INFS3020 is an intensive, 6 UoC UG course providing Information Systems (IS) students with the opportunity to further their knowledge and understanding of the international aspects of IS and IT (Information Technology) in a business context. This is facilitated through first-hand observations of businesses in an international environment. In 2016, the study tour will be a two-week field trip to China. Students will be provided with exciting opportunities to experience China and learn how IS/IT-enabled business, in particular e-business, systems differ across national boundaries. Students will visit organisations operating in the IS/IT sector in the Chinese market as well as other organisations across a number of sectors with a significant IS/IT footprint. Fieldtrips to important cultural landmarks and sights will provide students with a unique opportunity to learn about the local culture.

PRE-REQUISITE:
Completed 96 UoC including 36 UoC IS courses, and a minimum WAM of 65.

MODE OF DELIVERY:
The course contains two parts: one day pre-departure workshop at UNSW and a two-week field trip to China from 3 July to 17 July 2016.

ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS:
Assessments for this course consists of (1) workshop and field trip participation (30%); (2) Individual practicum report (30%); (3) Group field trip presentation (25%); and Personal Reflection (15%).

COST:
- INFS3020 is a 6UoC course, standard tuition fees apply.
- Additional cost:
  - $1,200: Covers accommodation, company visit and workshops in China, transport to companies and entry fees to cultural exhibits in China.
  - Flights, meals and additional personal expenses will be covered by students.
  - Welcome Reception and Closing Ceremony: Sponsored collaboratively by ISTM school and TJISE.
  - Visa Fee: Sponsored by ISTM school
WHAT DID THE STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE TRIP?

“If students want to experience another culture and also understand how technology is used in different countries, then I would wholeheartedly recommend INFS3020. It requires an open-mind, a true passion for technology and also a global outlook to be able to gain the most out of this experience.”

“It will also frame all academic theories and frameworks to the real world, as well as reveal the importance of culture in technology and business, hence I would also recommend this course to late-year students.”

“INFS3020 was two weeks filled with lots of positive experiences. The balance between learning about China’s interesting and unique ecommerce businesses and its rich and historical culture made for a very rewarding two weeks. I went into the course with 15 other students who I did not know very well. After the two weeks, I came out with 15 other family members.”

“Climbing the great wall of China and the cultural visits were phenomenal and greatly boost my understanding of the global economy we have come to live in”

“I cannot say this enough: the ability to see what we learning in the class room put into action within large innovative enterprises is truly invaluable. The opportunity to understand different cultures and how business is conducted in Asia will be help me throughout my career.”

To secure a place, students need to apply by submitting their Express of Interest (EOI) form, academic statement, and CV directly to Dr Zixiu Guo (z.guo@unsw.edu.au) by 31st March 2016. Early expression of interest is strongly recommended as the number of places is strictly limited. Students are also recommended to get their passport ready as early as possible. Details: https://www.business.unsw.edu.au/students/student-experience/global-opportunities