The Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia program is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in conjunction with the East Asian Studies Department. This IAP Program Handbook supplements the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and provides you with the most up-to-date information and advice available at the time of printing. Changes may occur before your departure or while you are abroad.

Questions about your program abroad (housing options, facilities abroad, etc.) as well as questions relating to your relationship with your host university or academics (e.g. course credit and equivalents, registration deadlines, etc.) should be directed to International Academic Programs at UW-Madison.

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Embassy Registration
All program participants who are U.S. citizens must register at the U.S. Embassy before departure as this will help in case of a lost passport or other mishap. You can register on-line at https://travelregistration.state.gov. If you are not a U.S. citizen, register at your home country’s embassy or consulate.

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Program Dates

Winter Break 2014-2015
Depart from the United States December 26, 2014
Arrive in Jakarta, Indonesia December 28, 2014
Jakarta December 28 – January 1, 2015
Bandung January 1 – 4, 2015
Jogyakarta January 4-7, 2015
Candirejo January 7 – 8, 2015
Surabaya January 8-10, 2015
Ubud January 10-11, 2015
Singaraja January 11-13 2015
Kuta January 13-14, 2015
Return to Jakarta January 14, 2015
Depart Jakarta to US January 15, 2015

*A detailed itinerary will be shared with students before departure. Dates and locations above are subject to changes.
Preparation Before Leaving

**Immigration Documents**

**Passport:** A passport is needed to travel to Indonesia and to obtain your visa. Apply immediately for a passport if you do not already have one. Passport information and application forms can be found on the U.S. State Department website [http://travel.state.gov/passport/]. **If you already have your passport, make sure it will be valid for at least 6 months beyond the length of your stay abroad and has at least one blank page in the back.**

**Visa:** US citizens will need to secure a socio-cultural visit visa before departing the US. IAP will provide you with instructions on completing and submitting your visa application with your acceptance materials. If you are a non-US citizen, you may have different visa application requirements. Contact your IAP Study Abroad Advisor to discuss this in more detail.

**Handling Money Abroad**

The official currency of Indonesia is the Rupiah. To check the current exchange rate, visit [http://www.oanda.com/]. Oanda provides Travelers Cheat Sheets that can be useful to print and carry with you for a quick conversion tool.

**ATM/Debit Cards:** ATMs are generally available in Indonesia. Check with your local bank or credit card for additional procedures for international use. When you contact your bank, be sure to tell them when you plan to be abroad and when you are going to return—this will prevent the bank from shutting down your account due to fraud problems in different countries.

**Credit Cards:** Credit cards such as American Express, Master card and Visa are acceptable for payment at hotels or larger tourist stores. **Most places you will visit will not accept credit card so you always want to be prepared by having the local currency on hand.**

Credit card fraud and theft is a serious and growing problem in Indonesia, particularly for Westerners. The US State Department recommends that travelers minimize use of credit cards and instead use cash. If used, credit card numbers should be closely safeguarded at all times. Travelers should avoid using credit cards for online transactions at Internet cafes and similar venues. If you decide to use your credit card, you should monitor your activity carefully and immediately report any unauthorized use to your financial institution.

**Electronics**

Electricity in Indonesia runs on 220V, 50 cycles AC. Consult the closest electronics store here in the US before departure on what converter/adapter pack you can purchase to take with you that will work in Indonesia.

**Travel and Arrival Information**

You are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to and from Jakarta, Indonesia. You may use local travel agents to help you in finding airplane tickets, such as STA Travel or
StudentUniverse.com or find using any other airline. It is extremely important to note the departure date and return date before purchasing your flight and to consult with the Resident Director or IAP about the arrival and departure time if they are very early in the morning or very late at night.

If you arrive during the suggested arrival date and timeframe, you will be picked up at the airport and brought to the accommodation. It is strongly encouraged that you work to arrive at the suggested arrival time. You will also be provided with the address of the accommodations in case you miss the arranged pick up at the airport.

The Academic Program

General Information
This course offers a unique and exciting opportunity to study the history and culture of the Chinese Diaspora in SE Asia. For centuries Chinese immigrant communities have played (and continued to play) an important role in the economics, politics and culture in the countries of SE Asia. Students in this course will learn first-hand some of the history and culture of Chinese living in SE Asia, when and why they came, and the nature of their interactions with other members of the SE Asian cultures of which they are a part. As part of this process we will also study some of the histories of the countries visited to help contextualize the Chinese experience.

