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CHINESE 3693: CONVERSATION PRACTICUM SYLLABUS ; LBAT 2022

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Description: The objectives of this course are 1) to raise your level of proficiency in speaking, listening to, and writing Chinese by applying classroom learning to real life situations; and 2) to develop cultural awareness via interviews with local people. You will raise your level of language proficiency by putting the Chinese you are learning in your Chinese 3691 “Chinese for Current Events”, Chinese 3692 “Business Chinese”, and Chinese 3813 “Living in China” classes into practical use in a variety of everyday situations in the community outside the classroom. Everywhere you go will be your classroom and everyone you meet will be an informant. Guided by questionnaires, you will learn in situ about Chinese history, geography, language, nationalities, social and political structures, education, transportation, manners and mores, cuisine, festivals, medicine, health maintenance, family, housing, and attitudes toward the United States and their own country, etc. Interviews will enhance your speaking and listening skills; writing reports and making presentations will give students a unique opportunity to express personal experiences in Chinese.

This course will be held over nine weeks in Shanghai and Qingdao. Course activities include 1) guided interviews with local people, 2) topic-oriented, instructor-led field trips, 3) report writing (about 300 characters) based upon interviews and fields trips, 4) one-on-one Monday and Wednesday tutorial sessions on editing and correction, and 5) Monday and Wednesday student “debriefing presentations” (about 5 minutes).

Practicum Interview topics can be tailored to student interests and language levels. Initially these will be little more than conversations. As students become more familiar with the local community and accustomed to speaking Chinese on a daily basis, they will become more sophisticated (profound), topic-focused dialogues. Interviews will focus upon assigned topics but they can encompass other subjects that arise spontaneously. Students will present written activities reports in class twice weekly.

Course Agenda:

- MW 11:45am – 12:45pm in class
- Monday-Friday: practicum activities.
- Attend group cultural or business site visit (to be reported in writing & presentation).
- Monday-Wednesday individual 20 minute tutorial sessions, including 5 minute debriefing presentations.
- Fridays: 1:00 – 6:00 pm; group cultural or business site visit in conjunction with 3691, 3692, and 3696.
- Weekends and free time: Practicum Interviews, report composition, and presentation preparation.

Course Requirement Recap:

One page activity report (about 300 characters). Try to include comparisons with your experiences in the US. Turn in writing to instructors during twice-weekly tutorials. Do not procrastinate.

Debriefing Presentation. Prepare a 5 minute Chinese language debriefing presentation on your topic. This should include Q & A with your classmates, who will quiz you with questions about your practicum, and may also be quizzed by you!

Critical or frequently-used vocabulary list: Highlight 15 to 20 frequently-used words, phrases, or expressions that you attempted to employ in your writing and list any words, characters or phrases that might be unfamiliar to fellow students.

Grading:

- **Practicum activities: 10%**
- **18 journal entries: 45% (2.5% each)**
- **18 debriefing presentations: 45% (2.5% each)**

Practicum/Interview Topics (Survey Questions include but are not limited to the following):

Week 1	
0 个人简介	Individual Intros
	姓名、年龄、职业、嗜好; 几个人; 男的、女的; 他们在哪儿; 做什么工作
1 对中国的看法	Views of China
	1.1 你觉得中国现在发展得最好的是哪些方面?
	1.2 你觉得中国现在发展得最不好的是哪些方面?
	1.3 如果你给中国政府提建议, 你会说些什么?
	1.4 你最喜欢中国的什么?
	1.5 你最不喜欢中国的什么?
	1.6 经济发展的利弊
	1.7 食品安全
	1.8 水、空气的污染
2 对美国的看法	Views of the US
	2.1 你觉得美国现在发展得最不好的是哪些方面?
	2.2 如果你给美国政府提建议, 你会说些什么?
	2.3 你最喜欢美国的什么?
	2.4 你最不喜欢美国的什么?
	2.5 你觉得美国现在发展得最好的是哪些?
	2.6 你喜欢不喜欢美国, 为什么?
	2.7 你对美国有什么忠告?

Week 2	
3 文化类 日常 礼节	Cultural: Daily Rituals
	3.1 中国人互相怎么称呼?
	3.2 客气是什么意思?
	3.3 中国人对人处事
4 文化类 节日	Cultural Types and Daily Rituals
	4.1 中国有些什么节日、怎么过?
	4.2 你最喜欢哪些节日? 为什么?
Week 3	
5 文化类 饮食文 化	Cultural: Culinary Culture
	5.1 上海菜的特点
	5.2 饺子、包子、炒饭 怎么做?
	5.3 烹饪与健康
	5.4 民以食为天
	5.5 你最喜欢吃什么? 为什么?
6 家庭	Family
	6.1 什么是“孝顺”
	6.2 独生子女
	6.3 恋爱、婚姻
	6.4 大家庭好还是小家庭好?
Week 4	
7 中医中药	Chinese Medicine
	7.1 中医的基本理念
	7.2 中药的种类
	7.3 医疗保险/看病难吗?
8 历史	Chinese and US History
	8.1 中国历史
	8.2 上海历史
	8.3 美国历史
	8.4 美国人在中国
Week 5	
9 地理	Chinese Geography
	9.1 中国地势: 平原、高原、丘陵、
	9.2 有哪些鱼米之乡
	9.3 河流

	9.4 森林
10 语言	Chinese Language
	10.1 汉语、普通话、国语
	10.2 方言
	10.3 上海话
Week 6	
11 民族	Chinese Nationalities
	11.1 汉族
	11.2 少数民族
	11.3 少数民族的政策
	11.4 少数民族的语言文字
12 行政结构	Chinese Government Structure
	12.1 中央机构和地方机构
	12.2 多少个省、直辖市、自治区
	12.3 上海市
Week 7	
13 旅游	Travel in China
	13.1 上海旅游景点/哪些地方最有意思? 为什么?
	13.2 中国著名旅游胜地/文物景观和自然景观
	13.3 最喜欢去哪儿旅游? 为什么?
	13.4 我在上海期间应该到什么地方看看?
14 交通	Chinese Transportation
	14.1 上海交通
	14.2 最常使用的交通是什么?
	14.3 全国交通: 飞机、火车、高铁
	14.4 还有人骑自行车吗? 还把骑自行车作为交通工具吗?
Week 8	
15 教育	Chinese Education
	15.1 幼儿园、小学、中学、大学/全民教育/自费
	15.2 课外活动
	15.3 体育
	15.4 政治课
16 健康/养生	Chinese Health
	16.1 常做的保健
	16.2 什么是阴阳?
	16.3 什么是上火?
	16.4 太极拳

Week 9	
17 居住	Chinese Housing Market
	17.1 你有自己的房子吗？你的朋友们都有自己的房子吗？
	17.2 买房需要多少付出？
	17.3 买不起房子怎么办？
18 幸福指数	Happiness and Fortune
	18.1 你觉得你很幸福吗？为什么？
	18.2 有人很有钱，你觉得那样公平吗？
	18.3 你认为钱能不能给人们带来幸福？
	18.4“知足常乐”对不对？“知足常乐”是不是就不用去努力奋斗了？