**ASIA 1680 – Inside China: Economy, Culture and Society in Beijing and Shanghai**

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**Location:** Beijing and Shanghai, China  
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China has one of the longest cultural histories on earth, yet it is one of the world’s most dynamic countries. In the past three decades, China has undergone unprecedented economic growth, has lifted over 700 million Chinese people out of poverty, and has become the world's second largest economy. What is China like behind all the hype and the headlines? This course is designed to provide students with immediate, first-hand knowledge of China economically, culturally, socially, and politically. Students will experience total social-cultural immersion through formal classroom instruction, numerous excursions and field trips to famous ancient monuments and modern wonders, international and domestic businesses, institutions, museums, private homes, and interaction with local people from different walks of life in Beijing and Shanghai. Upon completion of this course, students will earn three credits in International Culture for AXLE. The course is open to all majors and no background in Chinese language is required.

**FEES:** Cost is approx. $9,489.58