

Brief Course Outline

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

Course Number and Section:

CHINESE

3957G 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:

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:

available on the course website.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance		10%
Participation/Discussion		10%
In-class Exercises		10%
Presentation		10%
Study report		15%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Essay		45%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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