

### Choosing the Right Subjects:

- Review the PDF for a list of classes offered by Sichuan University's Center for China Studies.
- You are required to take at least one Mandarin language course, but then are free to choose your other courses.
- All classes are taught in English and there are no pre-requisites.
- The specific classes offered each semester vary and are based on student demand.
- Submit your intended classes to Globalinks at your earliest convenience.
- Once class demand is confirmed and finalized, a list of courses available during your upcoming semester will be emailed to you.

### Sichuan University Subject Load Information

You must enroll in a minimum of 12 credits and a maximum of 17 credits. Non-intensive language classes are worth 4 credits while intensive language classes are worth 8 credits. Most other classes are worth 3 credits.

You should obtain approval for at least 8 courses at Sichuan in the event that some end up not being offered, or if there are scheduling conflicts.

### Language Courses at Sichuan

Typically students will either chose to study non-intensive intensive Mandarin. Students who need more advanced language classes will be tested to determine their level of language proficiency and appropriate level of instruction

### Course Scheduling and Enrollment

Timetables at most universities are not published until just before the semester begins. Therefore, you will not actually enroll in your subjects until after you arrive. You will choose your classes from your list of subjects you selected during pre-departure (and had approved by your home university), according to how they fit into your schedule. If you choose to enroll in any subjects that were not pre-approved by your home University, you should contact your university from China in order to obtain the necessary approval. Be sure to bring your advisor's email with you to aid in communication.

### Academic Differences between China and the U.S./Canada

A student's academic schedule fluctuates between lectures, tutorials (small group sessions), laboratory work, and library study. For your class grade, you may be expected to concentrate your academic efforts in library research and writing, and it is not uncommon to have a large percentage of your grade based upon 1 to 2 exams. The tutorials may require you to prepare material, present a paper, read articles or participate in group discussion/projects. Your attendance in class may also play a large role in your final grade. In general, you should be prepared for some differences between the overseas and the U.S./Canadian academic systems and be aware that you may experience a period of adjustment.

## **SICHUAN UNIVERSITY - Grading Conversion Guide**

Students who attend Sichuan University will receive a transcript from Pacific Lutheran University, which serves as Globalinks's partner and University of Record for this program.

Pacific Lutheran University has enjoyed a long-standing relationship of mutual collaboration with Sichuan University for over 20 years and helped develop the English-taught curriculum at Sichuan University. Pacific Lutheran University provides academic oversight and review of this program to ensure the academic rigor is equivalent to the standard of instruction at their university.