The Programme has been designed to minimise the costs you will be required to pay upon arrival in China – the S\$4,000 fee is an all-inclusive cost covering most expenses, including:

- All tuition fees
- Housing
- Orientation programme
- Study tour
- Culture classes
- Special evening seminars

In addition, optional culture classes will be offered to all students. The only additional costs you will have once in China will be for your food, an occasional textbook and costs from weekend travel.

All students must have travel and medical insurance for the duration of the programme.



Snippets of life during Summer School 2017

The likely expenses include:

Expenses Estimates (S\$)	S\$
<b>Programme Fees</b>	
Tuition Fee (2 courses at S\$750 per course for NTU students, and S\$1,590 for international students)	S\$1,500
Study Tour	S\$1,000
Culture classes	S\$100
Hostel Accommodation (\$40 per day for 5 weeks)	S\$1,400
<b>Total Programme Fees</b>	<b>S\$4,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	
Meals (approx. S\$4 per meal for 3 meals per day for 5 weeks)	S\$400
Books, personal expenses, etc	S\$150
Air ticket	S\$1,300
Visa -- Business Visa (F), Single Entry	S\$50
Medical Insurance	S\$100
<b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>S\$2,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>S\$6,000</b>

## Scholarships

The Summer Programme is able to grant a limited number of scholarships. A scholarship of S\$4,000 covers tuition fees, study tour and accommodation. It is not payable in cash and covers neither transportation nor living expenses.

We seek dynamic, deserving and motivated students. We will invite you to apply if you possess outstanding academic results, display a penchant for leadership, show a laudable track record in co-curricular activities, and exhibit a zest for community service. Priority will be given to financially needy students.

## Application

The Programme is open to all students from NTU and select partner universities in your second or third year, especially those with an interest in Asian studies, China and sustainability. In 2018, we will accept 15 students from NTU, 10 students from international partner universities, and another 5 students from Tianjin University and Nankai University.

For *NTU students*, in order to participate in the Programme you must have a minimum CGPA of 3.5. You should file an online application via StudentLink. Email or other forms of applications will not be accepted.

When you have completed the online application form, please ensure that all required fields are filled up and that all the information you have provided is correct. Successful candidates might be required to attend an interview, on a selective basis.

For *students from partner universities*, please register your interest with the International Programme Office (or its equivalent) of your respective universities.

The important dates are as follows.

Activity	Important Dates
Application deadline	15 March 2018
Interview (selective)	1 to 15 March 2018
Acceptance into Summer Programme	1 March to 30 March 2018
Course Registration and Allocation	1 to 15 April 2018
Pre-trip Briefing	Sometime in end May 2018
Summer Programme	24 June to 28 July 2018
Return to home country	29 July 2018

## Corporate Partners

The support of our corporate partners is greatly appreciated. Without whose generous contribution, the NTU Summer School in China would not have been possible.



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## Hear from the “Seniors” over the years!

### From faculty



“I really do think that NTU has a good opportunity to accomplish something very nice as this project goes forward. Just as Singapore is well situated to serve as a kind of cultural/business mediator for all things political/industrial between China and the West – I think that one of the strengths of this program is along the same lines, as the Singapore students serve as nice go-betweens culturally and linguistically for the North American...”

**Prof Daniel Jernigan, NTU (2013)**



“Thanks for all you did for us before and after our visit. It is always nice to hear from you. I am looking forward to next year already.”

**Prof Michael Allen, Bryn Mawr College (2013)**

### From students



“As an engineering student, I have broadened my perspectives to sociology, political economics and cultural studies. This is really an invaluable experience. I have also honed my research skills.”

**Zheng Kaixi, Renaissance Engineering Programme & USP, NTU (2013)**



“This exchange allowed me to interact and spend 5 weeks with people from different countries. I have learnt more about their cultures and [made] lifelong friendships.”

**Chua Wei Min, Biological Sciences, NTU (2014)**



“I have made lifelong friendships and had amazing experiences while travelling. Many students made their own independent travel arrangements, and the trips I made to Tangshan and Beijing with friends are some of the best experiences of my life.”

**Yash Vyas, Australian National University (2015)**



“I have made friends that would probably never had reached my social circle otherwise. You really form a special bond thru this kind of experience because we do pretty much everything together.”

**Annelie Larsson, Stockholm University (2015)**

### From students (continued)



“[I have a] greater appreciation of environmental issues and need for interdisciplinary academic interconnections.”

**Samuel Lloyd, University of Leeds (2016)**



“[I learnt] a new perspective to think and express. First, there's a progress for me both in English listening and speaking. Second, [I] learn[t] more about sociology and situation in this world. Third, it's great for me to adapt another form of class... it's [also] great for me to make friends.”

**Wang Yi, Tianjin University (2016)**



“This summer school program changed the way I see myself and how I see the world. Living in another country for more than a month made me feel confident that I can face new situations and handle them with confidence. Getting to know people

from faraway places was an opportunity I have never had before and living with them was unforgettable because of the bonds we formed. I feel more connected to myself and to parts of the world I had never even considered before. I have known few people as kind as the people who organised and attended this program.”

**Alice Berry, Bryn Mawr College (2017)**



“There was an amazingly open atmosphere in the class where it felt like all opinions were welcome and nobody got judged.”

**Venla Sunikka, Stockholm University (2017)**



“The diversity in class is great! To understand each other and see the same issue from different cultural backgrounds and multi-perspectives.”

**Gao Mengyan, Nankai University (2017)**

## College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, NTU Singapore

The College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS) is one of the anchor colleges of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Home to more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students, HASS represents the dynamic interface between several major disciplines in three distinct schools, namely, (a) the School of Art, Design and Media, Singapore's only professional art school to offer degree programmes in art, design and interactive digital media; (b) the School of Humanities, dedicated to the study of the richness of human experience and human existence through philosophy, literature, history and language; and (c) the School of Social Sciences, committed to uncovering facts about the social world and create change to improve human conditions through addressing contemporary issues in economics, globalisation and governance, psychology and the society in general; and (d) the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Asia's top school in mass communication.

HASS houses the Centre for Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, a hub and funding platform for interdisciplinary research, and the Nanyang Centre for Public Administration. HASS is distinctive for its celebration of diversity, interdisciplinary learning and intellectual curiosity.

The College is committed to offering a broad-based education aimed at cultivating intellectual openness, academic rigor and integrity, creativity and innovation, and a deep commitment to social responsibility.

## Participating Universities in 2018



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