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Ricci Seminar

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Credit Hours: 1.0

Course Description

The Ricci Seminar is a one-credit, experience-based class required for all TBC students. In the intellectual tradition of Matteo Ricci, students are given the opportunity to integrate their prior learning with the new experiences of China through participation and reflection on the academic excursion, community engagement, seminars, and service learning. This TBC signature course employs Ignatian pedagogical methods to integrate the academic, cultural, social, and spiritual dimensions of life as an international student in China.

Textbook

No required textbook.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Describe early missionaries such as Matteo Ricci regarding their works in China.
2. Outline key concepts on service learning.
3. Explain main ideas of Ignatian pedagogy.

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Grading Policy

This is a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) course, and students will get an S grade upon completion of the following:

- Excursion presentation
- All community meetings
- Ricci Seminar lectures
- Service learning requirements
- A reflection paper on his/her TBC experience by the end of the semester

Attendance Policy

Attendance for community meetings and Ricci Seminar lectures are mandatory. Only students with excused absence granted by the Academic Division will be exempted. Students are also required to participate in over 50% of designated service-learning activities organized by TBC in order to receive the credit.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest, and responsible manner. Academic integrity is a guiding principle for all academic activity at The Beijing Center (TBC), and all members of the TBC community are expected to act in accordance with this principle. Please refer to <https://thebeijingcenter.org/academic-integrity/> for a detailed description of our policy.

Course Schedule

The meeting dates and topics of the lectures for Ricci seminar will be as follows (all lectures begin at 5:30pm):

- February 12: Jesuits in China
- March 4: Principles of service learning
- April 1: Writing your reflection paper