

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY IN BEIJING



Academic Packet – Spring 2010

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(complete and return by Friday, November 13)

FOLLOWING REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION ABROAD, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY RESERVES
THE RIGHT TO CANCEL AN UNDERENROLLED COURSE OR TO CHANGE THE COURSE
FORMAT TO A STRUCTURED INDEPENDENT STUDY.

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Academic Update for Spring Semester 2010

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Highlighted below is important course information. This document, together with the [Beijing course descriptions](#) available on the SU Abroad web site, provides the most up-to-date information on course offerings for the Spring 2010 semester.

Course Request Form

Please carefully review the information below and the course [descriptions on the SU Abroad web site](#), then read the instructions for the Course Request form and complete the form as directed. You should read the instructions and complete this form now. **Return the completed and signed form to SU Abroad at 106 Walnut Place, Syracuse, NY 13244-2650, or by fax to the attention of Deb Goddard at (315) 443-2971 or (315) 443-4593, no later than Friday, November 13.** Be sure to bring a copy of this form with you to Beijing. Registration will occur in Beijing after the Signature Seminar.

To view and print a list of course descriptions:

1. Go to the SU Abroad [Beijing course listings](#) (<http://studyabroadarchive.syr.edu/programs/view/56>)
2. Click on the box next to the title of each **Spring*** course you would like to get approved, then click 'Show Course Descriptions' to see a list of your selected course descriptions.

*** Note that, while Tsinghua University courses may be listed as spring courses, the university does not confirm its offerings until December. Therefore, you should not count on taking a particular TU course, but should have several alternate courses in mind and approved by your home college.**

You will find it helpful to print this list in order to provide your advisor with descriptions of all the courses you want to get approved.

ENROLLMENT POLICIES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Undergraduate students are required to enroll on a full-time basis and register for at least 12 credits during the regular semester (not including the pre-semester Signature Seminar). Undergrads may register for up to 19 credits, including the 2 credits for the Signature Seminar, at no additional charge.

Undergraduate students are required to study Chinese. See **Semester Study** below for additional information.

Undergraduate students may request to take only one course on a Pass/Fail basis. Pass/Fail requests must be made by the deadline published in the Academic Calendar. Pass/Fail requests from SU students must be approved by the student's home school/college and students are advised to be aware of any college-specific restrictions and implications when taking a course for Pass/Fail grading (see section 6.4 of [Academic Rules and Regulations](#)). Non-SU students should find out prior to departure whether or not their home college will transfer credits taken for Pass/Fail grades. At Syracuse, a grade of "Pass" represents a "D" or better.

Transfer Credit for Non-SU Students

While completion of the enclosed Course Request Form will ensure that the courses you plan to take overseas meet your specific academic needs, you will also need to know your institution's policies concerning grades and the transfer of credit. The unit of credit at Syracuse University is the semester hour, where each three-credit course represents a minimum of 37.5 contact hours. Colleges and universities generally accept Syracuse University courses for transfer credit, but be certain that you know the minimum grade requirement and any other criteria that your institution may have regarding the transfer of credits toward your degree. Undergraduate courses are numbered 100 – 499, joint undergraduate and graduate courses are numbered 500 - 599, and graduate courses are numbered 600 and above.

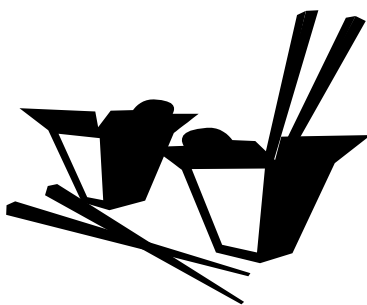
Pre-semester Signature Seminar

All undergraduate students are required to take the China Seminar: [HUM 403 – China: Past, Present and Future](#), earning 2 credits. Students may earn an additional credit (registered as **HUM 490**) during the semester by completing an independent study on a topic introduced during the seminar and approved by the seminar leader.

Interim Course Study

Upon returning from the China seminar and after the Lunar New Year Break, all students enroll in a one-week course on Chinese culture and society. Through lectures, films, group discussions and visits to museums and other sites, students will learn different aspects of Chinese culture, and experience and explore Chinese ways of life. This course can be completed before the start of semester study and registered as **FLL 100.1 – Introduction to Chinese Culture and Society** for one credit, or continued throughout the semester and registered as **ANT/SOC 300 – Chinese Culture and Society**, earning three credits.

