

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **A Taste of China: Food and Drink in Chinese Culture**

Course Number and Section

CHINESE

3660F 550

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Course Description:

As the Chinese saying goes, "to the people, food is heaven." Food and drink are not only vital to the life of individuals, but also essential to the existence of communities, with the function to express the cultural identity and stabilize social structure. This course surveys Chinese food and drink as an important part of a cultural heritage with a long history. By examining different aspects of Chinese food and drink ranging from culinary principles and aesthetics in Chinese cuisine to the imagery and symbolism of food and drink in literature and cinema, we will gain a better understanding of Chinese culture and Chinese society. Taught in English.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to

1. gain an overview of China's cultural heritage;
2. develop a basic understanding of the role of food and drink in Chinese culture;
3. acquire skills of Chinese studies through textual as well as visual analyses.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Please see the course website on OWL Brightspace.

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance		10%
Discussion and Participation		10%
In-class Exercises		25%
Presentation		15%
Essay		40%

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In-course Costs \$000.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook's publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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