Xing Wei College
Exchange Program

The Xing Wei College Experience

The exchange program with Xing Wei College is one of our newest partnerships, established in 2016. Students can elect to study either fall or spring semesters, or for an entire academic year from August through June. Xing Wei takes a unique approach among universities in China in that its curriculum is offered to all students entirely in English, meaning its courses will be easily accessible for Evergreen students. Of course, Evergreen students can also study Mandarin Chinese at Xing Wei College in addition to other coursework. In addition, Xing Wei is designed in a way that gives students a high level of input into the administration of the College, utilizing student committees to carry out many of its functions. Xing Wei College is located on a beautifully manicured campus that spans both sides of the local river. As a new and innovative institution, Xing Wei College has about 150 students as of 2017.

The Shanghai Region

Xing Wei College is located in the Pudong District of greater Shanghai, southeast of downtown and close to Pudong International Airport. It enjoys a fairly mild climate, similar to the Pacific Northwest in temperature, with January lows in the 30’s F, and summer temperatures in the 90’s. Downtown Shanghai is about a 40 minute ride away, and offers an amazing resource as one of the fastest growing and innovative cities in Asia. Long a city of connection to the world, it’s an intriguing blend of cutting edge business entrepreneurship and historical tradition. The population as of 2014 is over 24 million people.

Mandarin Chinese Language Study

Xing Wei College offers a more individualized approach to Chinese language study. Students will arrange small classes with Chinese language faculty, often supported by opportunities for student-to-student tutoring and practice.

Academics

Students select from a range of coursework in the Humanities, Social Sciences or Sciences. There are also opportunities to arrange individualized study, not only for Chinese language instruction, but many other disciplinary areas as well. Xing Wei operates on a semester system; students can take up to 18 semester credits per term, which converts to about 27 quarter credits after transcript review. In many ways, Xing Wei College was intentionally modelled after Evergreen, thus allowing considerable flexibility in modes of learning.

Housing and Meals

Evergreen exchange students live in newly refurbished campus housing, similar in ways to Evergreen apartment style living. The monthly cost for housing is about $175. Students can choose to eat on campus in the cafeteria, eat off campus, or prepare their own meals for about $300 per month.

Program Dates

Evergreen Application Deadline: Mar 15
Decision Date: Mar 30
Xing Wei College Application Forms Sent: Apr 15
Xing Wei College Fall Semester: Aug 23-Dec 16
Xing Wei College Spring Semester: Feb 26-Jun 9
Estimated Costs for a One-year Exchange:

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You will need to provide evidence to Xing Wei College that you have this amount available through financial aid or other resources in order to receive a Certificate of Eligibility to apply for your Chinese student visa. Submit your FAFSA early.

Selection Criteria

Students interested in studying in the year-long exchange program at the Xing Wei College should demonstrate the following:

1. Strong interest in studying Chinese language and culture;
2. High level of past academic performance and success in interdisciplinary coursework;
3. Ability to pursue intellectual curiosity in a setting that requires self-motivation and self-discipline.
4. Ability to act with maturity, responsibility, and sensitivity, even in stressful circumstances;
5. Ability to assume leadership roles within the overseas community and to understand your role as a representative of Evergreen and the US;

Evergreen Application Materials – Phase One

2. Letter of interest (one page) that addresses:
   a. your reasons for choosing this program
   b. the benefits to your academic and career goals
   c. how you are academically prepared thus far
   d. maturity, responsibility, sensitivity, and leadership qualities as described above.
   e. your proposal for a feasible project of inquiry
   f. reasons for study at the selected university
3. Transcripts from Evergreen, unofficial version;
   Other colleges, must be official, unopened
4. Two Faculty Recommendation Forms/Letters,
   preferably from Evergreen faculty, but one may be from an outside source
5. One past academic writing sample, preferably on some aspect of Chinese culture, but other topics are acceptable. No creative writing samples!
7. Copy of valid passport, or copy of application for passport. Must be valid 6 months beyond your expected end date.
8. A personal interview may be requested.

Submit all materials to the Coordinator of International Programs, Academic Advising, Library 2153, by the listed deadline.

Xing Wei College Application Materials – Phase Two

Recommended students must submit the following documents by Apr 15 so we can meet Xing Wei College deadlines:

1. Xing Wei College Application Form: This is a two-page form in English, very simple.
2. Personal Statement re Study at Xing Wei College: A brief essay explaining why you want to attend Xing Wei
3. Recommendation Letter: Secure one or two from faculty.
4. Educational History: A brief summary of your education from elementary school through college.
5. Evergreen Transcripts: A copy of the transcripts you have already provided will be sent to Xing Wei.
8. Passport ID Pages: Be sure that you have submitted a copy of the ID pages of your passport.
9. Eight Photos: Use own or get photos at Photoland in the Library. Cut to 4.5cm X 3.5 cm, upper body, full faced, no hats. Use the template provided. Write your name and nationality lightly on the back of each photo.
8. Visa Application: This is needed to apply for a student visa. Print VERY clearly.
9. Medical Form: Arrange a check-up with the Health Center or your doctor. Have the doctor complete the Medical Form. Some test results may take a week to get back. Schedule this in advance of submitting your overall application, due to the short turn-around time for submitting to Xing Wei College.