HUM 490 – Independent Study: Students wishing to earn one additional credit related to the China Signature Seminar may also use this interim period begin to focus on a research project approved by the seminar leader. Students will continue this study during the semester.



Semester Study

- **Chinese Language:** **Registration in a Chinese language course is required** and based on a placement exam (students who demonstrate proficiency in oral and written Mandarin may be exempt from the language requirement). Because the intensive language courses at Tsinghua University are not directly equivalent to American university-Chinese courses, it is possible that a course may repeat some previous study. At the beginning, intermediate and advanced I levels, students select from several two- to four-credit modules focusing on listening, speaking, reading, and grammar. At the advanced II level, students select from several one- to three-credit modules focusing on writing, speaking, reading, grammar and from electives including Classical Chinese, Business Chinese, Chinese culture, and China Today. Students who choose to take all modules, registering for 10 credits, will be in language classes for 15 hours per week.

CHI 180 – [Intensive Chinese 1](#) (2-10 credits, Mandarin)

CHI 280 – [Intensive Chinese 2](#) (3-10 credits, Mandarin)

CHI 380 – [Intensive Chinese 3](#) (2-10 credits, Mandarin)

CHI 480 – [Intensive Chinese 4](#) (1-10 credits, Mandarin)

Due to the flexibility this modular registration offers students, we will not offer the four-credit Mandarin courses, CHI 102 and 202.

- **Center Course Offerings:** The following optional courses will be offered based on sufficient student interest. Courses with low interest may be canceled or offered in independent study format. Students may take two to five classes. All courses are worth three (3) credits:

ANT/SOC 300 – [Chinese Culture and Society](#) (includes pre-semester “Intro to Chinese Culture & Society” class)

ANT/CRS 490 or 690 – [Independent Study in Intercultural Communication and Transnational Media](#)

ANT/HST 400.2 – [Culture, Confucianism and East Asian Modernity](#) ****NEW****

COM 400 – [Chinese Media and Mass Communications](#) **** NEW ****

GEO 390 – [Geographical Approach to Chinese History and Culture](#) Independent Study

IRP 400/600 – [Environment & Development in China: Public Policy Perspectives](#)

IRP/PSC 500 – [China in Transition](#)

- **Tsinghua U. Courses Taught in English**

Students with a strong academic record (cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher) may consider a number of courses in accounting, economics and finance offered at Tsinghua University and taught in English; Tsinghua courses in international relations are open to graduate students. Courses preapproved by Syracuse University are listed below and on [our website](#), noted as Tsinghua U. courses. Please understand that **these courses may not be available this spring** and that Tsinghua does not confirm its offerings until December. Therefore, you should not count on taking a particular TU course, but should have several alternate courses in mind and approved by your home college. **Note also that Tsinghua's exam schedule may require students to stay beyond the regular SU Beijing program end-date (until early July).** All courses are worth three (3) credits unless otherwise indicated:

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| ACC 280.1 | Management Accounting 1 |
| ACC 380.2 | Intermediate Financial Accounting 2 |
| ACC 480.4 | Accounting Information System |
| ECN 380.3 | Intermediate Macroeconomics |
| FIN 480.6 | Seminar of Financial Problems (2 credits) |
| MIS 380.1 | Management Information Systems (2 credits) |

- **Tsinghua U. Courses Taught in Chinese**

Students with advanced oral and written proficiency in Mandarin and a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher may request to enroll in courses offered at Tsinghua University and taught in Chinese. Once in Beijing, you will plan your full schedule and design a program of study (based on your academic background) from among course offerings at our Center and at Tsinghua U. (**you are required to take at least one Center course**). You should complete and return the Course Request form seeking approval for HUM 403- China: Past, Present and Future, and for several Center courses in order to give you flexibility in planning your schedule. Because we cannot guarantee enrollment in a specific Tsinghua school or department, you should not count on meeting specific degree requirements with Tsinghua U. courses. Note that these courses must be approved for SU credit. **Note also that Tsinghua's exam schedule may require students to stay beyond the regular SU Beijing program end-date (until early July).**

Cancellations

The courses listed below will not be offered this Spring:

- **HST 300** – China Encounters the West: From the Qing Dynasty to the Early Republic Period (see above for a new history course offered in its place)
- **COM 590** – Independent Study on Mass Communications & International Relations in Age of Globalization (see above for a new communications course offered in its place)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR BEIJING COURSE REQUEST FORM

