

ABPL90296 – TRAVELLING STUDIO (SHANGHAI)
FACT SHEET
FEBRUARY 2017 (25 points)



IMPORTANT DATES

Applications close: 25 February 2017

Subject census date: 17 March 2017

Pre-trip teaching: Commences the week of 27 February 2017

(Every Thursday between 2:15 – 6:15pm in MSD-244)

Occupational, Health and Safety information session: TBC

Overseas Travel dates: 9 April - 22 April 2017

Final Submission / Presentation: 14 May 2017

Assessment:

- A mid-semester jury review (critique) oral presentation equivalent to 100 hours of work demonstrating design output that may include physical or digital models, drawings, site analyses, journals and sketches. (30%)
- An end of semester jury review (critique) oral presentation equivalent to 240 hours of work building on work developed throughout the semester demonstrating design output that may include physical or digital models, drawings, site analyses, journals and sketches. (70%)

Studio Coordinator: Marcus White

Student Numbers: 16

Credit points: 25 points

What if my travelling studio clashes with an exam?

For equity reasons, any ABP students who are unable to attend a standard scheduled examination period must submit the Alternative Exam request form available on the following website: <http://edsc.unimelb.edu.au/graduate/resources/list-of-forms/b05.12-request-for-alternative-examination-arrangement>

Each request must be supported by documentary evidence. Your request will only be assessed when the completed form and documentation have been submitted. If your request is approved, an alternate exam date will be arranged during the supplementary exam period.

According to University policy, students are expected to be available for assessment during the entire Semester which includes the supplementary examination period. These dates are published in the University's Academic Calendar: <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/unisec/PDates/acadcale.html>

Please be aware that personal travel following a travelling studio is not an eligible reason for an assessment to be rescheduled. Therefore, when booking your travel arrangements you will need to ensure that you are available to sit your exam during the supplementary exam period.

Course Plan Details /Travelling Studio Eligibility

This travelling studio is available to students in some Melbourne School of Design (MSD) courses only, and counts toward a course component as determined by the existing course structure (unless approval for a course variation is granted).

Students will not be permitted to take more than 50 points of Travelling Studio subjects as part of their course of study. Students will not be permitted to count more than 25 points of Travelling Studio subject(s) towards a core component of their course.

Students will not normally be allowed to take a Travelling Studio in place of the Design Thesis (i.e. their graduating thesis). Any exceptions to the above can only be granted by the Director of MSD.

APPLICATION PROCESS, SELECTION AND ENROLMENT

Applicants will be assessed and selected based on academic merit, portfolio and “expression of interest/personal statement”.

To apply

Go to the on-line link <http://edsc.unimelb.edu.au/graduate/subject-options/travelling-studios> and click on the ‘Application Form’ button. Direct link to the form is as follows: <http://edsc.unimelb.edu.au/graduate/subject-options/travelling-studios/d02-application-for-travelling-studio>

Complete all mandatory fields, as well as attaching your personal statement, by the required dates.

You will be contacted of the application outcome via your University of Melbourne email account.

Enrolment enquiries

Once selected to participate in the subject, you will be enrolled by a staff in Academic Services.

SUBJECT OUTLINE

This studio will be an intensive design studio focused on the rapid urban renewal, pedestrian connectivity and accessibility of Chinese cities, in particular, the city of Shanghai. Shanghai is a growing city with a population of roughly 24 million. Like many cities in China, Shanghai is undergoing radical growth and change and is grappling with challenges of retention and engagement with its ancient and recent history, dramatic increase in car and e-bike ownership, conversion of traditional walkable Chinese urbanism to car dominated and increasingly un-walkable and uncyclable urban environments.

Students will begin research design projects in cross-disciplinary groups in Melbourne before embarking on the travelling component of the studio with a series of speculative urban design and architectural proposals focused on increased connectivity, accessibility and urban comfort. In Shanghai, students will engage in detailed site analysis assessing the existing urban form and land use and attempt to weave current urbanism into their own propositions. Students will work at the Tongji University with lectures and feedback from Tongji staff and will work with Tongji students.

