SPRING 2016 EXTENDED STUDY:
CHIN 288 The Chinese City: Living Beijing

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On-campus course: CHIN 288 The Chinese City: Living Beijing

Tentative travel dates: May 18 - June 7, 2016

Destinations: Beijing

Course credit: 1.0 credit (linked to CHIN 288)

Prerequisites: None; Chinese language ability preferred but not required.

Applications available from: www.colgate.edu/off-campus-study/extended-study

Applications due: November 15, 2015

Overview:

Ancient cosmological center of the world and current capital of a rapidly globalizing China, Beijing has long stirred the imaginations of locals and visitors alike. This multidisciplinary course explores the processes that have shaped and defined Beijing, especially during the past century or so. Topics include aesthetics of urban space, spatial symbolism, popular street life, arenas of political activism, and the impact of changing economic policies. Texts range from digitized historical maps and scroll paintings to film, novels, poetry, memoirs, travel guides, historical guides, and classics of urban studies scholarship. The course is being offered as an extended study in which weekly meetings, as well as some technology training sessions, culminate in the completion of a digital project during a final three weeks in Beijing. Some Chinese language ability preferred but not required. Open to first-years, sophomores, and juniors.