

# WEEK #11-13

## Chengdu American Center

### Final Examinations

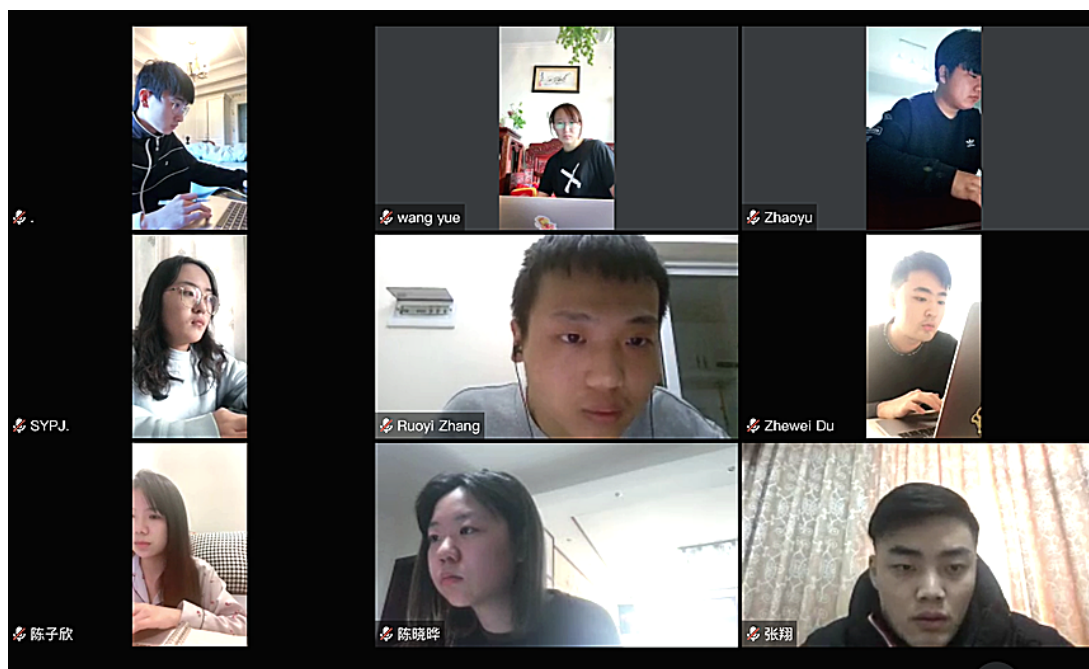
The last couple of weeks were quickly moved online after a few new local cases of COVID were found in Chengdu. Since all the staff, faculty, and students were already familiar with online instruction, the switch was done very smoothly. An extra reading period week was given by request to faculty and students from each class before final exams. A final course evaluation survey was also sent out to collect the students' feedback on each course.



*Final Exam for the Organizational Behavior class*



*Calculus I class*



*Managerial Accounting class*

### Semester Review Video

Although the plans for activities and commencement had to be cancelled due to the virus situation, G-MEO has created a semester review video to show the highlights of the semester: class sessions, fun activities, internship experiences, and the students' views on the program as a whole. A big surprise was at the end of the video where Ethan Merritt, Assistant Director of AU Abroad, sent all the students a video message congratulating them on finishing this semester and expressing his appreciation for their patience and resilience in handling difficult situations.



*Ethan Merritt, the Assistant Director of the Study Abroad Office at American University, one of G-MEO's principal partner universities*

### Student Voice

"I feel it's good to have spent a semester with G-MEO. It's most convenient and efficient to communicate with professors via WeChat rather than emails since the professors are Chinese and approachable on WeChat. Instructions were given in English but professors could sometimes use Chinese to explain new terminologies and difficult points. The combined method of instruction was quite good. It was clear the activities were full of fun when I saw the pictures shared in the group chat. I hope there will be more course options in the future.

**-- Haoyu Lin, Business Administration major, Junior**

## Thank you for being with G-MEO in Fall 2020

Both G-MEO Chengdu Office and New York Office want to show our sincere appreciation to all partner universities, students, faculty members, local media groups, and internship program partners. Without their efforts and engagement, there would be no G-MEO Alternative Fall Semester in 2020. Together we've come so far, and together we can go further!



### Faculty Voice

"During this special time of the COVID-19 pandemic, I got the opportunity in the latter half of 2020 to teach two courses, Philosophy and World History, to some Chinese students from various provinces of China who had been previously admitted to American universities but had to study in China for the time being because of the pandemic. I felt both delighted and encouraged in class, where I saw my students' diligence, curiosity, and enthusiasm.

While teaching Philosophy, I guided my students on a tour of philosophical pursuits of human life and shared a sort of exciting exploration in life. While teaching World History, I led them in traveling around the world through the previous ages, understanding historical figures, events, and effects through learning and using imagination.

To sum it up, my students and I have made synchronic progress in joyful teaching and learning. Just as The Book of Rites, an ancient Chinese book, wrote more than 2,000 years ago, 'Teaching benefits both learning and teaching.' In terms of program management, including the management of the faculty and staff as well as the students, the teaching quality control, and the whole atmosphere of Sino-US cooperation, I feel it to be a success. I hope it will be better and better.

I really wish for my students to stand strong, overcoming temporary difficulties and continuing their studies (no matter where they are). Please remember: it is not that success comes to us, but that we must go to success!..."

**-- Dr. Yi Zhou, Professor of Introduction to Philosophy and Introduction to World Civilization classes**

### Student Voice

"In general, I think this semester was good. The extracurricular activities were full of fun. I feel there could be more liaison between professors and students so as to help students better adapt to instruction at home. I hope there can be more courses offered in the future."

**-- Ziyang Guo, Art History major, Sophomore**