

Course Descriptions

The Semester Abroad Program to Xi'an International University (XAIU)

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History of Chinese Culture and Society (Required) – **HST 127 CIP: 54.0106**

This course is designed to be an introduction to a wide range of subjects of Chinese history, geography, science, technology, religion, philosophy, culture, literature, education, political, economic and legal systems. The goal is to cover each of these subjects with sufficient depth to provide students with an accurate impression of the challenges and problems that they might encounter with further studies about China.

Chinese Literature and Art (Required) – **HUM 129 CIP: 38.0101**

The course is an introduction to Chinese literature and art. The topics covered include:

- Chinese literature: Early Poetry (*Book of Songs* and *Chu Ci*), Early Prose (Confucius, Mencius, Laozi, and Zhuangzi), Han to N & S Dynasties Prose and Poetry (Records of the Historian and Tao Yuanming), Tang Dynasty Poetry, Song Dynasty *Ci* Poetry, Yuan Dynasty *Qu* poetry and Yuan Opera, and Ming and Qing Dynasties Fiction; Modern Chinese Literary Works (Poetry, Essay, Drama, and Fiction);
- Chinese art: Music, Opera, Painting, Calligraphy, Architecture and Gardens, and Sculpture and Carving.

Introduction to Evolution – **BIO 127 – CIP: 26.0101**

This course examines the concept of evolution and mechanisms by which evolution proceeds. An analysis of the evidence for evolution, a section on basic genetics, and a brief treatment of challenges to evolution are included.

Environmental Biology without Lab – **BIO 140 – CIP: 26.1305**

This non-lab course studies environmental issues that arise from the interaction of humans and the environment. Topics include ecology, population biology, modification of our environment, resource use, land use planning, and energy. The goal is to better understand both the problems brought about by human use and misuse of the environment and potential solutions for those problems. Students may not receive credit for both BIO 140 and BIO 120.

***Beginning Chinese I* - CHI 121 – CIP: 16.0301**

This course is the first semester of a one year introduction to Mandarin Chinese, the official standard language of Mainland China and Taiwan. Emphasis will be on developing basic listening, speaking, reading and writing skills within the context of the modern Chinese culture.

***Beginning Chinese II* - CHI 122 – CIP: 16.0301**

This course is the second semester of a one year introduction to Mandarin Chinese, the official standard language of Mainland China and Taiwan. Listening, speaking, reading and writing skills will be further developed within the context of Chinese culture.

***Intermediate Chinese I* - CHI 221 - CIP 16.0301**

This course is the first semester of one year of continuing study for beginning Chinese learners who have studied Book I and II, Elementary Chinese Reader, or have equivalent mastery of the Chinese language. Grammar and character writing review with continuation of development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

***Intermediate Chinese II* - CHI 222 - CIP 16.0301**

This course continues to expand the knowledge of Chinese grammar, with emphasis in verbal and written communication. Films, short videos, readings and materials from newspapers, magazines, and media are utilized so students explore the Chinese speaking world and cultures based on authentic materials.

2 other courses taught by CLC or ICISP instructors to be determined.