



NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF MONGOLIA

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Summer schools in:

- Mongolian Language and Culture
- Anthropology and Archaeology
- Mining Economy

SUMMER SCHOOL ON MONGOLIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Duration: 3 weeks

Introduction: Students live in a Ger, Mongolian traditional accommodation in historical and beautiful place of Ulaanbaatar's outskirts.

And from an experienced Mongolian language teacher, the students receive language training and learn about Mongolia, no prior experience necessary. Students can experience Mongolian culture first-hand: traditions, religion, and nomadic herding lifestyle, the Mongolian major summer holiday "Naadam", horse racing, wrestling, archery, production of milk products, national songs and music. Students have opportunities to travel on their own throughout Mongolia.



Arrival and reception

Tour of Ulaanbaatar

Lecture at a resort in a natural park (Uvur Zaisan and Gorkhi Terelj)

Naadam Festival in Ulaanbaatar

Sightseeing in National park - Gorkhi Terelj

Farewell Dinner and Certificate Presentation Ceremony

Credits: 4

Tuition and fees: Individual: \$1,500

Included: Accommodation, meals, in-country transportation costs during the Program. All other in-country costs will be borne by the participant.

Food: International food, including Mongolian and Asian specialties European and vegetarian food by an experienced cooker

SUMMER SCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY (SSAA)

Duration: 3 weeks

Introduction: Department of Archaeology and Anthropology, National University of Mongolia (NUM) hosts Summer School in Archaeology and Anthropology to provide international students to work together with their Mongolian colleagues in fieldwork for new experience, knowledge, and insights.

It aims: - To broaden your understanding of traditional culture of Mongolian nomads through the study of history and ancient and contemporary culture of Mongols and archaeological monuments from different historical period of Mongolia.

- To obtain excellent experience in archaeological excavation of pre-historical and historical monuments in East Mongolia Through this course we seek to promote international academic and scientific exchange and collaboration in Anthropology and Archaeology and Mongolian studies.

This is extremely interesting and challenging experience:

- Taking part in everyday life of Mongolian nomads,
- Training your powers of observation, orientation,
- Reading a compass, digging, keeping notes,
- hiking in a beautiful country,
- Finding and recording artifacts and features,
- Communication via satellites, Mastering photography,
- Using global post, drawing maps, getting dirty and having fun!



Course Schedule

- Arrival in Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar
- Ulaanbaatar city tour
- Fieldwork
- Research report preparation
- Naadam festival
- Presentation & Discussion – Summer school all Participants, To hand a certificate,
- Farewell party in camp Uvur Zaisan
- Back to UB and Departure preparation
- See off participants

Credits: Upon successful completion of the course students will earn 5 credits

Accommodation and Work Environment

Students must be prepared to live and work in a field camp, sleep in tents, share camp chores and maintenance, and engage in strenuous outdoor activities. The chores will include cooking, clean-up, and general maintenance of the field facilities. Outdoor activities will include hiking to survey quads and archaeological site locations. Students will be responsible for excavating, carrying heavy loads, and processing field collections.

Personal Supplies

Students in the course should arrive prepared for fieldwork and camping. Critical items include a tent, good sleeping bag, rain gear, hiking boots, grubby clothes, toiletries, hat, and a camera. Your field equipment kit should contain a watch, compass, protractor, pencils and pens, and you should have your personal backpack, a portable water container, toilet paper, and insect repellent. The program will provide cooking Ger, food, equipment, and transportation during the field experience. A complete list of personal supplies will be furnished upon registration for the course.

Tuition and Fees

Summer Field school fees include all program related expenses: tuition fee, in-country transportation, accommodation and home stay. The tuition fee for the course is 1500 USD and it does not include:

- costs associated with passports and other travel documents;
- international airfare to and from Ulaanbaatar
- a visa fee and visa extension fee;
- costs associated with travel after the end of the season and likewise;
- personal expenses such as purchase, entertainment and sightseeing, insurance premiums etc.

