

## Frequently Asked Question

### 1. What program options are available?

Passages has 4-5 week winter and summer programs. Of course, participants can stay less time if needed. Those accepted into the program can choose between program experiences: a) a comprehensive leadership program where you stay with a group of Chinese students and visit different noteworthy companies, hearing from senior leadership b) a one company experience where you primarily stay with one company for the duration of the program. The necessity for stronger English is required in the one company experience (program b). Different company experiences are available in different locations. Programs are presently available for university students and early career aged young adults.

### 2. Where can I find an updated list of options?

The most updated list of companies, schedules and program options can be found at:  
<http://www.ascend-international.com/programs/university/>

### 3. What does the program cost include?

The program cost includes virtually all costs incurred while in the USA: lodging, program organized entertainment, meals, lodging, travel while in the USA, and insurance. It does NOT include international airfare, passport/visa and snacks and souvenirs while in the USA.

### 4. What about my safety while in the USA?

Passages is a carefully organized program. Whereas some popular U.S programs place students in apartments with no adult supervision, Passages places all students in the homes of carefully selected adults who serve as the students' hosts. When traveling away from host families, students stay with the program leaders who serve as chaperones.

### 5. How do I apply for the program and when will I be informed of a decision?

Interested applicants may apply by downloading the application on the Ascend website:  
<http://www.ascend-international.com/programs/university/>. Generally, applicants will be informed within two weeks of submission of application whether they have been chosen or not.

### 6. Will students earn a certificate for completing the program?

All students who satisfactorily complete the program will be given an award certificate for their achievement.

### 7. I have so many options for USA programs. Why should I choose Passages?

If your aim is travel to many places in the USA, live with other Chinese students or simply to have a fun holiday, Passages is not the best program for you. Other programs will suffice. But, if you want training for a future career, deep exposure to American culture, growth in your emotional intelligence, opportunities to explore U.S. graduate schools and avenues to connect deeply with Americans and

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American families, Passages is the right choice. It really comes down to the question: what do you want to accomplish with your holiday? We in AI like to say: “travel with purpose!”

8. If I have further questions, where can I get answers?

Contact your local AI representative or join the WeChat group: AI-USA. You can also email: [info@ascend-international.com](mailto:info@ascend-international.com)

