

ORIENTATION

Chengdu American Center in Cooperation with Fairleigh Dickinson University

G-MEO 2022 Spring Program

This spring, G-MEO's Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad has welcomed forty-three Chinese international students from seven US universities: Fairleigh Dickinson University, American University, Norwich University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Boston University, University of Denver, and University of Massachusetts Amherst. Both in-person and hybrid classes that cover topics in Business, STEM, Humanities, and Internship are available.



Welcome to the G-MEO 2022 Spring Program!



Greetings to our old and new faculty members!

First Faculty Meeting

The first faculty meeting was held a week before the start of the Spring Program. At the meeting, the Director from G-MEO's New York Office Ms. Wen Wang first reviewed the past successful alternative semesters/programs after the outbreak of COVID-19, gave an overview and the newness of upcoming Spring program and welcomed all the returning and new faculty. Then Dr. Jason Scorza, Vice Provost for International Affairs at Fairleigh Dickinson University, gave the keynote speech. Dr. Scorza expressed the unprecedented work we are and have been doing, and shared his vision that perhaps our experience from running such replacement programs can be a model to share with other institutions or organizations in higher education when students' study is disrupted due to either domestic or international affairs.



Students signing in

Orientation Day

On Feb. 20th, the Center hosted on-site orientation for the 2022 Spring Program. The G-MEO staff team, faculty representatives, students, and distinguished guests attended the orientation. The Center's Director Ms. Sara Luo gave a welcome speech and introduced G-MEO's Chengdu team. Presentations on program policies and expectations were given during the academic session by Dr. Andy Guth.

Orientation Keynote Speeches

At orientation, we also had two honored guests: G-MEO founder and CEO Dr. David Chang, and Mr. Dan Plaut, the Executive Director of the FDU's China Office. In the live virtual speech, Dr. David Chang welcomed our returning and new students and emphasized to students the importance of being adaptive and flexible to cope with the challenges and opportunities in life. David also expressed his appreciation for our faculty's commitment and dedication and looked forward to another successful and rewarding year of the Tiger. Mr. Plaut shared the history of the establishment of Fairleigh Dickinson University and their close association with the United Nations. He also noted that our students are attending a very special and diverse program.



Dr. David Chang meeting with the students on Zoom



Mr. Dan Plaut interacting with a student



Professor Ziqiang Zeng of Operations Management class introducing himself to the students

Faculty Team

This Spring, we have a team of ten faculty members teaching eleven courses. All faculty hold a Ph.D. degree and have a lot of expertise in their relative fields. The faculty representatives at the on-site Orientation introduced themselves and those who could not attend also sent their greetings through video recordings. The faculty team is always a great asset of our program. We look forward to a wonderful and fruitful program with their efforts and contributions.

Daily Life Session

During the daily life session at the orientation, health and safety were first emphasized. Along with having classes, the G-MEO Chengdu American Center has prepared a series of fun activities throughout the spring program, including seminars, cultural trips, and other exciting activities. Other information including school rules and regulations, on-campus resources, and tips on exploring Chengdu were also shared with the students.



Welcome Lunch

Instead of treating our students with some hotpot, we welcomed the students to another feast - grilled fish, which is a famous dish for get-togethers. After the orientation, our students went to a celebrity grilled fish restaurant in the International Financial Square. The students really got to experience how spicy and delicious the food is in Chengdu. Everyone had a great time eating and socializing.

Student Voice

"I like studying here! We have lots of chances to present and show ourselves in class. Some of the homework is quite interesting such as exploring the culture of Sichuan Opera. In the meantime, I'm also looking forward to the upcoming activities and study."

--Qijia Zhao, Communication Studies major, Sophomore, American University



Student Voice

"It's of great pleasure to attend this program where I can earn credits and study in a Chinese campus. Although it's just one week passing by, I could feel the differences. The learning atmosphere here is quite pleasant and relaxing. I hope to take part in more activities in the program and experience more of the lively city of Chengdu!"

--Qize Xu, Economics major, Junior, Boston University