PAAS 412
Understanding Chinese Media
Spring 2020
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Course description:
In this upper-level Chinese language course, through authentic media materials ranging from commercials and news clips to TV programs and documentaries, students will learn to use the target language to discuss such topics as family, education, love and marriage, business, and technology in the present-day Chinese societies. Learners will also engage in extensive speaking and writing practice that enables them to critically reflect on these issues from a cross-cultural perspective. All in-class activities related to the media materials and after-class assignments will be conducted mainly in Chinese.

Proposed assignments:
• Attendance: 10%
• Class performance and participation: 15%
• Quizzes: 25%
• Written assignments: 35%
• Oral projects: 15%

Proposed readings:
• All media materials will be made available by the instructor.