

# ORIENTATION

Chengdu American Center in Cooperation with Fairleigh Dickinson University

## G-MEO 2023 Summer Program

This summer, G-MEO's Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad has welcomed sixty-seven Chinese international students from thirteen universities such as American University, Stevens Institute of Technology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Rutgers University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, University of California, Davis, and some others. In-person, online and hybrid classes that cover topics in Business, STEM, Humanities and Social Sciences are available.



*Student signing in at the on-site orientation*



*Welcome continuing and new faculty!*

## Faculty Meeting

The faculty meeting was held a week before the Summer program started. At the meeting, the Director from G-MEO's Chengdu American Center Ms. Sara Luo first gave an overview of upcoming Summer program and welcomed all the returning and new faculty. Then Dr. Jason Scorza, Vice Provost for International Affairs at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU), gave the keynote speech, introduced FDU with campuses not only in the U.S. but also Canada and the United Kingdom, and recalled the years-long collaboration with G-MEO in global education endeavor. Dr. Scorza especially noted a traditional American university classroom experience of the program. Dr. Jason Scorza's colleagues in New Jersey and Chengdu, and the faculty members also got to say hello and introduced themselves.



*Desserts prepared at the orientation*



*Dr. Jason Scorza giving the keynote speech*

## Orientation Day

On June 11th, the Center hosted an on-site orientation for the 2023 Summer program. The G-MEO staff team, faculty representatives, and students attended the orientation. The Center's Director Ms. Sara Luo gave a welcome speech, introduced the staff team and expressed the program expectations on our students. The academic session hosted by G-MEO professor Dr. Andy Guth was arranged to give a clear picture on program policies, which includes academic rules and regulations as well as student conduct. Additionally, an online orientation was held on the evening of June 11th for the students who participated the G-MEO's summer program online.



*Ms. Sara Luo welcoming the faculty and students*



*Dr. Andy Guth explaining program policies*



*Students reading Student Handbook carefully*

## Speech from Dr. Jay McKeage

At the orientation, the Senior Vice President of G-MEO, Dr. Jay McKeage, gave a speech via video. Dr. McKeage believes that our students will have a challenging, rewarding and highly memorable summer school experience. He also thanked the dedicated faculty and staff teams in Chengdu. At the end of the speech, Dr. McKeage mentioned the establishment and development of G-MEO as an organization in collaboration with leading global universities, and the value of its programs to the rising generation both in the U.S. and China.



*Speech by Dr. Jay McKeage from G-MEO New York Office*

## Faculty Team

This Summer, we have a team of eighteen faculty members teaching twenty-one 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.



*Faculty representatives at the on-site orientation*



*Prof. Jesse Gates (left) and Prof. Yi Zhou (right) who teaches Intro to Philosophy and U.S. History I respectively*



*Yutong He from American University*



*Yueqiao Wang from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*

## Daily Life and Extra-Curricular Activities

In the daily life session, presentations on important academic dates and extra-curricular activity arrangements were given. Students will have chances to participate in activities that are either cultural or entertaining. Health and safety were emphasized to the students, and available on-campus resources were also shared. The students also got to introduce themselves and express their expectations during the summer.

## Welcome Lunch

After the orientation, students gathered at a nearby hot pot restaurant to enjoy some authentic Chengdu hot pot. As most of our students come from other provinces and cities outside of Chengdu, eating hot pot is always on the top of the to-do list if you are new here. The students really got to experience how spicy but tasty the food here is. Everyone had a great time eating and socializing.



*Students having hot pot*



*Welcome to G-MEO 2023 Summer Program!*



*Students at the on-site orientation*

## Student Voice

"This is my first time joining in G-MEO's program, as I know it's an official study abroad program of AU in Chengdu, China. In the beginning, I just wanted to earn some credits this summer. But I was totally surprised on the Orientation day. The carefully decorated venue, warm and friendly atmosphere, and every other details showed us how warmly we were welcomed.

At the Orientation, Prof. Andy Guth gave an opening speech and introduced the G-MEO program passionately. It made me excited about the upcoming study this summer. When the faculty were standing together on the stage and introducing themselves, I felt incredibly honored and inspired.

I went to the hotpot restaurant with the group after the Orientation. The summer heat did not stop us from enjoying the hot and spicy food of Chengdu. Through the first few days, I deeply felt the warmth and care from the G-MEO staff and faculty. It is not only a program for earning credits, but also for us to enrich college life. I look forward to learning, exploring and growing with my classmates together."

**--Yuchen Wang, Business Administration major, Junior, American University**