

China: Beijing General Culture Program

Semester:

Fall 2009

Program Focus:

General Culture

Prerequisite Courses:

CHIN 102. B or better in language

Recommended Courses:

None

Application Deadline:

December 1, 2008

Program Design:

Housed in Peking University, the premier academic institution in China, the program includes continued study of the Chinese language, and a variety of courses that focus on the Art, History, Literature, Economics, Politics and Sociology of China. Students live in dormitories on Peking University campus with access to on-campus cafeterias, restaurants, libraries and athletic facilities. Students end the semester with one of three two-week study tours.

Full Year Participation:

After successful completion of this program you may be eligible to participate on one of our other language intensive programs. It is your responsibility to contact Keith Dede before registration for spring 2010 to determine your eligibility to continue on one of our other programs.

Requirements Fulfilled:

Fulfills the overseas study requirement for the East Asian Studies major, and the overseas requirement for the Foreign Language major (with Chinese as primary language), and the Chinese minor.

Credits:

17 credits, please see below

Curriculum:

7 credits of language study, offered at the intermediate and advanced level
9 credits (three classes) of area studies courses taught in English (see attached brochure for courses offered: all classes listed on brochure are accepted for credit, except Business classes (BS) and Independent Studies)
Optional non-credit courses in Calligraphy and Taiji/Martial Arts

Additional Information:

Courses listed in brochure are subject to availability depending on minimum enrollment and are subject to cancellation or changes.

China orientation page:

www.lclark.edu/~overseas

Passport Details:

During the early portion of the semester prior to departure, you will be required to submit your passport to the Overseas Office. Your passport will be returned to you just prior to your departure.

During this time frame, the Overseas Office will work with on-site staff to secure your visa. If you plan to use your passport to travel during this time frame, please make an appointment with the Overseas Office immediately to discuss the process for obtaining a visa.

Please make sure your passport is valid for 6 months BEYOND the end of your program (Fall: July 2010). If it expires before then, please renew it as soon as possible to avoid expediting fees.

Passport Information

and Services: Please visit http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html or University Station Post Office, 1505 SW 6th Street, Portland.

Visa fees and

requirements: A visa is required for this program. You will apply as a group during orientation. The site below is for informational purposes only.

•<http://sf.chinaconsulatesf.org/visa/eng/listofees.htm>

Passport photos (10 required):

We recommend Action Fast Photo, located at 9889 SW Barbur Boulevard next to

Barbur Foods, (\$7.50 for 2/\$.43 for each additional).

See reverse for more info...

Please provide your LC ID in order to receive the discount.

Health:

Please make an appointment with the student health services center to get an updated list of immunizations that are recommended or mandatory for this program. You will also be required to submit HIV test results.

Insurance:

Students are insured through the Insurance carrier provided by Lewis & Clark College. The program insurance is mandatory and included in the comprehensive fee.

International Student Identity Card:

The card may be purchased at our office. Please check with our office for the price. It may be required if you are traveling with the flight arrangements offered through this office.

Fees To Plan For:

Fees for the following items are not included in the comprehensive program fee:

- Passport fees
- Required photographs
- Visa fees

- International Student Identity Card
- Immunizations and health exams
- Books/Supplies
- Transportation to city of departure

Campus Contacts:

- Professor Keith Dede, ext.7445 or dede@lclark.edu
- Larry Meyers, Director of Overseas & Off-Campus Programs, ext. 7295 or meyersl@lclark.edu

Course Offerings

■ Social sciences

PS 401: China in the Global Economy (3 credits, spring & fall)

This course will examine the evolution of China's increasing role in the global economy. It will deal with different aspects of China's foreign economic relations, including trade, investment, the impact of WTO accession, regional integration and international economic institutions.

Syllabus Available

PS 402: Chinese Political Reforms (3 credits, spring & fall)

This course aims at understanding the two and half decades of reforms in the People's Republic of China. By discussing the reforms' background conditions, international context, policy options, difficulties, achievements, failures, and possible future, the instructor intends to lead an advanced course on contemporary Chinese political economy.

Syllabus Available

SO 301: Chinese Women's Studies (3 credits, spring & fall)

The contemporary status of Chinese women and the issues they face will be the focus of this new course.

Besides the treatment of women under the old society, most attention will be devoted to women's uphill struggle for equality in the 20th century.

Syllabus Available

SO 302: Chinese Media and Society (3 credits, spring & fall)

This course examines the role of media in contemporary Chinese society in an era of globalization, and changing social structures. The new forms of media, internet and cellphone, as well as traditional radio and TV will be thoroughly explored.

IR 401: America and China (3 credits, spring)

The course concentrates on Post Cold War events in the context of American predominance, decline of Soviet power and emergence of China as a new force on the international scene.

Syllabus Available

EC 401: Rural Economics (3 credits, spring & fall)

This course is designed to help students understand the rural dimension of China's economic transition. It examines the impacts of economic reforms on the life of Chinese peasants, including the effects of marketization and globalization on income structure, labor mobility,

ownership rights and other major aspects of the rural economy. It also provides an overview of the implications of the changing economic landscape for social and political development in rural China. The reading materials include a diverse and balanced collection of studies done by both external and domestic specialists.

Syllabus Available

■ Humanities

AR 301: Chinese Arts & Culture (3 credits, fall)

This course aims to give students a better understanding of ancient and modern Chinese fine arts (painting, sculpture, architecture, etc), as well as folk and popular arts (crafts, opera and film). A comparative approach will be employed to highlight differences with Western genres.

Syllabus Available

LIT 301: Chinese Literature and Society (3 credits, fall)

This course explores the relationship between literature, man, and society by analyzing the works and minds of major 20th century Chinese writers and against the background of anti-traditionalism and East-West culture encounters.

Syllabus Available

HIS 303: China in Transformation, 1840s-1960s (3 credits, spring & fall)

The course aims at understanding of China's transition from a traditional society to a modern nation by examining the historical forces since the mid-19th century. Nationalism and Communism will be two organizing themes that provide a framework to thread various phenomena all the way to Chinese Communist victory in 1949. The post-Mao reforms that undid China's communist economic system will also be discussed.

Syllabus Available

HIS 401: Philosophy and Science in Pre-modern China (3 credits, fall)
By examining Chinese philosophy, science and technology, this course will elaborate on the relationship between culture and the advancement of science and technology in Chinese historical contexts. It seeks to explain both the preeminence of Chinese tradition and, so some extent, the lack thereof in modern times as a result of East-West encounters.

Syllabus Available

■ Chinese language

CH 201 (6 credits, spring & fall)

The purpose of the intermediate level class is to help students increase reading comprehension as well as oral proficiency in Mandarin. After this class, students will independently learn Chinese on their own and participate in advanced language training course either in the US or in China.

Syllabus Available

CH 301 (6 credits, spring & fall)

Students in the advanced class will learn to appreciate various unique aspects of written and spoken Chinese. Chinese will be the language of instruction with the purpose of reinforcing students' skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Also, introducing and discussing important aspects of Chinese culture and current news will become an integral part of the advanced level.

Syllabus Available

CH 303 Special Language Session (4-6 credits, spring & fall)

Special cases of advanced students who do not fit in regular classes (for instance, Chinese Americans) will be organized into this special session. Here, language studies will be more vigorous and demanding.