The studio is most suitable for Architecture, Landscape Architecture or Urban Design students with openness to urban experimentation, strong conceptual three-dimensional thinking, and a high level of communication skills (drawing and modelling, either digital or physical and/or GIS).

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS:

Tongji University, Shanghai

COSTS INVOLVED IN THE SUBJECT

Typical subject tuition fee

For a CSP student: 2017 fees will apply

For a local Australian fee paying student: 2017 fees will apply

For an international student: 2017 fees will apply

Return Airfare cost: Approximately \$1,500 (subject to change)

Living Expenses (meals and incidentals): \$500

Local Travel: \$300

FUNDING AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Faculty Funding

The Faculty will contribute \$800 financial assistance to each successful student which typically will cover the cost of accommodation for the duration of the studio.

Melbourne Global Mobility Funding

Students may be eligible to receive a one off payment of up to \$1000.

You will find the eligibility terms and conditions on the web at:
https://studentefrms.app.unimelb.edu.au/apex/f?p=153:2:0:::2:P2_ID:2421

It is expected that the outcome of your funding application will be provided to you by email from Melbourne Global Mobility within six weeks of the closing date of the relevant round of offers. It is important if considering a travelling studio that students ensure they have enough funds to travel and cover expenses whilst overseas and do not rely on this funding exclusively. If you are offered a place in this studio you must apply on-line via the link below:

<http://unimelb.mobilityscholarship.com/Application/Create>

Important: The Melbourne School of Design does not manage the distribution of these funds and funds are not guaranteed and faculty quotas may apply. The final outcome of your application is based on the decision by Melbourne Global Mobility and is outside the control of Melbourne School of Design.

Financial Aid

Students may be eligible to receive financial assistance.

For more information, please go to: <http://services.unimelb.edu.au/finaid>

OTHER INFORMATION

Visa requirements:

Passport holders of almost all countries will require a visa to travel to China via the China Visa Application Service Center: https://www.visaforchina.org/MEL_EN/

It is the student's responsibility to source and make arrangements for a visa if required.

If required, the Academic Support Office will be able to provide a letter explaining the student's reasons for travel.

Vaccinations

Students are responsible for investigating if vaccinations are required and if so to ensure they receive them in the correct timeframe.

Students may make an appointment with the University Health Services on 8433 6904. Further information can be found at the below link:

<http://www.traveldoctor.com.au/Page/Knowledge-Hub/Destination-fact-sheets/china>

Travel Insurance

The University provides travel insurance at no cost to students. Taking out travel insurance is mandatory if you wish to participate in this subject. Further information will be provided by the Academic Support Office once students are selected and enrolled into the subject. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have applied for the insurance coverage, in the time required.

OHS (Occupational Health and Safety)

All successful students are required to attend a compulsory OHS (Occupational Health and Safety) Presentation. Failure to attend this session may result in you being withdrawn from the subject.

If for any reason you are unable to attend this session you must advise the studio leader and make alternatives arrangements.

DFAT (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) Warnings

Students should read and familiarise themselves with the DFAT advice for China.

<http://smartraveller.gov.au/Countries/asia/north/Pages/china.aspx>

The University of Melbourne's policy for making decisions regarding travel by University students and staff for University related travel, to overseas destinations is based on advice issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. If there is a change in the assessment of the level of safety that is deemed high risk to the particular country of travel prior to departure or whilst overseas, students are to comply with any direction given by the Melbourne School of Design or the Vice Chancellor.

Students Responsibility Whilst Overseas

All students must be aware that whilst overseas studying you are representing the University. You should be aware of and respect the culture at all times and act accordingly during the duration of the subject. Any behaviour or incident deemed irresponsible may result in you being sent home.

Student Conduct Policy MPF1324: <https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1324>

PLEASE NOTE THE INFORMATION OUTLINED IN THIS FACT SHEET MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE