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Library Impact Statement for CHN 485/486

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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)

LIBRARIAN’S ASSESSMENT

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as
detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one
 copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Course: CHN 485 and CHN 486

Department, College: Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures

Faculty Member: Wen Xiong

Date returned to Faculty: March 8th, 2012

Librarian Completing Assessment: Mona Anne Niedbala, Education & Curriculum
Materials Librarian

Collection Management Officer: Joanna Burkhardt

These are the two parts of an 8-weeks summer intensive advanced Chinese literature course focusing on
major modern and contemporary Chinese writers and their works. It aims at building on and consolidating
the work completed in previous Chinese studies and introducing students a range of literary writings by
master writers from the early 20th century to the middle of 20th century. Students will view the related
films for background information and to reinforce their reading and discussion. On completion of this
course, in addition to their improved modern Chinese language skills, students should have a better
understanding of what constitutes the Chinese ethos formulated by the Chinese people -- as part of the
world community -- in their use of language, in their faith, beliefs and philosophical inquiry, in the
various forms of literary expression, as well as through their own reflections on the merits and faults of
Chinese culture and civilization.

In order to work on the projects and papers for this course, students will have access to the
Confucius Institute collections, the URI Library reference and circulating collections, and to other
HELIN library collections.

There is collection development funding available for acquiring the print and video resources on Chinese
culture and civilization and Chinese literature recommended by Professor Xiong that are not available at
URI.

The Librarian considers that, with the support and assistance of the faculty in the Department of Modern
and Classical Languages and Literatures, the Library can provide proper resources for student learning
and research for this course.