

So far, we are having a blast in China! We've started exploring and are learning all about Chinese language and culture. We've made new friends, and enjoyed many thrilling experiences! Let's start from the beginning of our journey:



When we arrived in China it was approximately 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Two professors from Chengdu University met us at the airport. They brought us to Chengdu University in a bus. It was about a 30 minute drive and we were all very happy to see our beds when we got to our apartments.



The next day we woke up and YiGe (our professor from UNH) treated us to a traditional Chinese meal. There were tons of dishes and we were all starving. We discussed all of our opportunities in China and all about what the Chengdu study abroad program offered.



After our meal, we went to the Study Abroad office to meet our Chinese buddies. These buddies are students from Chengdu University that volunteered to help us out throughout the semester and guide us around! They were all so welcoming and our group seemed to mix well.





This week has been very busy. Our buddies have so far helped us get wifi, get Chinese SIM cards, get tons of food, and have loads of fun. On our second day we went into the heart of Chengdu to have more traditional Chinese foods with YiGe. This time it wasn't just the American exchange students, but with our buddies as well! Then we explored the town and bought little Chinese gifts.



On our way back, we learned how to use the subway!



Our buddies have been taking us out to do so many activities. I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to come and meet all of them. They are so kind and are always around to help us. They even bring their friends to our outings so we have already made so many new friends to hang out with.



We're getting used to being in China now and we have now managed to go to the market all by ourselves. I thought it would be harder for me to communicate in China, but we're getting by!





Today we went to the Panda Reservation in Chengdu and so loads of Pandas! They were so cute and we had a great time walking around the reservation looking at all of the pandas.



I'm am so happy that Chengdu University has such an amazing study abroad program. They have everything set up to make it as easy as possible for the international students to enjoy their experience. I feel very lucky that that the international students have a chance to experience the culture with students their age showing them around. I wish that all international students, in every country, could have the chance to do this as well.

