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Administrative Boards of the College of Arts and Sciences
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Dear Colleagues:

China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, China

We are submitting for your approval a proposal to establish an undergraduate student exchange program with the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), located in Beijing, China. This will be a two-way exchange, with Fall, Spring and Year-long options. Further information about the University can be reviewed at: <http://www.cfau.edu.cn/cfauEN/index.html>.

The establishment of this program is supported by the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense (PWAD).

Dan Gold (Asia Programs Director) visited with faculty and staff of CFAU and reviewed the facilities in Summer 2011. Additionally, CFAU President Zhao Jinjun and Dean of the School of International Education Wang Yan have visited the UNC-Chapel Hill campus this past year.

Program Rationale

This would be the first Study Abroad Office student exchange partner in mainland China. Current exchange partners of CFAU include Columbia University, Brigham Young University, and the University of Alberta. The high quality and variety of courses taught in English at CFAU, and the small size of the university, make it an ideal first student exchange partner for UNC-Chapel Hill in mainland China. As an exchange, this program would be the most affordable program option in mainland China for in-state UNC-Chapel Hill students. Given China's growing global importance, the opportunity to study first-hand Chinese views towards international affairs alongside China's future diplomats would be an invaluable experience for PWAD, Global Studies, and Asian Studies students. We expect to exchange two students (FTE) annually.

China Foreign Affairs University

Founded in 1955, CFAU is the only institution of higher learning in China which operates under the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Around 2,500 students are enrolled at CFAU

each year: the University offers Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral Degrees. The university's main focus is to train personnel for professional careers in the Foreign Service, as well as in careers related to international business and law. Given the international focus of the school, the level of English at CFAU for both faculty and students is among the best in all of China.

Our students can take courses in the following academic units at CFAU, all of which offer a wide selection of courses in English:

Department of Diplomacy
Department of English and International Studies
Department of International Law
Department of International Economics
Department of Foreign Languages
Institute of International Relations

Course titles include: China's Economy and External Economic Relations. Regionalism and Integration, Foreign Policy Analysis, China History of Diplomacy, Diplomacy of Contemporary China, Sino-US Relations, Globalization and Global Administration, and Western Scholarship on Chinese Foreign Policy. In addition, our students would be required to take one course in Chinese Language per semester, offered at all levels at CFAU.

The Program

Our students would attend CFAU from August to December for Fall semester and February/March to June/July for Spring Semester. Our students could stay at CFAU for either semester or the full year, and would take a full course load of 12-18 credit hours per semester (each course meets approximately for 45 contact hours and would transfer 3 credit hours each) This exchange program will convey UNC-CH transfer credit (TREQ).

The program will be housed on the residential campus of CFAU in the western part of the city, close to the Beijing Zoo and many of the major universities such as Peking University. CFAU is within walking distance to shopping and restaurants and easily accessible to other parts of Beijing by subway, bus, and taxi. Our students will stay in shared double rooms with attached bath in the International Student Dorm building on the campus of CFAU and will have access to the full range of services on the campus, including student clubs, the campus library, cafeterias, and the International Office, which is dedicated to support international students on campus. There are 6 international-standard medical facilities in the city that partner with our insurance provider, HTH, 3 of which offer 24/7 emergency medical assistance. Beijing is a generally a safe place for visitors, according to the US Department of State Travel Website, with petty street crime and business disputes being the most common concerns for US citizens in China.

The CFAU International Office will also provide our students with an intensive orientation program, introducing them to life in Beijing, transportation, medical care, emergency contacts, and cultural activities during the program. The Office will also assist our students in meeting local Chinese students, who will be taking classes alongside our students. For our students, there

is a minimum GPA requirement of 3.0. Students must have at least junior status. Language study is required while on the program; however, there is no prior language prerequisite. On our existing programs in Beijing, students have successfully navigated life in Beijing without prior language study. Language study while in Beijing in addition to the strong English skills of the CFAU students and faculty will further minimize language issues for our students while on the program.

We are happy to provide any further information that you may need to evaluate this proposal.

Yours sincerely:



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