The Chinese Diaspora in Southeast Asia program is offered by International Academic Programs (IAP) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in conjunction with Southeast Asian Studies. 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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Emergency Contact Information
In case of an emergency, call the Program Leader’s cell phone provided upon arrival to the host country. You can also call the main IAP number (608) 265-6329 between 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; after-hours or on weekends call the IAP staff on call at (608) 516-9440.

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 2015-2016

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*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/](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 apply for a Visa Upon Arrival as they enter the Jakarta airport in Indonesia. 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/](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 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 Indonesia using the arrival and departure dates provided. Students will arrive to Jakarta and return from Denpasara (via Jakarta) on the return flight. This will entail a **multi-city flight** and is not a typical round trip flight. All students will need to ensure they book their return flight from the correct city.
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 Program Leader or IAP about the arrival and departure time if they are very early in the morning or very late at night.

A group pick up will be arranged based on the time when the majority of students are set to arrive. You will also be provided with the address of the accommodations in case you miss the arranged pick up at the airport or if you arrive very late or very early on the arrival day.

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 2015-16 may include: various sites in and around Jakarta, Semarang, Yogya, Surabaya, Malang, Denpasar, Ubud 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 three (3) credits in East Asian Studies 301: Topics in Social Sciences.

Registration: IAP will register you for the course. 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 Program Leader.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)
Once the Program Leader submits your final course grade to IAP, we will work to process and post 3 credits of EAS 301 onto your UW transcript. This course will post to your spring semester term. If you have any questions about enrolling in more than 18 credits for the spring semester, including the credits from this program, please contact the IAP Enrollment Specialist Advisor. Their contact information is found on the right hand side of your My Study Abroad account.

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.

Pass/Fail
Consult the IAP Study Abroad handbook, found in your My Study Abroad account, for the pass/fail policy.
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 budget hotels.

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 28-30: Fave Hotel Glodok (Standard Room)
Jakarta, December 31: Amaris Bandara Soekarno Hatta (Standard Room)
Semarang, January 1-2: Quest Semarang (Standard Room)
Yogya, January 3: Jentra Dagen Hotel
Yogya, January 4-5: Kampung Labasan Resort
Yogya: January 6: Istana Batik Ratna
Surabaya, January 7-8: Quest Hotel (Standard Room)
Malang, January 9-10: Horison Ultima Malang
Ubud, January 11-12: Adi Cottages Cottage
Kuta, January 13-15: The Oasis Kuta

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 locked 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 Program Leader 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 Program Leader 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 Program Leader.

**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.

**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.

**Student Testimonials**

**Academics**

It's a learn as you go kind of thing, the instructor sends out readings so definitely do them prior to arriving in order to familiarize yourself with the culture and the diaspora.
Academics included journal entries (personal and academic related), composing interview questions to ask the Chinese communities, and writing a final paper and the topic you focused on for interviews. We were also assigned books to read and had to present on that book. Throughout the trip we did the presentations/discussions after dinner or early in the morning. We had class when we traveled around to see temples, meet with organizations, and see the culture around us. It was the best type of classroom!

**Housing/Packing Suggestions**

Pack only the things you need!!! You're always on the move so bring versatile pieces of clothing you can roll together. Bring a sweater or hoodie, and RAIN GEAR IS A MUST as you will be there during the rainy season. Also TOILET PAPER. **TOILET PAPER IS A MUST. TOILET PAPER WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE, YOUR FRIEND'S LIFE, YOUR INSTRUCTOR'S LIFE!** Even if you don't need it, keep some on hand because bus rides are long and traffic is AWFUL. And bring travel medication as it you WILL need it. (Immodium, Tylenol, Advil, anti-diarrhea medication) And mosquito repellent. Indonesian mosquitos are RUTHLESS.

We stayed in middle-upper rated hotels. All were very accommodating, some had pools, and all had WiFi. We did do one night at a guesthouse type of situation when going to the village. That was my favorite part (I love hostels, guesthouse type situations because you get to be with the people and see how they live etc) Bring a towel of some sort for that occasion! Most of the hotels had small soap samples or combs, but definitely bring your own toiletries.

**Health and Safety**

Bring necessary medication, hand sanitizer, and KEEP YOURSELF HYDRATED.

Indonesia was relatively safe, but always take precaution when getting into a taxi or arriving as you will more than likely have to do some bargaining when it comes to Taxi rides. And walk in groups because there really aren't any sidewalks.

Just bring basic health stuff (Tums, Alevee, itch cream, etc) because you cannot really buy that stuff in Indonesia.

**Communication**

I have the global plan with Verizon Wireless so I was able to contact my family without a sim card, but most hotels have decent Wi-Fi connection, so you can definitely Skype/FaceTime with your family.

Many Indonesians speak English, but it's good to learn a little bit of Bahasa Indonesia before arriving. Simple phrases like "hello/goodbye/thank you" are enough to get by when you arrive.

I had a cell phone from when studied abroad last spring semester in Vietnam, so I used that while in Indonesia. I brought my iPhone and used WhatsApp to communicate with friends and family back home. I did not bring my laptop but did bring my Kindle. (which is how I typed up my reports, entries, etc) Otherwise it is a chance for you to disengage and really focus on the place you’re at, and we don’t get that luxury every day. I would take advantage of that situation because it feels good to disconnect for that time and just be with the other students, professor, and local people.
**Miscellaneous**
They think that most Asian-Americans who speak English and are with a crowd of predominantly White Americans are from Singapore.

Also they LOVE taking pictures with White/European tourists, so do watch out for sneaky children and tour groups.

Also when buying gifts/souvenirs, bargain with vendors because they'll be stubborn about their prices.

Respect the people you meet. Ask questions (LOTS)! Look up and around you all the time. Be sure to ask about seeing the sunset and sunrise throughout the trip (we all went to see it at a temple on the top of mountain and I will never forget the view). Get to know the other students and do not exclude one another. Everyone has unique perspectives and travel experiences, you could make connections and travel with those people in the future. Do not bring a suitcase; just do a hiking backpack because you will be catching planes, trains, and automobiles like crazy. Just makes you transitions much easier. (All the things you think you need cut that pile in half…I barely wore half of the clothes I brought!) Write about your encounters every day. I go back and read mine from time to time and I am so impressed by everything we did, the opportunities I had, and people I befriended. Most of all have fun, be curious, and open-minded.

Last thing: research Indonesia before you go! It is the largest Muslim country in the world…there’s a start for you! (This does not mean you have to dress super conservatively by the way, but do be aware. Read the blogs and you’ll know what I’m talking about.)