Undergraduate Global Learning Semester

Realize your potential through a liberal arts semester at Duke Kunshan University.

As a Global Learning Semester (GLS) student, you will cultivate critical thinking skills, acquire deep insights about China and the world, and develop global leadership capabilities that boost your educational and career opportunities. You will experience cross-cultural and peer-to-peer learning. Advisors and faculty who are experts in their fields will guide and help you explore the paths to internships, jobs, graduate school programs, and more. You will emerge as an international citizen with broadened perspectives.

“I hear a lot of new ideas from these students that I don’t hear back in the States. And it really forced me to think a lot deeper about where I’m coming from and about how I form my ideas and my perspectives. It’s also been interesting how quickly I was able to form such close relationships with students. I feel like I’ll be a stronger individual going back to Duke, and I’ll be more self-assured and aware that I can make the difference that I want to achieve in the world someday.”

- Justin Bryant, GLS’15, Duke’17 & Schwarzman Scholars’18

QUICK FACTS

Type: Full time
Length: 14 weeks each semester:
2017 Fall (Aug.21-Dec.20)
2018 Spring (Feb.24-Jun.15)
Credit by: Duke University
Location: Duke Kunshan University
Candidate: Undergraduate students currently enrolled in other accredited institutions around the world. GPA>3.0 or ranking in the top 25 of their class
Language: English
Scholarship: Available

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

• All courses are pre-approved by Duke University and are of the same quality as courses taught on the Duke campus in Durham, NC.
• Learn through interactive discussions with faculty and peers in small classes and experiential learning outside the classroom.
• Receive Duke University course credit that can be transferred to an accredited institution.
• Develop friendships with bright, socially engaged students from top universities in China and the world.
• Participate in student life programs designed to highlight diverse cultures.
• Advance language skills in a personalized study environment.
• Participate in international academic workshops and forums.
• Grow from leadership and on-campus work opportunities.
CURRICULUM

The GLS program features an interdisciplinary liberal arts curriculum designed to enhance any major, taught in English by leading faculty from Duke University, Duke Kunshan University and other renowned institutions. All courses are pre-approved by Duke University and are of the same quality as courses taught on the Duke campus in Durham, North Carolina.

The 14 week program is divided into two 7-week sessions and you can select four intensive for-credit classes per semester according to your personal interests and course requirements at your home institution.

Course focus areas:

- Chinese Language, History and Culture
- Global Health
- Environmental Studies
- Business & Economics
- Physical & Natural Sciences
- Humanities & Arts
- Social & Political Sciences

APPLICATION

DEADLINES

FALL 2017 SEMESTER
US applicants: March 1, 2017
China and International (non-US) applicants: May 1, 2017

SPRING 2018 SEMESTER
US applicants: October 1, 2017
China and International (non-US) applicants: November 15, 2017

*Chinese students from partner universities in China must complete your home university procedure before applying online.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The GLS program is designed for undergraduate students currently enrolled in accredited higher education institutions around the world who are interested in cross-cultural experiences. Students are generally in their second or third year of undergraduate studies, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or a ranking in the top 25% of their class.

Students from non-English speaking countries must submit evidence of English language proficiency at the time of application and may be required to have a personal interview prior to an admission decision.

Want to find out more about GLS and life at Duke Kunshan? Speak with previous GLS students:

Duke Kunshan GLS Peer Advisors are fellow students who joined our program and are willing to share their experience with others at their home institution and people around the world.

For more information, contact us at gls@dukekunshan.edu.cn

"You can have frequent chats with fantastic professors, either asking for academic advice or talking about your future. You can participate in terrific forums and lectures for free, so take the chance to talk with excellent lecturers!"

- YiPeng He, GLS’15 & University of Michigan