Places to be visited in 2014-15 may include: various sites in and around Jakarta, Bandung, Jogyakarta, Candirejo, Surabaya, Ubud, Singaraja and Kuta. We will also visit Chinese communities where students will be asked to interview residents about some aspect of their lives. These questions will be formulated with the assistance of the instructor.

Course Information
Students will earn four (3) credits in East Asian Studies 301: Topics in Social Sciences.

Registration: IAP will register you for the seminar. You do not need to register for any courses at UW – IAP will place you in a study abroad placeholder course until your final grade is received from the Resident Director.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)
Once the Resident Director submits your final course grade to IAP, we will work to process and post 3 credits of EAS 301 onto your UW transcript. You will be asked to review and sign off on your final grade report before it is sent to the Registrar’s office for posting via your My Study Abroad account online. You do not need to register for any courses at UW – IAP will place you in a study abroad placeholder course until your final grade is received from.

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit
Students cannot take this course pass/fail.

Grades and Grade Conversions
See the course syllabus for grading information. This will be provided electronically prior to departure for the program.
Going Abroad

Indonesia

Indonesia is a sprawling archipelago of approximately 17,000 islands, spanning over 3,000 miles from Sabang, Sumatra to Merauke, Papua. An estimated 6,000 of these islands are inhabited. The five largest islands are Java, Sumatra, Kalimantan (the Indonesian part of Boreno), Papua (share with Papua New Guinea), and Sulawesi. There are over 220 million residents, making Indonesia the fourth most populous country and the largest population of Muslims. Indonesia is a republic, with an elected parliament and president. The nation’s capital city is Jakarta, located on the island of Java.

Bali and Java are located just south of the equator, and the temperature varies from 70 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit year round. It is somewhat cooler in the hills. You will be going during the rainy season (October to April) where the rain generally comes overnight and in the early mornings, but late afternoon downpours are also common.

For more information and details about the country of Indonesia, please refer to the US State Department’s background notes at: http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/2748.htm.

Housing

While on the program the group will be traveling together and staying at hostels and/or budget hotels. When staying at a hostel, you should be prepared to be staying in a shared dormitory space with the other students on your program and have other travelers staying at the hostel as well. Luggage storage will be available but it is strongly recommended that you bring your own padlock with you.

Tentative accommodations for the program are listed below. It is possible that you will not be staying at these exact locations, but something similar.

Jakarta, December 28-31, 2014: Fave Hotel Glodok (Standard Room)
Bandung, January 1-3, 2015: Amaris Hotel (Standard Room)
Jogjakarta January 4-6: Ndalem Bantul Hotel
Candirejo January 7: Candirejo Village Homestay*
Surabaya, January 8-9: 88 Hotel (Standard Room)
Ubud, January 10: Matahari Cottage
Singaraja, January 11-12: Aditya Lovina Beach Resort
Kuta, January 17: Haris Hotel
Jakarta, January 18: Amaris Hotel Sukarno Hatta

*There will be one night spent with a local host family in a village in Candirenggo.

Safety

Indonesia is a relatively safe country. Nevertheless, here are a few recommendations while traveling around:
It is advisable to take extra precaution with your passport and money. Normally, one should not carry their passport and large sums of cash on their person. Use a money belt or pocket sewn inside your clothes for the safest way to carry money. Velcro tabs sewn to seal your pockets shut will also help thwart roving hands.

Keeping all your money in one place is not advised—guard against possible loss by leaving a small amount of money in your room or buried in your backpack, with a record of the travelers check, credit card, and passport numbers. If you leave expensive items in your room, make sure to put them in a spot not easily in sight and to lock the door when you leave.

Travel in groups or with another person at all times. If leaving the group, make sure the Resident Director knows where you are going and who else is going with you and how you will plan to meet with the group for the next part of the program.

It is important not to get into a taxi that you come across on the street. If you think you might need to take a taxi, make sure to ask the Resident Director and/or your hotel/hostel staff for assistance in calling one and arranging for your return.

