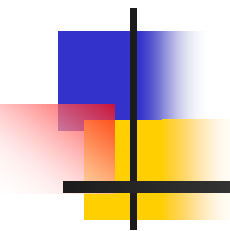


# Working With China Interactive Workshop Summary



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# Planning a program in China

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- Objectives
  - Student level
  - Material to be covered - credits
  - Length of program
  - Cost
- Assessment – how will you know if you are successful?



# Possible Models

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- Short course
- Internship – industry or NGO
- Team project – WPI model
- Semester-long study
- Work/study
- Dual degree program – URI model



# Don't Discount Luck

- When Matthew Brady, UHC student, traveled to Russia in 1997 and reported that the opportunity was available to travel into Mongolia
- Honors College provided him with the funding to do exactly that.
- Brady found a country truly foreign from any he had previously seen.
- Mongolia had been closed to Westerners until almost 1994, was in the process of making the difficult transition from a socialist to a market-based economy.
- Traveling via the trans-Siberian railway to the National University of Mongolia, Brady met Professor Hongorzul, director of the American Studies Program.
- Professor Hongorzul then introduced him to Provost Daawa, who, by an astounding coincidence, had once attended Pitt.
- The stage was set for the Mongolia Field Studies Program.
- The University Honors College funded a summer trip for serious academics interested in Mongolia. Students traveled to Russia, then took the trans-Siberian railway into Mongolia to study the culture and perform research projects. Now also visit China



# Breaking the program down

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- Academics
  - Pre-departure
  - On-site
  - Return
- On-site Activities
  - Company visits
  - Lectures
  - Cultural activities
  - Fun/student interaction
- Logistics
  - Where to stay
  - Transportation to China
  - Internal transportation
- Costs



# Pre-departure

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- Coursework
  - Language preparation
  - Understanding of China
    - Early history
    - 1800+ - shaping of modern China
    - Confucius – and impact
    - Economic development
  - Globalization - offshoring
  - Environment and energy