

# STUDY ABROAD IN CHINA

## TRAVEL AND GAIN INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Join us for a two-week trip to the beautiful Guangxi Province of South China where we will work with local partners seeking to integrate environmental conservation and economic development.

Students and faculty will work as a professional consulting team to conduct a project and produce a report on the opportunities and constraints for sustainable development in the region. Pre- and post-trip work is required.

The China Sustainability Initiative (CSI) is a series of professional development programs and client services focusing on leadership in sustainability.

- Providing graduate students and professionals with international work experience
- Offering applied research and consulting services to partner organizations
- Facilitating cooperative research projects and international professional exchanges.

*To study and preserve  
nature and culture in China*

China Sustainability Initiative, Winter Program  
January 3-14, 2011

Guangxi Province, South China  
Longsheng and Guilin

6 graduate credits

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by October 15, 2010



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### COURSE NUMBERS/CREDITS

NR 5945 (Graduate)/3954 (Undergraduate)

6 credits of graduate coursework

### INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Michael Mortimer

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### ELIGIBILITY

Graduate students, senior undergraduates and working professionals. No prior knowledge of Chinese languages or natural resources expertise is required. Visas required. **Space is limited, so apply early.**

### COSTS

Program Fee: \$2900\*

Airfare: \$1600\*\*

Tuition: 6 credits (20% discount for Sudy Abroad)

\*Fee includes lodging, meals, local transport, activity and admission fees, translators, administrative support.

\*\* Estimated cost of roundtrip flight Washington-Guilin.

### FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships are available. In addition, students may purchase ISIC (International Student ID) cards to receive travel discounts.

### APPLY ONLINE

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**Application deadline: October 15, 2010!**

*Itinerary and course content subject to change.*

*Note: Virginia Tech reserves the right to make cancellations, date and cost adjustments and other necessary changes in the program.*



Hillside rice terraces in Longsheng agricultural village.

## LONGSHENG - 5 DAYS

Located in the northeast portion of Guangxi Province, the mountainous Longsheng region is known for its diverse ethnic minorities with distinct customs and traditional agricultural livelihoods. Construction of



Rural to urban migration is changing the Guangxi region.

Longsheng's 700-year history of sustainability. We will examine the area's changing landscape including the impacts that local farming and tourism industries have on regional biodiversity and wildlife conservation. Issues of cultural conservation versus Han assimilation will be explored in the context of changing demographics and globalization.

Site visits with farmers, merchants and officials from local villages throughout the Longsheng area will help us to better understand the opportunities and constraints for integrating environmental conservation and economic development in the region.

Longsheng's elaborate rice terraces, including the area known as the Devil's Backbone, dates to the Yuan Dynasty in the 13th century.

We will focus our attention on



Guilin at night - Sun Moon pagodas.

## GUILIN - 5 DAYS

Situated on the banks of the Li River, Guilin is the largest urban center in the northern region of Guangxi Province. Guilin's history dates to the 3rd century BC and its rapidly growing population is fueled in part by rural-to-urban migration from places like Longsheng for which the city serves as an economic and cultural hub.



Exploring the Li River watershed in Guilin County.

We will examine the rising threats of transportation, congestion and pollution as Guilin's population expands and becomes more affluent. We will visit scenic Chuan Mountain, Banyan Lake, the water treatment plant, a plastics factory, and related sites to better understand how Guilin is changing.

Through a series of guest lectures, site visits and meetings with officials at places like the Propaganda Bureau and urban development committees, we will get a behind-the-scenes look at the complex dynamics of sustainable development in Guilin and throughout the Guangxi Province of South China.