

# SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY IN BEIJING



## *Academic Packet – Fall 2009*

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(complete and return by Friday, April 17)

FOLLOWING REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION ABROAD, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY  
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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 Fall 2009 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, April 17.** 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 home page <http://suabroad.syr.edu/programs/location/beijing/>
2. Click on 'View all Courses for SU Beijing'
3. Click on the box next to the title of each **Fall\*** course you would like to get approved, then click 'Show Course Descriptions' to see a list of your selected course descriptions.

**\* Note that, while Tsingua University courses may be listed as fall courses, the university does not confirm its offerings until June or July. 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

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 pre-semester Signature Seminar, at no additional charge.

You are required to study Chinese (see **Semester Study** for additional information).

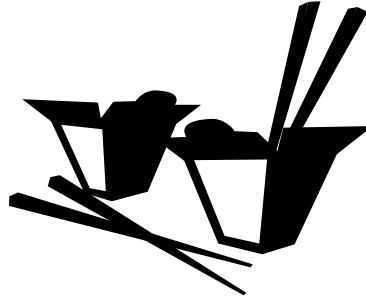
You may request to take only one course on a Pass/Fail basis. Pass/Fail requests must be made by the deadline published in the Academic Calendar. Pass/Fail requests from SU students must be approved by the student's home school/college and students are advised to be aware of any college-specific restrictions and implications when taking a course for Pass/Fail grading. 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 Signature Seminar: HUM 300.1 – The Other China: Ethnic Minorities, Development & the Environment earning 2 credits. Students may earn an additional credit (registered as **HUM 390**) during the semester by completing an independent study on a topic introduced during the seminar and approved by the seminar leader.



## Semester Study

- **Chinese Language:** Registration in a Chinese language course is required and based on a placement exam. 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 – Beginning Chinese (2-10 credits, Mandarin)  
CHI 280 – Intermediate Chinese (3-10 credits, Mandarin)  
CHI 380 – Advanced Chinese Language I (2-10 credits, Mandarin)  
CHI 480 – Advanced Chinese Language II (1-10 credits, Mandarin)

Due to the flexibility this modular registration offers for students, we will no longer offer the four-credit Mandarin courses, CHI 101 and 201.

- **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 2 or 3 classes. All courses are worth three (3) credits unless otherwise indicated:

ANT/SOC 300 – Chinese Culture and Society  
ANT/CRS 490 or 690 – Independent Study in Intercultural Communication and Transnational Media  
COM 400 – Chinese Media and Mass Communications  
GEO 300 – Geographical Approach to Chinese History and Culture (2 credits; may be taken on an independent study basis earning 3 credits)  
HST 300 – China Encounters the West: From the Qing Dynasty to the Early Republic Period  
IRP 400/600 – Environment & Development in China: Public Policy Perspectives  
IRP/PSC 500 – China in Transition

**Students with a strong academic record (cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher) may also 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 pre-approved by Syracuse University are listed on our website, noted as Tsinghua U. courses. Please understand that these courses may not be available every semester and that Tsinghua does not confirm its offerings until June or July. 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 for a few weeks beyond the regular SU Beijing program end-date (until mid-January).**

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY –SU ABROAD

# 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://suabroad.syr.edu>) 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 April 17.**

### **Instructions for Students:**

*This form must be returned to SU Abroad by April 17 whether or not you have been able to obtain school approval.*

1. **Undergrads are required to register for the Signature Seminar (HUM 300.1). All students are required 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.
2. List five other courses that you would like to take, in order of priority (#1 should be the course you would most like to take and #5 should be the course you would least like to take). Although you will register for, at the most, three courses not including Chinese language, it is important to seek approval for additional courses. This will 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 the semester.
3. 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).
4. 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 April 17.** 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:**

1. 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.
2. 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).
3. If you cannot approve a course, please indicate this in the "Course Approval" column.
4. Return the form to the student.

## SU ABROAD COURSE REQUEST FORM BEIJING – FALL 2009

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.**

- **You 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).
- **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, April 17.**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Course Prefix	Course No.	Course Title	Course Approval	Counts Toward
<b>HUM</b>	<b>300.1</b>	The Other China (2 credits) <b>required for undergraduate students</b>	sign.:	
<b>HUM</b>	<b>390</b>	Independent Study related to Signature Seminar (1 credit) (optional)	sign.:	
<b>CHI</b>		<b>required</b>	sign.:	
1			sign.:	
2			sign.:	
3			sign.:	
4			sign.:	
5			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 \_\_\_\_\_