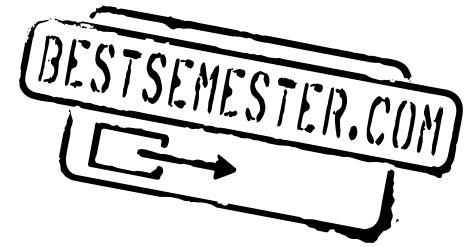


# CHINA STUDIES PROGRAM (CSP)



## RECOMMENDED CREDITS

*Students apply to either the China Studies Concentration or the Business Concentration. In addition to program core courses, each student enrolls in concentration-specific project courses.*

### CHINA STUDIES CONCENTRATION

Chinese I	3
Chinese History	3
Intercultural Communication	3
Contemporary Society & Public Policy	3
Chinese II or Eastern Philosophy & Religion	3
Chinese Art or Tai Chi	1-2
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>16-17</b>

### BUSINESS CONCENTRATION

Chinese I	2
Chinese History	3
Intercultural Communication	3
Contemporary Society & Public Policy	3
International Business in China	3
Business Internship	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>17</b>

*The program recommends that students be granted the equivalent of 16-17 semester hours of credit.*

## CORE COURSES

### Chinese I (2-3 credits)

This course in introductory Chinese focuses on acquiring survival fluency in spoken and written Chinese. The emphasis is on the spoken form of Mandarin Chinese, the national language of China. Students who have already studied Chinese may apply for a more advanced class. All students take the written exams for Chinese characters, vocabulary and grammar in the CSP Chinese I course.

### Chinese History (3 semester credits)

One-third of this seminar course consists of lectures, one-third consists of presentations by the students about one significant event or person in Chinese history, and one-third consists of field trips to historical sites. The course covers the history of China from its earliest beginnings to the present. Students become familiar with the major dynasties of China, their character, contributions and their major figures. On a study tour to Xi'an, Beijing and Shanghai, students visit many famous Chinese sites of historical importance including the Terra Cotta Soldiers, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Temple of Heaven and the Shanghai Museum. (Possible Credit: History, Social Science, Cross-Cultural Studies.)

### Intercultural Communication (3 semester credits)

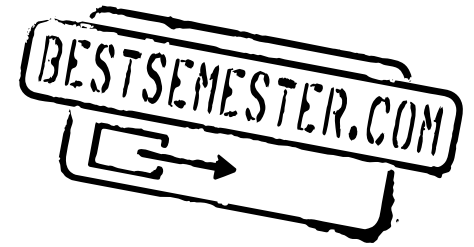
This course covers issues intended to help students understand and adjust to Chinese culture. Focus is given to how our students demonstrate their beliefs in their daily lives within the context of China. Topics include culture and basic values, culture shock, introductory linguistics, contextualization and factors involved in successful cross-cultural interaction. Well-known films featuring famous actors (both Western and Chinese) that focus on cross-cultural experiences will be shown and discussed each week. (Possible Credit: Communication, Cross-Cultural Studies.)

### Contemporary Society: Public Policy & Economic Development (3 semester credits)

This course examines two key and inter-related aspects of modern China: government policy and economic reforms. Public Policy covers the structure of the Chinese government, social rights and the legal system, and issues such as ethnic minorities, family planning and education. Economic Development focuses on the government policies from 1949 to the present, from the commune system to the current market-oriented reforms. Other topics include foreign investment, pollution and the environment, and the World Trade Organization. Each student will present an investigative report based on interviews with the Chinese about a topic related to contemporary Chinese society that is of particular interest to Westerners. (Possible Credit: Political Science, Cross-Cultural Studies, Economics, General Studies, History.)

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## CONCENTRATIONS

In addition to the core courses, students also select one of the following concentrations.

### CHINESE STUDIES CONCENTRATION

China Studies Concentration students also take Chinese I for three credits.

STUDENTS SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

#### **Chinese II (3 credits)**

This course focuses on acquiring low-intermediate fluency in spoken and written Chinese so that a student can handle situations such as travel planning, illness, making appointments, etc. There will also be lectures on Chinese dialects, simplified v. traditional characters, and word radicals. (Possible Credit: Chinese Language, Linguistics.)

#### **Eastern Philosophy & Religions (3 credits)**

This course introduces the teachings, history, and development of Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism and folk religion, as well as their role in China today. Other topics covered are the I Ching, Yin & Yang, the Five Phases and the widely varying ways the gospel has been introduced to China over the last 15 centuries. The course will also examine these topics from a Christian perspective, seeing to what extent they might relate to Christian doctrine. (Possible Credit: World Religion/Religion, Cross-Cultural Studies.)

STUDENTS ALSO SELECT ONE OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Chinese Art (1 credit)

Tai Chi (1 credit)

### BUSINESS CONCENTRATION

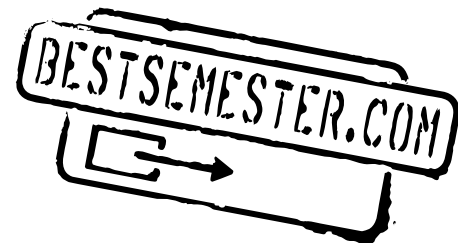
Business Concentration students earn two credits of Chinese I for foundational Chinese language instruction.

#### **International Business in China (3 credits)**

In this course, students hear talks covering issues such as fair and ethical business practices and the factors involved in out-sourcing jobs to China. Students will also prepare a paper in which they describe and analyze the differences in the way that an American or international company markets its products or its franchise in China.

Finally, students prepare a group "end-of-semester" presentation for the rest of the CSP students highlighting what they have learned. Overall, the goal is for students to understand the personal costs involved in approaching business overseas not simply as an investment, but as a calling. (Possible Credit: Business Administration)

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### **Business Internship (3 credits)**

The Internship Coordinator will make every attempt to place students in job placements that will provide meaningful work experience for the three-week internships, working full-time (40+hrs/week) for either Western or Chinese companies. Currently, nearly all of these internship placements are in Xiamen city. (Possible Credit: Business Administration)

### **ADDITIONAL STUDY RESOURCES**

#### **Study Tours**

While beginning and ending the semester in Hong Kong, students also visit and live in several Chinese cities, including Xiamen, Xi'an, Beijing and Shanghai. During required study tours, students visit many of the most famous Chinese sites of historical importance, including the Great Wall, the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City, Tian'anmen Square, the Temple of Heaven and the Terra Cotta Soldiers.

#### **Service Component**

As part of the Contemporary Society course, students engage in one-week service (or "solidarity") work in a more rural part of China. Students teach English to schoolchildren on a daily basis and/or do whatever odd jobs that are of most use to our hosts (such as house-painting, weeding, picking up litter, etc.).