

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2021

# COLGATE EXCHANGE IN XIAMEN



**Director:**

Nicole Simpson, Department of Economics

**Tentative Program Dates:**

Mid-September to  
Mid-January, 2022

**Learn about the 2021-22 Colgate Study Groups and Talk With the Faculty Directors at the Study Group Fair on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020, 4:00–5:00:**

<https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair>

**For more information about the program:**

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Xiamen Exchange Program is a recently created study abroad opportunity in Xiamen, China. Xiamen University is located on the southeast coast of China, and is known as one of the most beautiful campuses in China. While studying at Xiamen, students will be able to advance their Economics major while immersing in Chinese culture. Students will be able to take three upper-level Economics electives that will count toward their major and 1 course towards the minor. The classes are in English so students do not need language skills in Chinese prior to participation.

Colgate students will connect to the Xiamen students who will be attending Colgate in the following Spring semester, and these students will serve as cultural ambassadors during your time at Xiamen.

Prior to study at Xiamen, students are encouraged to do some language study in Chinese, using resources at the Keck Center at Colgate.



**Goals of the Program:**

- [1] To take economics courses at one of the best Economics departments in China.
- [2] To introduce students to Chinese language and culture.
- [3] To meet students from around the world and broaden their social and cultural perspectives in a different society.
- [4] To develop personal career objectives.

The program provides the equivalent of a full semester's work on campus. A former Colgate Economics professor, Professor Cheryl Long, will be the academic advisor while at Xiamen. Professor Nicole Simpson will recruit and select up to five Colgate students to participate in the program. At Xiamen, students will be actively involved with the School of Economics (SOE), one of the leading Economics departments in China. They will also be included in various activities among the Xiamen student body and international students at Xiamen.

**Description of the Courses in the Program:**

Three of the four courses will likely be for credit in economics, and will include offerings at the 200- and 300-level. Students will enroll in a Chinese language course and may be eligible for credit from the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at Colgate. Students will receive a total of four Colgate credits, three of which can be applied to the economics major or one credit toward the Economics minor.

All students will take **Law and Economics (ECON 320)** at Xiamen taught by Professor Long. Students will also get to choose one other economics elective, such as: international finance, mathematical economics, urban economics, Chinese economy, economic growth, economic history, experimental economics, financial economics, and labor economics. Students will enroll in two Economics courses, depending on availability. All courses will be taught by Xiamen University professors and will be offered in English.

The **Chinese language** class may be eligible for credit from the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at Colgate, and will satisfy one of the Humanities distribution requirements.

All four courses and their grades will be reported on the student's Colgate transcript. However, the grades will not factor into the Colgate GPA. The four courses taken at Xiamen will count toward the six course limit for transfer credit.

**Prerequisites:**

The Xiamen Exchange Program is designed for economics majors and minors. All current sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply for admission. As part of the application process, all applicants will be interviewed by the coordinator. All participants must have completed Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 251) and Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECON 252) prior to participating. Up to five Colgate students will be admitted to the program this year. This program is for students who have not taken any courses in Chinese language at Colgate.

**Living Arrangements:**

Students will reside in student residence halls at Xiamen or in an apartment off-campus (depending on student preferences and availability).

Board will not be provided; students will be responsible for their own meals but there are many inexpensive dining options on campus. The residence halls are located on campus, and are conveniently located near cafeterias, grocery stores, athletic facilities, banks and the beach.

**Costs in Xiamen:**

Costs will not exceed what students pay at Colgate. Students will be billed Colgate tuition and housing (if they live on-campus at Xiamen); housing costs will total approximately \$1,200 for the semester. Students will be responsible for their airfare, student visa, and food. Living expenses are generally low in China, so students can expect to spend less than what they spend at Colgate for the semester (not including any other personal travel while abroad). For details of student expenses on this exchange program, please see the student cost estimate sheet on the Off-Campus Study website.

**Passports and Visas**

You must confirm that your passport is valid through July 2022. All students participating on the Fall 2021 Xiamen Exchange Program will be required to obtain a student visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with Chinese visa requirements. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 McGregory, to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For some students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur extra costs.

**Calendar and Deadline**

The fall semester at Xiamen begins in mid-September and goes until mid-January. Colgate students will need to remain on-campus in Xiamen until their exams are finished, returning to Colgate in time for the spring semester.

The study group application will open on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and will close on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at [offcampusstudy.colgate.edu](http://offcampusstudy.colgate.edu). Interviews will be arranged by email, and only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. The faculty director will send admissions decisions to applicants in late December 2020.