For more information please contact:

SUMMER SCHOOL IN MONGOLIAN MINING ECONOMY

Duration: 3 weeks

Introduction: Participants will increase their knowledge about mining industries in Mongolia.

It contains two destinations of tour training. In these days you will visit some mining industries of Mongolia and get practical knowledge from those industries activity. This tour training will take approximately 5000 kilometers. Purpose of Summer school: To introduce the present situation and further approach of mining economy of Mongolia.





Applicants must be:

1. Senior undergraduate, MA or PhD students and researchers with an interest in mining economy;
2. Young professionals keen to improve their knowledge of current major issues in real situation of mining.
3. English proficiency: Applicants are expected to be proficient in English, although no certificate is required.
4. To be able to get ready for journey like raining and shiny clothes, journey tools
5. Have life and accident insurance

Credits: 2 credits, Duration: 3 weeks, Place: Hotel, national accommodation ger

TUITION AND FEES

Registration fee: 20USD nonrefundable

Total: \$1650

Included: Subject Tuition, Activity & Social Program,

Accommodation, Lunch each day, Welcome packet, Study materials, Welcome and Graduation events, Reports from tutors, Graduation certificate. Not Included: Airfare, Insurance (book separately), Private Tutoring (book separately), Pocket money.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Visa information

Participants can apply for a temporary visa or type "J" visa to the Mongolian Embassy or Consulate in your country or nearest country. For further information on visas: saraa3mn@yahoo.com

Certificate: Upon the successful completion of the program, a certificate will be awarded.

Airport pick up: Each school can arrange pick up at Chinggis Khaan international airport and transport you to your accommodation. If you need airport pick up service, you must send airport pick up service form to the department of international relations and cooperation (saraa3mn@yahoo.com) at least 7 days before your arrival. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

How to apply

1. Please fill in the Application form and sent it together with nonrefundable registration fee 20 USD through our address (Ikh surguuliin gudamj-1, National university of Mongolia P.O.Box 46A/523, 210646 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia) to the International relations and cooperation department by June 5, 2014.
2. After receiving the application form and fee, we will send you the admission letter with detailed information.

Contact information

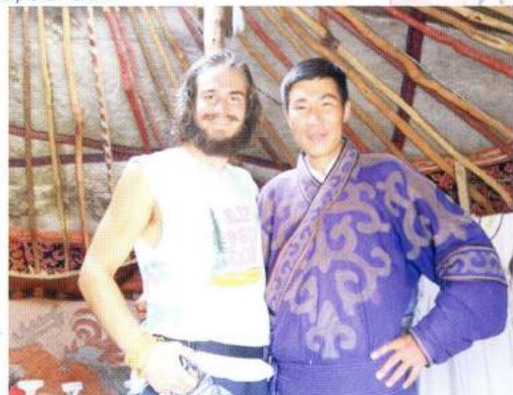
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SUMMER SCHOOL 2014 PARTICIPANT'S IMPRESSIONS

Nicolas Rasiulis - MA Candidate, Anthropology, University of Ottawa, Canada

My experience participating in the Mongolian language and culture summer school program was outstanding. With this program I found everything I was looking for and more. As a first year master's student in anthropology, I joined the program in order to improve my Mongolian language skills, and to get acquainted with Mongolian people and customs, before beginning my field research among the Dukha Tsaatan reindeer herders in Northern Khovsgol Aimag. Our daily language courses helped me learn many new and useful words, and attune my ears and tongue to the correct pronunciation of the Mongolian language. Our teacher was very good at adapting the courses to the specific needs of the different students, each of them had different levels of fluency in Mongolian.





