Purdue’s Study Religion in China

On May 12, 2016, Purdue’s Center on Religion and Chinese Society (CRCS) will take 15 students on a research trip to China. Students will travel throughout north, west, and south China. In total, we will visit more than twenty temples, mosques, monasteries, and churches, including two regions of ancient Tibet. This summer course introduces students to the doctrinal features and institutional frameworks of Chinese religions. Topics will include connecting Chinese devotional life to service-oriented industries (e.g., healthcare, funerary culture, orphanages). It also examines the roles that government policies play in suppressing or facilitating religious growth. Finally, it addresses the ways that political forces play varying roles on local, regional, and national levels to shape Chinese religious life. In addition to daily readings and morning lectures/discussions, students will be responsible for going out into the field each day to explore how these issues are “lived out” in Chinese cities.

This course will carry six credits: SOC 368 (“Religion in Social Context”) and IDIS 491 (“Spatial Analysis of Religion”).

Total Cost = $4,000 (includes all airfare and expenses)

Dates = May 12-31

Students must apply for this program by December 1. For more information, please contact Dr. Jonathan Pettit (email: jeep@purdue.edu; phone: 765.494.5801)