

(1000/2000 level)
Cultural Geography:
Field Study of China

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Course Description:

This course was developed to give an understanding of the geographical aspects of China in relation to the people and their environment. Students will learn how religion, agriculture, and more can affect cultural aspects of a region.

Prerequisites:

None

Course Objectives:

During this course students will be expected to demonstrate proficiency in:

1. Understanding the principal geography and political sciences knowledge and skills, as embodied in the Social Studies Standards, and their relevance to the world in which we live;
2. Ability to use and apply social studies skills and tools, including field studies, maps, and graphs
3. Planning and implementing effective strategies in social studies

Course Outline:

1. Overview of China's Land and People
2. Geographic and Ethnic Diversity
3. Ideology and Organization
4. The Individual and the State

Texts:

There will be one text book required for this course which will be used in China.

Instructional Activities:

Daily lectures will be given as well as weekly excursions.

Grading Procedures:

1. Class participation and performance: 10%
2. Quizzes: 10%
3. Daily journal 30%
4. Five page final essay 50%

A+ (96 ~ 100%) A (93 ~ 95%) A- (90 ~ 92%) B+ (86 ~ 89%) B (83 ~ 85%) B- (80 ~ 82%)
C+ (76 ~ 79%) C (73 ~ 75%) C- (70 ~ 72%) D+ (66 ~ 69%) D (60 ~ 65%) F (0 ~ 59%)

Class participation and preparation: Class participation and preparation are very important. The reading of assignments is essential to class discussion.

Quizzes: There are two short quizzes given during the summer session. There are no make-up quizzes.

Journal: A daily journal is expected covering cultural observations, excursions, and personal reflections of daily life in China.

Essay: A five page essay is required (topic to be given in China).

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is of the utmost importance! There are no unexcused absences permitted. Unexcused absences could result in removal from the program. Being in class on time is also very important. Frequent tardiness will be considered an absence and appropriate action will be taken. Absences due to illness must be reported immediately to the program director.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices: Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign either (1) an F or zero for the assignment or (2) an F for the course.

In class instruction: 30 hrs

Course related excursion: 16 hrs

Total: 46 hrs