Some of the more advanced students, who had been learning on our own before joining the program, even became unofficial teaching assistants, helping the less advanced students improve their language skills. In this way, each student developed their Mongolian language skills considerably, while having fun the whole time of course! Perhaps the most useful part of the program in terms of learning Mongolian was the time spent simply living in Mongolia, because at every turn there were locals with whom we could practice our newly acquired words. In addition to language training, we visited museums and beautiful places rich in nature and culture, such as Terelj National Park. In Terelj I went for one of the most amazing hikes of my life, ascending a mountain peak from where I could see beautiful grassy hills rolling over into the lush forests hugging the sides of the richly coloured rocky mountains. Perhaps the most special part of this program was the week we spent living with a family of nomadic herders. By helping out with their daily tasks, I was able to slowly develop an authentic friendship with the family members. In this way, I was able to participate even more in their daily life, and my language skills developed impressively while sharing precious moments of laughter and companionship with them. And the food there was amazing! Delicious dairy products fresh from the morning, soups that warmed my stomach and heart, as well as a traditional Mongolian barbecue for which I helped prepare the goat that we ate. In addition to the things I learned that will be useful for my field research, I also made friendships that I maintain today, and that I intend to maintain for a long time. Getting to know students from around Asia, Europe and Australia, this program was not just an introduction to Mongolia, but was truly an international cultural exchange. I am so thankful for this wonderful part of my life, and I wish you great success in your own experiences with this program.

Sara Weiling Cai - Participant of Summer school in Mongolian language and culture, National University of Singapore

Summer school with the National University of Mongolia was a really wonderful experience, be it immersing in Mongolian culture, or light-hearted language classes. I really enjoyed myself thoroughly, especially on the trips out of Ulaanbaatar to the countryside, passing by endless blue skies, mountains, hills and rolling plateaus. I also made friends with lovely people around the world who were enrolled in the programme as well, and I am very glad to have created many beautiful and joyful memories with them.

At the Terelj River



Hung Hsin Yun - Participant of Summer school in Mongolian language and culture, Shih-Chien University, Taiwan

This July, I joined NUM's summer program and started my 20 day journey in that beautiful country- Mongolia. Mongolia is a very unique country. It has so many grasslands. In the past, Mongolians lived there, sang their folk songs, played their instruments and enjoyed their meats and milk. However, after many years of development half of the residents now live in the capital city. They no longer live in gers, they live in the city and fight for their city lives.

Half of the Mongolians live in the city now, while the other half still keeps traditional life styles. To me, the most unforgettable experience is in the countryside of Mongolia. As a resident of Macau, growing up in an international city, of course I would like to explore more different life styles. This is one reason why I joined the program.

I still remember the first camp, where we lived in a hostel in countryside. The shape of hostel was like a traditional ger of Mongolia. All of us exchange students had Mongolian class in the morning, and explored traditional life styles of Mongolia in the





afternoon. We watched stars at night, ate mutton and drank milk every day. The time there was so pleasant and relaxing without any Wi-Fi connections so that we could not communicate with the outside. This provided us the opportunity to talk to each other and experience the way countryside Mongolians live.

In the second camp, we lived in a real ger. We lived with a herdsman's family. I have to say that the second camp is more memorable. There was no water source and each of us only got 5 bottles of 500ml water to cope with our needs in those 6 days of the camp. (Food was provided there.) And at that time I just started to realize how important water is, especially when I used half of a bottle water to brush my teeth, I felt really guilty. It was a great challenge for people like me who grew up in a city and can enjoy all the recourse easily. I really felt so depressed on the first day of the camp, that I could not imagine the remaining days there. Nevertheless, I successfully used 5 bottles of 500ml water to survive in the end. There I learnt not only the language, and about the culture, but also the importance of the resources. After the second camp, it made me realize how lucky I am to get the resource that I want in Macao. I do not have to worry about water or whether the water is hot enough for me to take shower, but in the countryside of Mongolia, have water to drink was a great luxury.

I am so glad that I joined this program. It not only provided me with more knowledge about Mongolia, but also provided the chance to meet many new friends from different countries, such as Singapore, Taiwan, Finland, Canada, Macao and Australia. In these 20 days, we have been through a lot and got to know each other better. We slept together, sang together, played together, studied together, etc. The memories there are too good to forget. We learnt from each other and help each other. Time flies, the 20 day long unforgettable journey has ended. I miss the grasslands there, the goats, sheep, horses, camels, mountains, the blue sky and all the happy memories from the countryside. Even though I have returned to Macao, I still cannot forget Mongolia.

