

## **Capital Normal University – CET Fall 2020 Courses**

*Fall 2020 CET students may choose from among the below courses, all instructed by Capital Normal University faculty. Courses may be instructed in English or Chinese. Final course allocations will be determined on the basis of course availability and student interest. Students will make course selections through their CET online account, in the Course Preferences Form. Please confirm with your home university that you are able to earn academic credit for all in-person coursework.*

### **CNU/LITR 120 Chinese Literature and Culture**

Through analysis of ancient literary works and the examination of theoretical perspectives, students will study the relationship between Chinese literature and culture. Specifically, students will gain an understanding of the special significance of Chinese literature to the formation of Chinese culture. Students will also study the unique functions of poetic structure and symbolism in ancient Chinese literature and culture-building.

### **CNU/LANG 100 Elementary Japanese**

The textbooks used in this course are the first and second volumes of the "New Standard Japanese". The content of the textbook is topically-based, with each unit corresponding to a specific topic. The characters and storylines between units are also contiguous. Each lesson is divided into basic reading text and interactive text/exercises. The basic texts highlight key sentence patterns and grammatical structures, and the interactive text offers applied dialogues and prompts.

The content of the first semester is the first, second and third units. Students are expected to master Japanese pronunciation and intonation, basic vocabulary, and some basic grammatical concepts and sentence patterns. In addition, students learn the cultural knowledge of Japanese language habits, customs and social conditions.

### **CNU/HIST 175 Introduction to World Civilizations**

This course mainly studies the origin, development and characteristics of major civilizations in the world, and how the rise and fall of major civilizations has shaped the narrative of world history. Students are trained to analyze major historical events in the history of world civilizations through the frame of narrative history-building, as well as cultivate their academic writing proficiency through regular assignments.

The study of the world's great civilizations covers an enormous range. In an attempt to focus the course, each unit focuses on a specific ancient civilization, including Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, and Medieval Western Europe through the exploration of special topics. This course also includes a unit on early colonial and American history, and analyze what kind of country the United States is from the perspective of the history of great civilizations.