

SCUN-UWP STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM, WUHAN, CHINA COURSE SYLLABUS
Contemporary China (Economy and Society)

Course Description:

CH-SOC 3000 3 Credits Contemporary China (Economy and Society)
A review of the social and economic history of China and the issues and problems facing modern China, including the development of trade, agriculture and industry, a social security system, population dynamics, social policy related to population, and restructuring of state-owned enterprises. This course has a strong emphasis on the interaction of social and economic factors, as well as the role economic reform has played in altering the direction of the country. The overall objective is to understand the significance of "socialism with Chinese characteristics."

Instructor:

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Text:

Instructor-prepared power point presentation with in-depth analysis.

Supplemental Materials:

- Instructor-prepared handout materials and film materials
- research guided by instructor with presentations to the class.

Related Field Experiences:

- Visited local industries in Wuhan

Weekly Activity:

1. An Introduction to Chinese Economy during 1840-1911
2. Chinese Economy during 1912-1949
3. Presentation
4. Chinese Economy during 1949-1976 + Film
5. Chinese Economy from 1976 to present
6. China's Fiscal, Financial & Taxation System
7. China's Agriculture & WTO + Field Trip: Visiting Modern Vegetable Garden
8. Reform on Chinese SOEs
9. Social Security System in China
10. Economy of China's Hongkong, Macau, & Taiwan + Field Trip: Wuhan-based Procurement Information Center of UNHCR or Hanzhengjie
11. Presentation & Review

Grading:

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