



Want to have an in-depth knowledge about the modern Chinese society? Want to know how this knowledge may affect and inform your language use and interaction with Chinese people? This course is your option! NO CHINESE PROFICIENCY IS REQUIRED

CHT3502-U01A: Chinese Culture & Society (A Hybrid Course in Summer A 2014)

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5:00~7:40pm, Tuesdays

DM 193, 5/12~6/20/2014



Course Description

This hybrid course, with alternation of face-to-face meetings and online sessions, is designed to provide information and knowledge about Chinese culture, religions, societal life, politics, and economic development. Six major themes and an overarching goal frame course activities. The major themes include: 1) Chinese achievement culture and behavior culture, including Chinese traditional festivals, traditional costumes, food, and eating & drinking culture; 2) Chinese religions (Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism & other religions) and Chinese calligraphy; 3) socialism and social change (China's mixture of socialism, communism & capitalism); 4) Chinese media & Internet in China; 5) ethnicity, identity and linguistic diversity in China; 5) education in China; and 6) Chinese government and politics. The overarching goal is to develop an understanding of those aspects of Chinese culture and society and how such an understanding can be applied to real life academic, professional (e.g. business, law, and medical sciences), religious and daily life situations.