

WEEK 6&7

Chengdu American Center

Mid-term Examinations

The students just took their midterm exams in the past couple of weeks. Everyone has been working hard and trying their best to get good scores. Congratulations to all our students on their achievement in passing the first half of this semester, and making it a step further towards the finishing line!



The busy and intense midterm weeks

Halloween Party

After the intense mid-term weeks, the Center hosted a fun and exciting party to help our students relax and celebrate Halloween on the night of Oct. 30. Almost half of the current cohort signed up for the party, which was hosted at a big house equipped with various items (karaoke, movie projector, arcade games, board games, mahjong, Xbox, billiards, etc.). Pizza, snacks, and drinks were also provided to make sure everyone had energy for a great night. The highlight of the night was a special birthday celebration.



A Happy Halloween Night



Had some pizza while playing mahjong



Birthday Girl

The exciting board game



Student Voice

"Experiences with G-MEO this fall semester have been beyond my expectation. The professors are amiable and the staff are being responsible. Not only have they cared about our daily life, but also they have been communicating with the students and organizing one activity after another, which impressed me a lot. Everyone had great fun at the Halloween Party. Those decorations, food, and fun items truly created the vibes for students to relax and have fun."

-- Zekai Liao, Economics Major, Junior

High-Tech Company Field Trip

Every semester, the Center organizes field trips to business organizations of all sizes in Chengdu to help students get familiar with relevant fields and industries. On Friday afternoon of Week #7, a group of students paid a visit to a high-tech e-commerce company in the high-tech zone of Chengdu. During the trip, they got to learn about the company's origins and development, corporation structure and culture, and channels for recruitment. As most of our students are from the business school, it's valuable for them to understand how such a big e-commerce company operates.



Waited in line to check into the company



A lively Q & A session after the lectures



A game brought back childhood memories



Played pool

Student Voice

"Things as a whole, the trip to the high-tech company was an amazing experience. From what the speakers and HR shared, I learned about its corporation structure and stories behind the scene. The most attractive thing is their corporation culture and spirit, which I feel it more like a university than a traditional company. I hope I could have more opportunities like this in the future."

-- Xiaoye Chen, Public Relations Major, Junior

Voice from G-MEO Partner

"We had an excellent visit with G-MEO and FDU's AFS (Alternative Fall Semester) on October 19. We had a good meeting with Sara, observed the World Civilization class and met with several students. The students communicated that they are very happy with the program. The morning turned into the afternoon with us having a very nice lunch with Dr. Zhou (teaching Intro to Philosophy and World Civilization), Sara and one of her staff. The program is being well administered and students are active and engaged. Enrollment this semester is 101 students, total, 94 of which are from American University. Several students are majoring in communication and/or international relations and hope there can be more courses in these areas in the spring. The vast majority of students are from outside of Chengdu and chose it specifically over Beijing and Shanghai where AU also has options (so three total in China this semester). Overall our visit went well and we were impressed with the program. We plan to visit again before the end of the semester."

-- Dan Plaut, Executive Director, China Office of Fairleigh Dickinson University