LIVING, LEARNING AND TEACHING IN CHINA
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Living In China

- Shanghai
- Hong Kong
- Rural Life
- Chinese homes
- Living conditions
- Networking
- Getting used to traffic
- Cultural nuances
- Internet and phone calls
Pearl Tower

- Yangzhi River & Pearl Tower in Shanghai
  - Very polluted
  - High traffic

- Most cities are easy to get around
- English is not common
Many different interesting food choices
I lost 23 pounds!
Street vendors
No coffee!
Shop the markets!
Be prepared for new food experiences!
Banquets for visitors are common

Be polite—try everything!
Shopping is great!
Many cities have large, expansive outdoor shopping malls
Prices are a fraction of North American goods
Prosperity is obvious by the large number of shoppers
Lots of People!

- Be prepared for crowds
- Nobody bothers you, it’s easy to blend in
- Getting around in the big cities is easy
- Buses, subways, taxis are inexpensive and frequent
- Transportation is cheap!
Pollution is everywhere
An open mind and patience is important
See as much as possible
Be prepared for some cultural nuances!
Daily Life in China

- Not much different than in North America
- Markets, shopping, and day-to-day living
- Hustle and bustle of life in China
Teaching in China

- Jiangsu University
- About 200 kms west of Shanghai
- Changzhou University city
- School of Business
- 2 years of Business in China - final 2 years of studies in Canada
Stiking architecture
About 38,000 students
Huge dorms and residences
Push to modernize China’s universities
University city concept
24 built around the same time
Lots of physical exercise space
Outdoor track
Back of the grandstands overlooking the track
Clusters of specialized universities specializing in various faculties
Dorms and residence accommodate about 5,000 students

7-13 buildings for students

Buildings in the background are classrooms, labs and offices

Very modern, clean and well organized
The School of Business and English Training

- Modern buildings
- Facilities are great
- Many large open courtyards
- Life on campus is great
- All facilities and services are available
- You are made to feel welcome and at ease
Faculty Offices and Administration

Western faculty are treated very well

Flexible teaching schedules and timetables

Many banquets, meals and “celebrations” to honour foreign faculty members
- Willingness to have “Western Teachers”
- Big demand for experienced Business faculty
- International Business experience and export related subjects are appreciated
Learning in China

- Nanchang
- History
- Student attitudes
- Opinions and feelings about the future
- Understanding the culture-collectivism
- The language is difficult to master
Learning about the past

- History, architecture and the past
- Understanding the various religions
- Culture in China
- The one-parent policy
- Try not to be critical of policies
- Myths, stories and superstitions
- Impact and importance of colors, symbols, numbers and superstitions
- I was fascinated by what I learned about China
Universities are open to having family members live with faculty

Great experience

Growth, prosperity and future of China

Lots of opportunities available

Google
Religion