China Study Tour
June 19-July 5, 2010

The Environmental Sciences and Geology Program is sponsoring a study tour to China that will focus on the effects of climate change and human activities on the landscape, environment, and culture in the heartland of China. Participants will get to study river systems on the Yellow River, agriculture in the spectacular loess deposits of the Loess Plateau, volcanism in the Datong Volcanic Field, lake deposits disturbed by periglacial processes near Daihai Lake, and other interesting geologic features. All of these will be studied in the context of climate change and human activities, and involved locations not usually seen by tourists.

In addition to environmental and geologic study, participants will be introduced to Chinese culture and history; experience the Great Wall of China, walk in Tiananmen Square, visit the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, see the Terracotta Warriors of the Qin Dynasty, and explore the Museum of Peking Man.

Trip leaders include Dr. Weihong Fan, Dr. Michael Hozik, and Dr. Raymond Mueller, as well as Dr. Qiu Weili and his colleagues from Beijing Normal University.

While the study tour is not credit-bearing, students may register for up to 4 hours of independent study credit if they choose.

Cost: $3000 including air travel, ground transportation, lodging, meals, and admission tickets. This covers all the costs of the trip other than personal incidentals, e.g. souvenirs or snacks.

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