

NATE ESSIN | CHINA, 2016

- Intensive Mandarin Chinese at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- Increased Mandarin Chinese language skills
- Vlogged about his experience by releasing a video every few weeks about his experience living and traveling in China.
- Expanded his professional network abroad

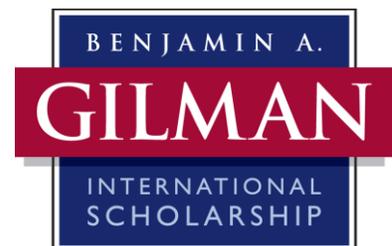
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“This experience exposed me to amazing people accomplishing incredible things, people I never thought I would meet. It gave me the confidence to pursue my dreams abroad.”

For Nate Essin, studying abroad in China not only meant an opportunity to seriously improve his Mandarin Chinese skills, but also a chance to travel and make new friends. Although classes were challenging, Nate practiced writing every morning, attended four hours of daily instruction and dedicated his evenings to homework. In a short time, Nate learned to both speak and write Chinese at an intermediate level. He looks forward to working in Chinese speaking countries in the future.

Time spent camping in Inner Mongolia was the highlight of Nate’s study abroad experience. He was pleasantly surprised to meet a great number of helpful people on his journey.

Currently Nate is a senior at Austin College double majoring in *International Economics & Finance* and *Global Management* with a minor in *Chinese*. He currently works as a freelancer in the Dallas film industry on commercial sets and misses authentic Chinese food dearly.



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