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ISSUES IN CHINA STUDIES
中国研究

A Course of Language Cross Curriculum

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1. Course Description

This is a cross-disciplinary course taught in Chinese by professors from the Schools of International Affairs and Modern Languages. After a general introduction, this course will first examine briefly the Chinese culture and society as well as the Chinese language. Then we will discuss Chinese history, politics and governance, and its economic development. Finally, we will attempt a speculation about the future of China.

Learning materials will be drawn from authentic Chinese sources. In addition to readings, students will view videos, films, and internet materials. The format will include 1) lectures to provide background information; 2) discussions based on readings and on-line and visual materials; 3) written assignments; and 4) quizzes and exams. Students are expected to conduct research and deliver “mini-presentations” on topics covered in the course and to participate in classroom discussions.

Two years’ prior study of Chinese language, or equivalent, is required.

2. Course Requirements

Requirement	Marks	(%)
Quizzes	200	20
First test	300	30
Participation/attendance	200	20
Second test	300	30
Total	1,000	100

(Graduate student will need to write a short paper in addition to the above requirements)

The first and second tests will be an "in-class" or "take-home" written exam. The examination will be drawn from all aspects of the course: readings, lectures, and classroom discussions.

The quizzes will be "pop-up" written exercises answering short questions.

Participation/attendance will be based on the quality and the quantity of your participation in class discussions. Regular attendance is required. If a student misses a

class, it is his or her responsibility to get the notes from another class member and to make arrangement to view the missed materials

3. Course Materials: All readings and video materials, in Chinese, will be specially prepared by the instructors as hand-outs.

4. Course Outline:

Week 1 (8/26)	Class orientation: An Introduction to the Study of China
Week 2 (9/2)	The Land & People
Week 3 (9/9)	Language
Week 4 (9/16)	Survey of Chinese classical literature and pre-modern Science and Technology Development
Week 5 (9/23)	Four millennia of Chinese civilization: the glory and the burden
Week 6 (9/30)	Elements of intercultural communication and personal experience -- mutual stereotypes that affect daily life & business transaction
Week 7 (10/7)	East meets West: Developing intercultural skills by understanding your own culture
Week 8 (10/14)	First Test
Week 9 (10/21)	China prior to 1949
Week 10 (10/28)	The PRC
Week 11 (11/4)	Politics and Governance in China
Week 12 (11/11)	Chinese Foreign Relations
Week 13 (11/18)	Chinese Economy
Week 14 (11/25)	No class - Happy Thanksgiving!
Week 15 (12/2)	China As a New Superpower
Week 16 (12/9)	Conclusion: the Future of China Second Test