Through lectures and field trips to three outstanding fossil sites and several botanical/zoo- logical gardens in spring-year-around southwest China, students will gain skills in field paleontology and knowledge of the amazing biodiversity of both ancient and modern lives, such as one of the best soft-bodied fossils from the Cambrian Chengjiang fauna (left image below), Jurassic Lufengosaurus from Lufeng Dinosaur Museum, and Neogene leaves preserved with exquisite venations in Xianfeng Coalmine. The course provides first-hand experience of excavating and collecting a wide range of fossils and enhances cross-cultural exchange during this 3 week program by having graduate students from the Kunming Institute of Botany to join the class for field trips and to visit several botanical/zoo- logical gardens in Kunming, capital of Yunnan.

DATES:  
Summer Term 2010 (Session I) June 7-25, 2010

COURSES: 
UHON 4808: Fossil field trip China (3 credits)  
Taught in English

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COST:  
Estimated at $3400 and includes:  
- Round-trip airfare from Tri-cities to China  
- Accommodations: double occupancy dorm or hotel with private bath and air conditioning  
- All planned local transportation, museums, meals, and entry fees  
Note: visa costs, tuition, health insurance, and personal expenses not included.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:  
Undergraduates with min. 2.75 GPA are eligible for $2000 scholarship.

APPLY:  
Contact the Office of International Programs and Services (http://www.etsu.edu/honors/international/exchange/default.asp) or Dr. Liu.

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