The US State Department also warns travelers that there have been increased concerns of “drink-spiking” most recently in Bali and Lombok. For more information on this and ways to avoid becoming a victim of it, read through the US State Department Country sheet on Indonesia found here: http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/indonesia.html.

Health
Tap water is not potable throughout Indonesia and you should avoid drinking it. This includes avoiding using the water for brushing your teeth. Be careful when you eat food or beverages sold on the streets or consume ice in drinks. It is best to use only bottled water. Bottled water is available in most grocery or convenience stores. When purchasing bottle water, make sure that the seal hasn’t been broken before buying the bottle.

Used toilet paper and tissues should be disposed of in wastebaskets, not in toilets. Plumbing pipes are very narrow and cannot handle paper products. Always carry tissues with you in case no toilet paper is available and in situations that call for cleaning. Handi-wipes or antibacterial liquids come in handy!

“Squat toilets” are common throughout Southeast Asia, especially when away from western hotels and tourist areas. It is rare that toilet paper and soap/water will be available so being prepared with both will provide you the opportunity to clean up after using the facilities.

Traveler’s diarrhea is a common occurrence when traveling abroad. Some people’s stomachs can handle new food and ingredients better than others. You can choose to carry an over the counter stomach aid with you, such as pepto bismol (made now in pill form) or you can ask your doctor for a stronger prescription pill that you can also take with you. For more information, you can read about the symptoms at the CDC website: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2010/chapter-2/travelers-diarrhea.aspx.
It is strongly recommended that you meet with the UHS travel clinic doctor or your personal physician prior to departure to discuss your upcoming travel itinerary. Based on the locations you are traveling to and your personal medical background, the doctor may recommend that you take Malaria pills with you and talk with you about other recommended inoculations, including typhoid.

Asthma and other respiratory difficulties are common and generally worse in Jakarta than in other areas due to the high pollution levels. If you have any concerns about the increased pollution, please consult with your doctor prior to departure.

Frequent hand washing, using hand sanitizer, wearing mosquito repellent, not eating street food, and drinking only bottled beverages are some ways to stay healthy while traveling.

**Earthquakes**

Indonesia is geographically located on the “ring of fire” and there are minor, and sometimes major, earthquakes somewhere in the archipelago every week. In addition to seismic activity, there are volcanoes, tsunamis, and other natural disasters, including occasional flooding. It is important that you pay close attention to all instructions given to you by both the local guides and the Resident Director.

**STEP Registration**

As stated in both your IAP online orientation and in your online My Study Abroad account, you are encouraged to register your time abroad with the US State Department using the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). [https://step.state.gov/step/](https://step.state.gov/step/). Non-US citizens should also enroll with their home country prior to departure.

**COMMUNICATION**

**Telephone:** When making calls, keep in mind time zone differences [www.timeanddate.com/worldclock](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock). To make an international call to the United States, dial the access code for the country from which you are calling plus the United States country code (always “1”) followed by the appropriate U.S. area code and local number. To call internationally from the United States, dial “011”, the country code, city access code (if necessary) and the phone number. Country and city codes can be found online [www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/dialing.html). Some of above steps can vary if you are using a calling card.

Telephone cards may be purchased and used on public phones to call within the countries and internationally. Phone cards are available in post offices, inside hotels or in the streets. Even more conveniently, most newsstands in major cities also carry phone cards. Telephone booths in the streets are mostly for local calls.

**Skype:** Skype is a free, downloadable software application that allows users to make live video and voice calls over the internet. Skype users can also add money to their account and can then use the service to call land lines and cell phones internationally at very low rates. Additionally, Skype also provides an instant messaging function as well as file sharing.
To create a Skype account, users must download the application from www.skype.com and create a user name and password. Once the application is installed onto their computer, they can search for friends either by first and last name or using their friends' Skype usernames. Once a friend is added to a users contact list, they will be able to see whether that person is available to chat. If two users both have web-enabled video cameras for their computers, they will be able to chat face to face. For users without a web cam, a microphone is all that’s required for calls to another computer.

**Email:** There are Internet cafes around the various cities you will be traveling to but you should be prepared to not have immediate access to internet in all locations you are traveling.