China & the U.S. in the Era of Globalization: 
Independent Study, Research, and Analysis with Study Tour

Course Description: This independent study compares China and the U.S. with respect to political system, culture, philosophy, and political economy. It includes a 12 day study-abroad study tour with lectures, discussions, joint Chinese-American student study projects, and field trips to historic Chinese political and cultural sites in Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. It also includes independent research and analysis in consultation with the professor. Its goal is to enable students to better comprehend the future of evolving Chinese-American political, economic, and cultural relations in the contemporary era of globalization.

Course Requirements: Students are expected to prepare for each class in China ready to discuss the assigned reading, and to keep abreast of news on China and U.S.-China relations.

Grade: The grade will be based in equal parts on: 1) the quality of work in class in China and in meetings with the professor; 2) weekly literature reviews in May and June; 3) a review essay comparing the Shirk and Shambaugh books; 4) a 15 page research paper; 5) a final exam.

Required Texts for the Independent Study: