

SCUN-UWP STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM, WUHAN, CHINA COURSE SYLLABUS
Chinese History and Culture, Culture and Literature 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 culture component, 1.5 credits:

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Text:

Yang Liyi. *100 Chinese Idioms and Their Stories*. ISBN 7-5001-0147-3/H

Supplemental Materials:

Handouts and materials prepared and distributed by instructor.

Topics and Discussion Activities:

1. Chinese Literature Tradition
Roles, Ethics, Images and Theme in Classic Mythology, Idioms and Lyrics
2. Chinese Classic Novels
 - a. Politics and Ethics in *Romance of Three Kingdoms*;
 - b. Love and Culture in *The Dream of Red Chamber*;
 - c. Romances and Religion in *Journey to the West*
3. Chinese Modern Novels & Their Relation to Reflection on Modernization
 - a. *Ah Q and other stories*
 - b. *Camel Xianzai*
4. Chinese Modern Poetry & Its Relation to Western Modern Poetry
 - a. The Western Modern Poetry's Impact on Chinese Modern Poetry
 - b. The Relation of Chinese Modern Poetry to Chinese Classic Poetry

Grading:

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