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UCOR 2000
The Emergence of the Modern Global System
China study abroad class

September Global Seminar fall 2016

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Syllabus

The global seminar section of UCOR 2000 will explore the world history of the East-West interaction from China's perspective. The course will cover key themes of UCOR 2000: systems of global interaction through ideas, religions, trade, technology, and wars.

In China we will visit two cities: Beijing and Wuhan, with focus on various aspects of the global interaction since the 15th century. Beijing, as the capital of late imperial China, provides insightful views on the formation of a non-western global power from the 15th to 19th centuries. It was the capital that sent out the largest and most impressive maritime expeditions before any western attempts. Students will also visit key historical sites to examine the empire system of late imperial China, such as the Forbidden City (Imperial Palace museum), the Summer Palace, the Great Wall, the Confucius temple, and the Temple of Heaven.

The second city, Wuhan, is the birthplace of China's Republic and a battleground in WWII. So it is a great place to learn about China's revolution as part of the global trend. Located there are the 1911 revolution museum, a battle site for defending the Yangzi River, and foreign concessions established in the late 19th century, where Russian hotels, French banks, the British Custom House, and the YMCA can be found. In Wuhan students will also have a chance to meet Chinese students and to visit local Christian churches to see how Christianity survived in a socialist country.

There will be 3 meetings in the spring quarter with students to introduce the course content and expectations. Students will have the summer to do readings and some writing assignments before the trip. There will be two meetings with students in the fall after they come back from the global seminar.

The assignments will include ten short reading responses, one group project, and one major paper. The group project is to be conducted in China by students on a project of their choice on various aspects of global interactions and impacts: trade, religion, environment, and liberation (chapter 23).

The major paper will be due in the fall quarter after students come back to the U.S.

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- week of May 16: first spring class session
- week of May 23: second spring class session
- week of May 30: third spring class session
- Friday, June 17: reading response 1 due (online)
Reading: Chapter 12 and 13 from *Ways of the World*, the required textbook for UCOR 2000
- Friday, June 24: reading response 2 due (online)
Reading: Chapters 14-15
- Friday, July 1: reading response 3 due (online)
Reading: Chapters 16-17
- Friday, July 8: reading response 4 due (online)
Reading: Chapters 18-19
- Friday, July 15: reading response 5 due (online)
Reading: Chapters 20-21
- Friday, July 22: reading response 6 due (online)
Reading: Chapters 22-23
- Friday, July 29: reading response 7 due (online)
Reading: Chapters 18-19
- Friday, August 5: reading response 8 due (online)
Reading: *The concrete dragon: China's urban revolution and what it means for the world* pp. 12-55. (e-reading)
- Thursday, August 11: reading response 9 due (online)
Reading: "Environmental Challenges: From the Local to the Global," in *China Today China Tomorrow*, p. 259-276
- Tuesday, August 16: reading response 10 due (online)
Reading: Daniel H. Bays, "Christianity and the New China," in *A New History of Christianity in China* (E-reading)

- Sunday, August 28
Leave Seattle
- Monday, August 29
Arrive Beijing
- Tuesday, August 30
Beijing orientation
Forbidden City
Tiananmen Square
- Wednesday, August 31
Temple of Heaven
Summer Palace
- Thursday, September 1
Great Wall
- Friday, September 2
Renmin University
- Saturday, September 3
Yonghe (Lama) Temple
Confucius Temple
class session: States and Empires, East and West (I)
- Sunday, September 4
free day to explore Beijing
with local cultural activity suggestions
- Monday, September 5
high-speed train from Beijing to Wuhan
- Tuesday, September 6
class session: States and Empires, East and West (II)
local tour (lead by SPU faculty)

- Wednesday, September 7
Yellow Crane tower
1911 Revolution Museum
- Thursday, September 8
Hubei Provincial Museum
class: pre-modern global interaction via trade, religion, and war (I)
- Friday, September 9
class: pre-modern global interaction via trade, religion, and war (II)
guest speaker
- Saturday, September 10
East Lake scenic tour
class session: Imperialism and tensions between East and West
- Sunday, September 11
Hubei Thanksgiving church
class session: Religion and Science
- Monday, September 12
Guest speaker
free time
- Tuesday, September 13
visit Central China Normal University
- Wednesday, September 14
foreign concessions, Hankow district
class session: Modern China and the world
- Thursday, September 15
Wuhan university
farewell dinner
overnight train to Beijing
- Friday, September 16
leave Beijing; arrive Seattle

- week of October 3
first fall session
- week of October 17
second fall session
- Friday, November 18
major paper due