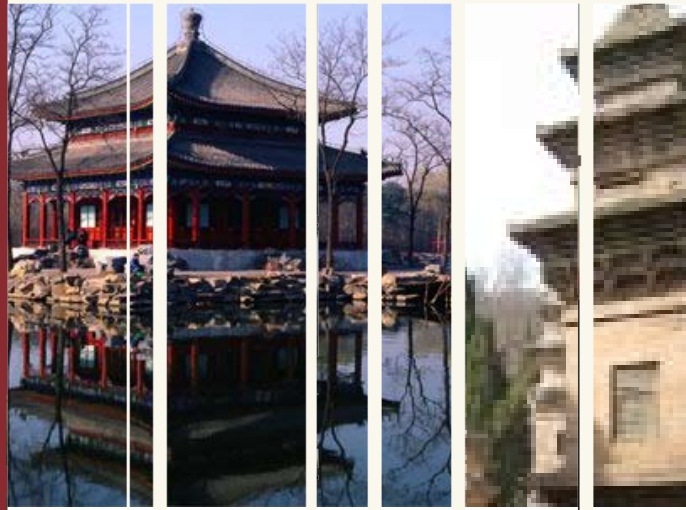




**CHINA ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM:
ACADEMIC DIALOGUE & EXCHANGE**



The mission of the China Academic Consortium (CAC) is academic dialogue and exchange on the subjects of religion, worldviews, values and ethics with the Chinese Intellectual community.

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CHINESE WORLDVIEW TODAY
Summer
JUNE 4 - 20, 2010

THE CHINESE PUZZLE

Throughout history, China has continually challenged the West with her peculiar practices and unique worldview. Though many North Americans are fascinated by the exotic Chinese, cultural norms like *guanxi* and *filial piety* confound those who come near.



In this past century, China has experienced unprecedented growth and reform economically, politically and socially, emerging from her sleeping dragon state to join the global community. It is an exciting time for East-West exchanges of ideas, values and resources. It is our hope that authentic communication will inspire dialogue concerning deeper issues of life, the nature of humanity and other worldview questions. However, these conversations cannot occur without a proper understanding of the Chinese worldview.

To this end, China Academic Consortium (an affiliate organization of Educational Resources & Referrals - China) is partnering with China's prestigious Renmin University to craft a summer program aimed towards introducing Chinese thought to North American undergraduate students and graduate scholars.

AN IN-DEPTH EXPOSITION ON AN EMERGING WORLD POWER

4 week seminar in China to equip students with a deeper understanding of Chinese philosophy and worldview. 30 hours of lecture over 10 days in the classroom, accompanied by afternoon field trips to important historical and cultural landmarks.

TWO OPTIONAL ELECTIVES

Chinese language instruction (+\$250)
1 hour per day
early in the morning

COURSE OVERVIEW

The course curriculum content will survey the core teachings, history and development of Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, folk religions and Christianity in China. Primary sources as well as survey texts will be used, and those taking the course on the graduate level will have an opportunity to develop critical questions and approaches for further study into Chinese thought.

COURSE ACCREDITATION

It is possible to take the Chinese worldview seminar for credit. Denver Seminary has granted 3 units to this course for their M. Div. program. Azusa Pacific University grants credit for both undergraduate and graduate programs.

APPLY TODAY to position yourself as space is limited.

GENERAL SYLLABUS

Time	Activity
Day 1	Overview. Chinese chronology, geography
Day 2-3	Taoism as religion, Taoism in Chinese medicine, <i>Tao Te Jing</i> , <i>Zhuangzi</i>
Day 4-5	Confucian thought, Neo-confucianism, Confucian theory of values
Day 6-7	Chinese Buddhism, history and integration into Chinese culture, urban monasticism
Day 8	Folk Religion: the doctrine of ritual, folk legends, <i>Lu Xun's</i> works
Day 9	Christianity in China, missionary history, current state of the church in China
Day 10	Contemporary thought in China

PROGRAM COST: \$3000 including tuition, housing, activities, trip to Xian, visa and insurance. Food is on your own (\$200-300 USD). Plus international airfare.