Now is the time for you to review course offerings and plan your schedule. Use this form to indicate the courses you intend to take during your semester in Beijing and to get these courses approved by your home college. Documentation of the courses your college has pre-approved will facilitate your registration overseas and the transfer of credits to your degree program. Note that this is not a pre-registration form (you will register when you arrive in Beijing upon completion of the Signature Seminar) nor does it guarantee enrollment in the courses approved by your advisor. **If you are unable to obtain home campus approval, make your selections and send the form as a statement of intentions. Also send a copy to your home campus advisor for their files.**

To complete this form, you will need to view/print the SU Abroad [course descriptions on our web site](http://studyabroadarchive.syr.edu/programs/view/56) (<http://studyabroadarchive.syr.edu/programs/view/56>) and refer to the enclosed course update. Make a copy of the completed form and then **return it to SU Abroad, Syracuse University, 106 Walnut Place, Syracuse, NY 13244-2650, or by fax to the attention of Deb Goddard at (315) 443-2971 or (315) 443-4593 no later than November 13.**

Instructions for Students:

This form must be returned to SU Abroad by November 13 whether or not you have been able to obtain school approval.

- Undergrads are required to register for the Signature Seminar (HUM 403) and to study Chinese language.** Be sure to obtain approval for the most appropriate Chinese language course(s), based on your background in the language. If you are not a Syracuse student, you should refer to the course descriptions on our web site and consult with an advisor in the languages department of your home school to select the appropriate language level.
- List six other courses that you would like to take, in order of priority (#1 should be the course you would most like to take and #6 should be the course you would least like to take). You should seek approval for several alternate courses in order to facilitate your registration in the event of a schedule conflict or course cancellation. This is particularly important when considering Tsinghua University courses since they may not be available every semester and TU does not confirm its course offerings until shortly before the start of our program.
- Using the enclosed update and course descriptions from our web site, seek approval for all courses from your study abroad advisor, your college dean, your academic advisor and/or other authorized official(s) at your institution.
 - Non-SU students:** If your school requires you to use its own course approval form, you may attach a copy of your school's form to this one. If your school does not pre-approve courses as a matter of policy, please note this on the reverse of this form. **In either case, however, you should still list your course choices in order of priority on this form and return it to the SU Abroad office.**
 - SU students:** take this form to your home college recorder to ensure that the courses you select are appropriate for your program of study. You may also need to obtain some approvals from your faculty or Dual College advisor(s).
- Make a copy of the completed form for your records, then **return the original to SU Abroad, Syracuse University, 106 Walnut Place, Syracuse, NY 13244-2650 or by fax to the attention of Deb Goddard at (315) 443-2971 or (315) 443-4593 by November 13.** Remember to take your copy with you overseas.
 - Non-SU students** should also bring a copy of their college course catalog and degree requirements.

Instructions for School Officials:

- Using the course descriptions and update provided by the student, indicate your approval of a course by signing in the "Course Approval" column. **Note:** If one official approves all courses, s/he may check the statement at the bottom of the form and sign just once.
- Indicate how an approved course may count toward the student's degree in the "Counts Toward" column (e.g., major, minor, elective, distribution or specific course substitute).
- If you cannot approve a course, please indicate this in the "Course Approval" column.
- Return the form to the student.

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Student's Name _____ SU ID # _____ Grad. Date _____

Home College _____ Major(s) _____ Minor _____

Students and School Officials: Please refer to the instructions before completing this form.

- **Undergrads are required to study Chinese language** and should obtain approval for the appropriate-level language course.
- List five other courses, in order of priority (#1 should be the course you're most interested in taking). When a course has more than one section, specify the section #.
- **Please return this form even if you cannot obtain the signed course approvals, but be sure to talk to your advisor about which courses you may take and how they will count toward your degree program.**
- **Return to SU Abroad no later than Friday, November 13.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

| Course Prefix | Course # | Section # | Course Title | Course Approval | Counts Toward |
|---------------|------------|-----------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| HUM | 403 | | China: Past, Present and Future (2 credits) (required for undergraduate students) | sign.: | |
| CHI | | | (required for undergraduate students) | sign.: | |
| 1 | | | | sign.: | |
| 2 | | | | sign.: | |
| 3 | | | | sign.: | |
| 4 | | | | sign.: | |
| 5 | | | | sign.: | |
| 6 | | | | sign.: | |

____ Except where otherwise noted, all courses are approved to meet degree requirements as indicated above.

School Official:

Signature _____ Print Name and Title _____

E-mail _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Date _____