

**SCUN-UWP STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM, WUHAN, CHINA COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**Chinese History and Culture, History Component**

**Course Description:**

CH-HIST      3000      3      Credits      Chinese      History      and      Culture

This course includes a geographical introduction to China and outlines the 5000-year history of Chinese civilization. Confucianism and Taoism are included, along with a focus on religious culture and literature of China, China's primary scientific and academic achievements and the lunar year calendar, festivals, and legends of local cultures.

**Instructor for history component, 1.5 credits:**

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**Text:**

Liang Zhijian. *A Brief Introduction of Chinese History and Culture*. ISBN-7-5436-2535-0/G

**Supplemental Materials:**

Waley, Arthur, trans. *The Analects of Confucius* ISBN 7-5600-1373-2

**Related Experiences:**

- In-class references to Phoenix, Southern Great Wall, Zhou Zhiang, Nanjing, Xi'an, Beijing from field trips
- Film and discussion of *Hero*

**Activity spread over the twelve weeks of the course:**

1. Geographical introduction of China (part one)
2. Geographical introduction of China (part two)
3. Overview of ancient Chinese history, mainly on important dynasties
4. Confucius & Confucianism: a historical background
5. Confucius & Confucianism: main thoughts
6. Confucius & Confucianism: continuing influence in the Chinese psyche
7. Laozi & Taoism
8. Taoism as a religion and Chinese belief system
9. Chinese Buddhism
10. Lunar calendar, introduction to Chinese festivals and legends
11. Chinese literature: introduction to prose in the Han dynasty with historical overtones
12. Chinese literature: introduction to poetry in the Tang dynasty with historical overtones

**Grading:**

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| ● Attendance/Homework            | 25% |
| ● Mid-term Examination           | 25% |
| ● Research Project/Presentations | 25% |
| ● Final Examination              | 25% |