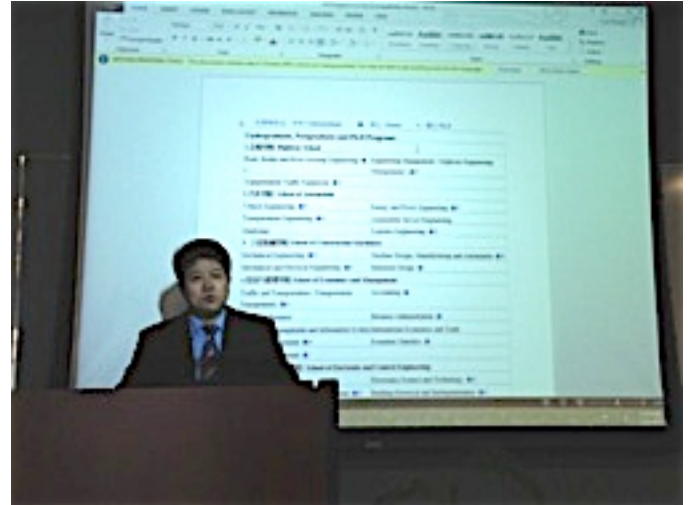


# Information Session: 2015 UTSA Summer Program in Xi'an, China



Chang'an University located in Xi'an China



Dr. Wei Zhang presenting

On Tuesday January 20, 2015, the East Asian Institute hosted an information session about the upcoming Chinese Summer Program at Chang'an University in Xi'an. The information session was presented by two administrators from Chang'an University, Dr. Xijian Li, Dean of the College of International Education and Dr. Wei Zhang, Director of Student Affairs Office, College of International Education. The audience members were UTSA students who are interested in the program.

Dr. Wanxiang Yao, Director of the East Asian Institute, introduced Dr. Wei Zhang to take the stage. Dr. Wei Zhang started talking about the University and where it is located. Xi'an is the old capital of China before it was moved to Beijing. Xi'an still has most of the traditional Chinese culture located in the city. He moved on to show the famous landmarks that are in Xi'an, such as the Dayan Pagoda, the Bell Tower, the Famen Temple, and the Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Students can

also visit Hua Shan, one of the five great mountains in China.

Dr. Wei Zhang then went on to talk about Chang'an University. Chang'an (长安) means Perpetual Peace, which was the ancient name of the old capital before it was changed to Xi'an. The University opened in 1951 and in the year 2000, it merged with two other Engineering schools. It currently has five campuses around Xi'an.

During the presentation, more information was given about the 2015 UTSA Summer Program in Xi'an, China. From May 10th to 30th, students will spend three weeks in Chang'an University. The purpose of this trip is for students to be immersed in the Chinese language and culture. During the immersion program, students will be able to visit landmarks, temples, and natural sites around the city. Students who successfully complete the program will be able to transfer 3 credit

hours back to UTSA. The fee for the three week trip will be \$2,150 USD which covers the airline fee, tuition, trip, meals, and lodging. Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships through UTSA's Office of International Programs (OIP), and Chang'An Univerisy. Besides the summer program, UTSA students are able to study abroad in Chang'An University for a semester or two. Chang'An University specializes in engineering. If students seek degrees from the university, it offers Master's and Ph.D. degrees in engineering among many others.

After the presentation, Dr. Zhang started taking questions from the audience members. A student asked if it was necessary to have some Chinese language background, Dr. Zhang said that the university has Chinese language professors that teach Chinese to students from novice to advanced level. After the Q&A, the audience were able to taste Chinese food. Orange chicken and dumplings were served to the attendees. During that time, students were able to talk to Dr. Xijian Li and Dr. Wei Zhang individually. "This information session made me realize that this is an opportunity I can't miss" said a student "I am definitely going to apply." Other students had similar comments while they enjoyed their dish.



Dr. Xijian Li talking with staff



The audience listening to the presentation

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