LI JUN LIN - PARTICIPANT OF SUMMER SCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MACAU



It was a great opportunity for me to attend the fantastic summer school program in Mongolia. The archaeology program organized by the National University of Mongolia has been an exceptional experience for me. In the first three days of our stay, we had a chance to travel around the capital of Mongolia Ulan Bator. We saw some old temples, museums and some beautiful sceneries. Our coordinators Mendee and Sara are really nice. They introduce and explain many things to us, and patiently answered all kind of strange questions that we had. And then we started our main part of this program: archaeology.

The archaeology site is 500 kilometers from UB. It took us 2 days to get there. The driver and the teacher are very experienced. They taught us about Mongolian traditions, some simple Mongolian language and basic archaeology. After we arrived, we found that we were going to excavate a grave with the professional archeology team from the National University of Mongolia together. We worked together, ate together, and slept together in the field. We lived in the tents with sleeping bags for 12 days. It was quite an unforgettable experience for us. After 10 day of excavation, we found some bones and two precious stones. We were all very excited! In those 12 days,

we experienced the real Mongolian life style. Although the living environment was basic, we all enjoyed it very much. We have to say that the professor took good care of us. She always gave us the best food and drinks and paid attention to our feelings every day. We were very impressed.

After we finished the archeology camp, we went back to UB to take part in the national Naadam festival. It is the biggest festival for Mongolians. The Naadam is also attractive to us. Many foreigners go to Mongolia especially for Naadam. After Naadam, we said goodbye to our teachers and new friends. Throughout these 3 weeks, they were very kind to me. I will never forget them and this trip. The memories are so beautiful. I wish my writing skills were good enough to write them down. The summer really meant a lot to me!

All in all, I really love Mongolia. Maybe I will come back to this amazing country in the near future to experience my passion for it again.





PENG YING XI (YORK)- PARTICIPANT OF SUMMER SCHOOL IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MACAU

I arrived in Chinggis Khan international airport at around 4 am, 24th June with Tim, and then Mendee and the driver from National University of Mongolia took us to the international dormitory of their school. When we arrived, we could see the beautiful grasslands around the airport at dawn. The day time is very long from about 4:00 am to 9:40pm, and the night time is very short, so when we just stayed there, we cannot sleep very well in the morning because of the sunlight. At the same time, the temperature difference between day and night is very obvious, so that during the day it was summer, but the nighttime felt like autumn.

The next two days were city tour days. The teachers from the university led us to some beautiful places, temples, and many museums, introducing us to lots of Mongolia's history. Ulaanbaatar city is not very big; we nearly visited the whole city in two days.

From June 27 to the July 9, the students who participated in the Anthropology-Archaeology program went to the field with the professor and other local students and teachers to do excavation and field lectures. The Archaeology students included me and Tim, two boys from UM, and four girls, Huishan, Charmaine, Nishida and Junyee, from the National University of Singapore. The field is very far from Ulaanbaatar. We spent about two days in the field.

The time in the field was very exciting and interesting.

Everybody lived in the tent except two drivers and a boy, who spent the night in the car. Every morning, we got up at 7:30am, and then had the breakfast, usually bread and milk tea. After breakfast, we went to two graves, and began to dig. The teacher taught us about the civilization that produced also demonstrated some archaeology knowledge and skills, like how to clean the stone, how to position the human body and so on.

