

**China Travel Course
Pre-departure Orientation Class Schedule**

Date		Academic	Cultural	Preparation
January				
24	Getting-To-Know each other activity	Geography, climate, soils, farming systems - Dr. Dick Schultz	A few Chinese words	- Introduction of the program Program orientation expectations Students' expectations - Introduction to case study sites (today or on Jan. 31) - Logistics preparation: Passport, Airline Tickets, and Immunization - Dividing the team (today or later)
31	What's up in China? - News reports	History, people, culture, languages, etc. – Dr. Mu Aili (Foreign Language Department)	- Chopstick activity - A few Chinese words	Introduction to case study methods – Bob
February				
7	What's up in China? - News reports	Overview of China's economy – Dr. Bob Jolly	- Cultural diversity activity - Cultural difference between U.S. and China - A few Chinese words	- Team selection if not done during the first class preliminary topic discussions. - Logistics preparation (ongoing reminders): passport, immunization, and airline update.
14	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Overview of Chinese Agriculture – Presenter(s) TBC.	- Team One present their cultural story/stories - A few Chinese words	Logistics preparation: passport, immunization, airline update, and currency
21	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Food system changes in China - Dr. Frank Fuller and Dr. Fenxia Dong (Center for Agricultural and Rural Development)	- Team Two present their cultural story/stories - A few Chinese words	- Logistics preparation: passport, immunization, airline update, and safety (food, law, sex) - Plans for ZU students
28	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Resource and environmental problems and policies – PBS programs and group discussions	- Team Two present their cultural story/stories - A few Chinese words	- Logistics preparation: passport, immunization, airline update, and safety (Buddy system, travel around the town, etc.) - Plans for ZU students.

March				
7	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Rural economic development - PBS programs and group discussions	- Team Three present their cultural story/stories - A few Chinese words	Introduced to ZU students via email or video conference
14		Spring Break		
21	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Case study preparation (in class work).	- Team Four present their cultural story/stories A few Chinese words	Logistics Preparation: passport, immunization, airline update, and packing
28	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Case study preparation (in class work).	- Watch a documentary film and discuss the film with Chinese students here at ISU - A few Chinese words	Logistics Preparation: passport, visa, immunization, airline update, and discussing team rules
April				
4	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Presentation of team proposals.	A few Chinese words	Logistics Preparation: visa, immunization, and airline update
11	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Review and revise proposals (in class work).	- A lecture given by Dr. Zhang (The Department of World Language and Cultures) - A few Chinese words	Logistics Preparation: visa, immunization, transportation from Ames to the airport, and airline update
18	What's up in China? - News reports from each group	Final proposal presentations.	- A few Chinese words - Making dumplings with ISU Chinese students (details TBA)	Logistics Preparation: visa, immunization, transportation from Ames to the airport, and airline update
25			Final dinner at New China, Boone	

