China Study Abroad – Summer 2007
Pre-Trip Orientation
333 Science II

Week 8 – March 21

I. What’s up in China? News reports from students.

II. Academic
   a. PBS Program: Freedom and Justice in China
      Group discussion with ISU students from China

III. Cultural
   a. A few Chinese words: Difei Shen
      a. Chinese language website: http://www.csulb.edu/~txie/online.htm
   b. Cross-cultural differences scenario and discussion (group 3 and group 4)

IV. Update on Chinese student visit to Iowa State University – April 30-May 14

V. Case Study Groups:
   a. Review progress on case study projects (brief verbal reports from each group)

VI. Preparation
   a. Housekeeping
      i. Travel Updates
         a. Passports and visa applications: Bring passports and signed visa applications to group leaders or to Ag Study Abroad Office, 111 Curtiss Hall, no later than Monday, April 2. Passports will be sent to Chinese Consulate in Chicago to obtain visas. You cannot enter China without a passport and visa!
         b. Immunizations
            a. Visit your regular doctor or student health travel clinic to obtain information about recommended immunizations.
            b. Please review these websites:
               http://www.cdc.gov/travel/eastasia.htm
               http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/abroad.html

VII. Questions?

VIII. Reminders –
   a. Weekly Warming-Up Activities - Research current events in P.R. China. Each week, each member of one group should be prepared to give a brief (1-2 minute) oral overview regarding one news article you found interesting.
      Suggested sources:
b. Spring/Summer semester activities - To increase your knowledge of China and enhance your experience, we recommend that you read one book of your choice that focuses on China (fiction, nonfiction, biography, history, etc.) during the course of the program. If time permits during our weekly meetings in China, each student may give a 5-8 minute review of his/her book and discuss the similarities and differences between book and observations during the trip. Check the course website for book suggestions.

IX. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 28, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Room 9, Curtiss Hall (Brenton Center)

a. Student video for website – to be viewed by Chinese students.
   i. Each group: 3-5 minute description of case study topic (background, questions to be answered, why topic interests you)
   ii. Each student: 1 minute self introduction
   iii. Each group should prepare an outline of what you plan to say during the 3-5 minute session in order to be well prepared for your on-camera presentation

b. Submit photo of self—one that represents your interests/background (for the website)

c. Submit written revision of case study topic background paper and protocol

**Case Study Assignments for remainder of the semester**

March 7-21: Case study preparation (in or outside class)
- Draft protocol – how are you going to get the job done? Who is going to do what?
- Refine questions and other design consideration
- What do you need help with? From whom?

March 21: Case study preparation (in or outside class); group reports on progress (verbal)

March 28: Submit written revision of case study topic background paper and protocol; group reports on progress (verbal)

April 4: Presentation of team proposals (written outlines and verbal)

April 11: Review and revised proposals (in or outside class)

April 18: Final proposal presentations (written outlines and verbal)

April 25: Group dinner at New China restaurant in Boone (no cost for students)