

# WEEK 1

## Chengdu American Center

### Classes Begin

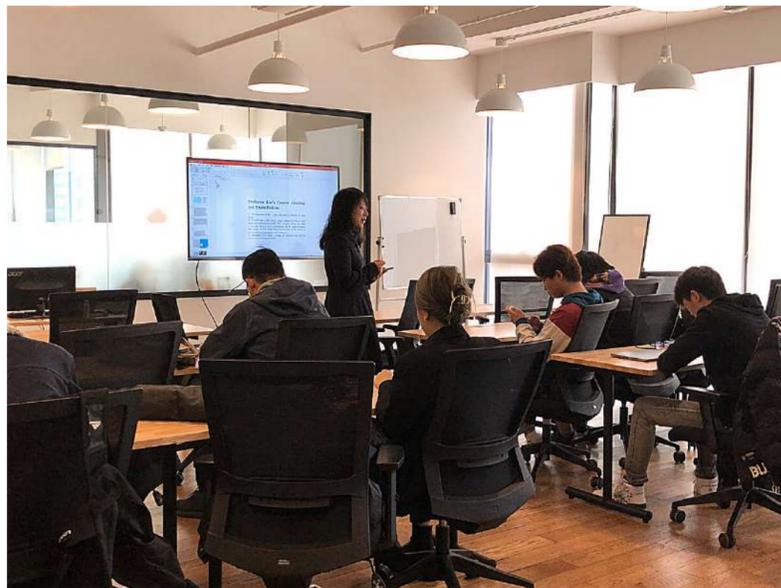
This Spring, the G-MEO Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad is offering twenty courses covering topics in Business, STEM, Humanities, and Internship. Students are able to choose both core courses and free electives to satisfy their academic degree requirements. They also have a chance to add and/or drop classes during the first two weeks.



*Introduction to Financial Accounting class*



*World Food and Culture class*



*World Music class*

### Voice from G-MEO Partner

"Thank you very much for scheduling Zoe's and my visit to the G-MEO + FDU Alternate Spring Program (ASP) last week. Although it was the first week of the semester, students and faculty were well settled in and clearly are enjoying the environment and facilities. While we didn't sit in on any classes, we believe it is never good to do this at the beginning of a semester, from what we saw through the windows, students were focused and learning while professors were engaging them in a most professional, academic and interesting manner. All-in-all the ASP appears to be off to an excellent start and it looks like it will be a wonderful semester. We very much look forward to our next visit."

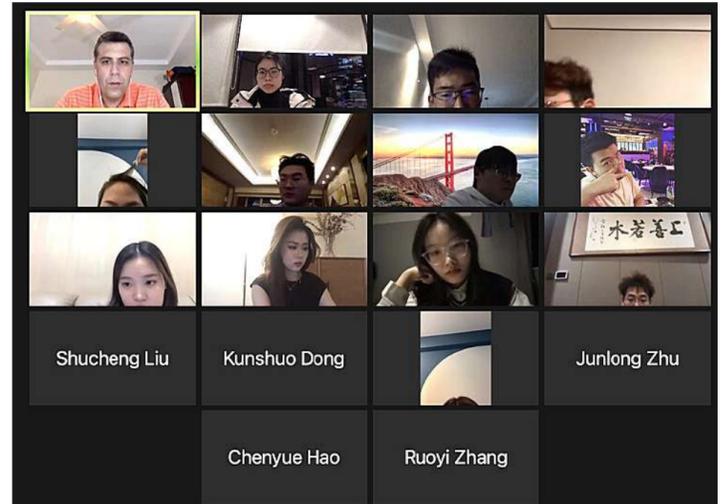
**--Dan Plaut, Executive Director, China Office of Fairleigh Dickinson University**

### Guests from FDU's China Office

Last Thursday, the Center welcomed Executive Director Dan Plaut and Assistant to the Executive Director Zoe Zheng from the China office of G-MEO's partner, Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU). Guided by the Center's staff, the two guests got a tour around the program site and were introduced to the program and its implementation. The guests also commented that they were happy to visit again and to see another alternative semester being run.

## Internship Program

This semester, we have around twenty students signing up for the credit-bearing internship program. The Center has been coordinating and arranging interviews with some local companies, community service centers, and other corporations that are appealing for the students. The students also had their first online internship class, where they receive instructions and tips on professional development. Some students have already received offer letters while others are still waiting to be interviewed.



*The once-a-week online internship class*



*Students being interviewed at a national enterprise*

## Afternoon Bubble Tea

Sweets make people happy! Last Thursday afternoon, the Center brought dozens of cups of bubble tea to the program site so that the students could have a treat after class. All of the bubble tea was gone in just an hour and the students got to chat with each other while enjoying the various flavors!



*Students being interviewed at a community service center*



*Pick your favorite flavor!*



## Student Voice

"We have gathered here because of the coronavirus situation and we cannot go back to the US. As I already knew many of my classmates, I adapted to this new environment very quickly. The professors are extremely friendly. G-MEO has prepared a lot of activities for us. My friends and I will try to participate in all of them and take this chance to get to know our professors and classmates."

**--Qiaohong Qian, Business Management major, Sophomore**

## Student Voice

"The professors here are really nice and they communicate with us like friends. They always want to help us. I enjoy school life here because of the pleasant studying environment and atmosphere. In addition, the internship program offered by G-MEO gives us a chance not only to earn credits, but also gain precious working experience for graduate applications or future career development. I appreciate the time spent here. However, I may not be able to attend another semester with G-MEO as I need to take more major-related courses. It would be better if more core courses were provided here."

**--Ruoyi Zhang, Business Administration major, Junior**