About the Program

This summer program combines an initial week in Miami, Florida with three weeks in China and two weeks in Vietnam. The program provides an excellent balance of coursework, hands-on fieldwork and cultural immersion. Students will take two 3-credit courses that integrate the natural and social sciences needed to understand the Science and Management of Water Resources.

Together, these two courses will provide students with an integrated perspective of the basic theory and application of important natural/physical science and social/political science concepts needed to understand both the issues and the solutions to water resource problems. The comparative approach using case studies from the U.S., China, and Vietnam also will be unique and will be important to helping students understand the very different cultural and political approaches to managing water resources that exist in the world today.

Start Date: May 18, 2008
End Date: June 29, 2008

More information can be found at www.cais.ncsu.edu/academic/china-vietnam.htm
Three geographical settings offer outstanding opportunities for studying water resource issues and gaining exposure to outstanding cultural diversity and spectacular landscapes.

- **Miami** – The course will begin in Miami, Florida, site of the South Florida Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, the world’s largest ecological restoration project, which provides important lessons for water management.

- **China** – Students will then spend 3 weeks in the spectacular Yunnan Province, with classes held at Yunnan University in the capital city of Kunming – known as The City of Eternal Spring. Six of Asia’s largest rivers pass through Yunnan, offering interesting field trips for the class. Students will also experience the alluring highland scenery, varied and exotic habitats and customs, and places of historical interest.

- **Vietnam** – Hanoi is a fast-growing metropolitan region located on the banks of the Red River within 100 km of the coast of the Gulf of Tonkin and the region located on the banks of the Red River within Hanoi is a fast-growing metropolitan.

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