

# Ivy Tech's first Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence teaching

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Dr. Jun Yang, Ivy Tech's Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence, enjoys uncertainty. After all, that's why his specialty is entrepreneurship, a field of business rife with uncertainty. And there is little that is more uncertain than spending 10 months in a foreign country, teaching at a college in a non-native language. But Jun, who also goes by the American name Jason, is excited to learn American culture while sharing his international understanding of business with Ivy Tech students.

Jun is an associate professor from Nankai University in Tianjin, China. He is "promoting research and teaching skills while learning what daily life in the U.S. is like," Jun says. Teaching Intro to Business at the South Bend and Warsaw campuses is an opportunity for Jun to share information about business in China. He's learning almost as much as he's teaching, plus he gets to travel in the United States. In October, Jun will travel to Washington, D.C. to attend a conference.



Ivy Tech's Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence, Dr. Jun Yang, teaches Intro to Business at the South Bend and Warsaw campuses and brings his understanding of business in China to our students.

Although Jun has only been in South Bend a month, he has already noticed differences between his students in China and his current students in Indiana. In China, he says he must always encourage students to participate in class discussions. But, here at Ivy Tech, students have "lots of questions and are very active." Jun attributes this difference to America history of "freedom of thought," and really enjoys the discussions with his students.

One caveat about living in a foreign country is the lack of opportunity to speak his native language. Jun says he misses speaking Chinese and typically only speaks Chinese when calling home to talk to friends and family. But, Jun recently discovered students from the University of Notre Dame who also speak Chinese, and Jun says that gives him a little piece of home here in the United States.

Ivy Tech North Central is the first Ivy Tech region to host a Scholar-In-Residence Fulbright Scholar. That really speaks to the quality of an Ivy Tech education," says Joe Dutka, dean of the School of Business. "A Fulbright Scholar is an excellent way to bring China to our students, since community colleges often don't have robust exchange programs."

According to Chuck Philip, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, "Hosting a Fulbright Scholar is a way to internationalize at Ivy Tech, like foreign studies at home." A Fulbright Scholarship carries a panache that reflects positively on Ivy Tech and its School of Business, he says. Students will learn the global aspects of business, which creates well-rounded graduates with an international awareness, features that today's employers need.

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