

# SILK ROADS FIELD COURSE AND CHINA TRIP

## SPRING 2016 APPLICATION

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### INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the **SPRING 2016 - ASIAN STUDIES 221 SILK ROADS FIELD COURSE AND CHINA TRIP**, you must submit the following materials to Off-Campus Studies (OCS), Mem. 205, by **October 15, 2015**.

- Application Form
- Essays
- Transcript and Academic Evaluation Request
- Faculty Reference Form (must be from a different professor than the ones leading the trip)
- Financial Aid Application completed by Financial Aid Services (required if applying for Deal Endowment financial assistance)
- Legible copy of the photo page of your passport. (This may be submitted by January 20, 2016. See the OCS website under "Travel Resources" for instructions about how to apply for a passport.)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ WID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Passport must be valid until October 1, 2016 to be used on this trip.)

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Major Adviser(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information** - [ ] Parent 1 [ ] Parent 2 [ ] Other Emergency Contact

**Name of Contact #1** \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Contact #2** \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ESSAYS**

**Please type your responses to the following essay questions on a separate page. Your response for each question should be no more than one double-spaced page in length.**

1. How does the field course on the Silk Roads in China during spring 2016 fit into your academic program at Whitman and/or your long-term professional or personal goals?
2. Prior international travel is not a prerequisite for participation in this course. However, we would like to know about any of your international travel or intercultural experiences thus far.

## **RECORDS RELEASE**

1. I give permission to the Whitman Registrar to release my transcript and Academic Evaluation to Off-Campus Studies and to the trip leaders for the purposes of this application.
2. I understand that the application process for this field course involves review of my records with the Dean of Students at Whitman College, including disciplinary record, and I grant permission to the Dean of Students to release that information to Off-Campus Studies at Whitman and to the trip leaders.

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Student Signature

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### FACULTY REFERENCE FORM

**TO THE STUDENT:** Please sign the authorization and give this reference form to a faculty member who knows you well and has taught you in an academic course. It should **not** be from a faculty member who is taking the group to China. Your professor should forward the completed form to Off-Campus Studies (OCS), Mem. 205.

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE \_\_\_\_\_ (NAME OF FACULTY MEMBER) TO COMPLETE THIS FORM. I WAIVE MY RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THIS REFERENCE AND UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS PREPARED.

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### SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

**TO THE FACULTY MEMBER** - This student has applied for the Silk Roads Field Course and China Trip, spring 2016. The course will meet once a week throughout the semester, and include a first-hand learning experience through two weeks of educational travel in China over spring break. Please respond to the following:

- 1) What is your assessment of the candidate's academic ability, motivation, and personal qualities such as maturity that might help him or her adjust successfully to a short-term trip to China?
- 2) Group dynamics are important to the success of this travel/study program. How do you think this student will manage studying, living, and traveling together with a group of 10-12 peers?

If you would like more information on this program, please visit our web site at

<http://www.whitman.edu/ocs/programs/>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with your letter of reference to Off-Campus Studies (OCS), Mem 205, by October 15, 2015. Letters of reference must be signed.**

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### FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Students with financial need are strongly encouraged to apply for funding as a substantial amount of need-based scholarship assistance is available through the David Deal China Exchange Endowment. In the past, both partial and full scholarships have been awarded.\*

\*Please note: Students who have received financial aid previously for China trips through the David Deal Endowment, such as *Archaeology in/of China* or *Whitman Summer Studies in China*, are not eligible for further funding from this Endowment.

### This portion to be completed by the student

I give permission to Whitman Financial Aid Services to release my financial aid information for the purposes of assessing my scholarship eligibility. Scholarships for the course will be based on financial need and merit.

In order to help us determine your financial need for participating on the Silk Roads Field Course and China Trip, please type any additional pertinent information on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

WID # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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### This portion to be completed by a Financial Aid Official at Whitman College

1. Total Financial Aid received during 2015-16 Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Total Student Loans for 2015-16 Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Total Merit Scholarship received 2015-16 Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Family Contribution during 2015-16 Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Financial Aid Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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