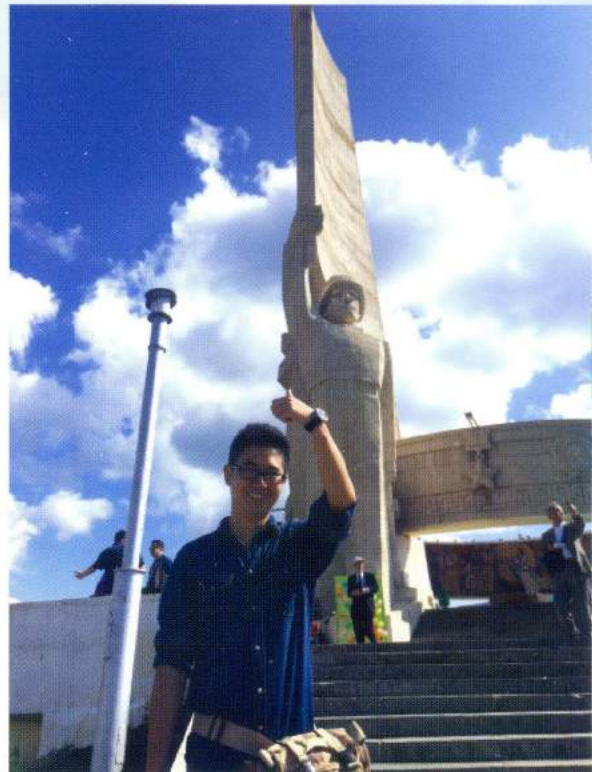
In the field, two girls cooked for us every day. We did not have a wide variety of food options; usually our meals were made from mutton, potatoes, onion, rice or noodle. Although the materials were limited, the daily meals very delicious.

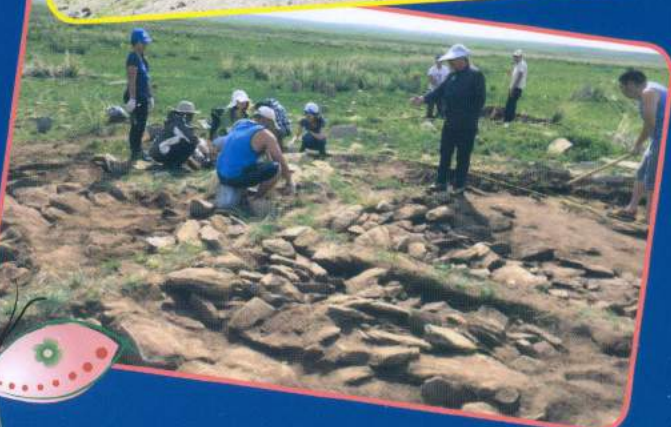
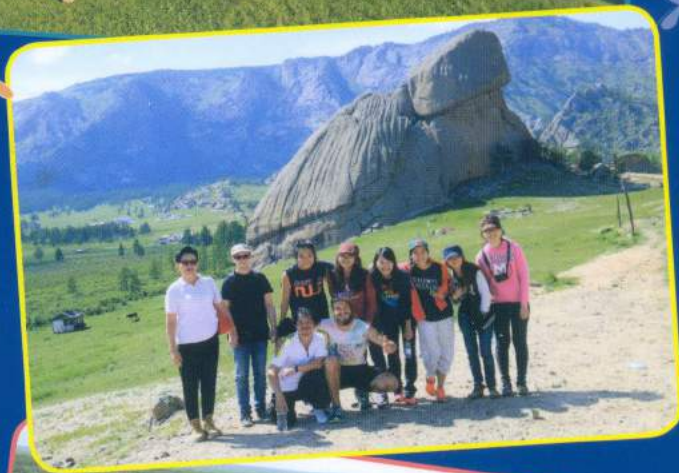
In the afternoon, sometimes the professor led us to rock art and ancient rock script sites, taught us about ancient cultures of Mongolian nomads or introduced other civilization to us through power point. After several days, we all benefited from this trip.

After dinner, it was break time. People got together, talked to each other, shared their experiences and ideas or played interesting games with each other. Sometimes the professor led us to the nomad's home, the people there were very nice, they gave us some homemade milk food, wine, or even invite us to spend a night at their home. We lived there for two nights; the ger was very warm, totally different from our tent.

In the last few days, we finally found two human skeleton and two stones through our excavation. They were all from 6,000 years ago, especially two beautiful stones. The professor said the two stones are very precious to the whole team, and she would bring them back to Ulaanbaatar to continue research.

This is the whole impression from me. During this summer school, I learnt a lot and at the same time, met many friends, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. The people here are very nice. It was a brilliant experience for me and I return to Mongolia in the future. (The group photo of archaeology team) (The two precious stones we found).





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