As classes were coming upon us we got to enjoy the annual SJTU Welcome Dinner. Traditional Chinese dinners include a lazy Susan in the center of the table and multiple dishes to share. We learned some of the Chinese formalities that include not serving your own tea and how to use chopstick rests. Luckily for us, the SJTU staff and students in attendance were able to tell us what each dish was composed of, a luxury we since now miss dearly. The Chinese at the table definitely got a laugh out of watching us try to eat our food with our chopsticks. Most notably difficult were noodles and entire hard-boiled eggs. We didn’t get served the infamous chicken-foot and at the end of the night, we all had a great time!

**Classes at Xuhui**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we have Chinese Language and Culture class. Language is taught by either Susan or Katrina, while Weiqi teaches Culture to both sections. Tuesday and Thursday we have ME 497 (Intercultural Communication in the Global Workplace) with Dianne Atkinson. Tasks include China Logs where we document cultural differences that we’ve seen since our arrival, a group project, and “Tags.” There are 25 tags and each one usually involves taking a trip to some popular (or not so popular) tourist sites and taking a selfie. Ten of the 25 tags must be completed by the end of the course. Typically we have class from 8:30-11:45 and 1:00-4:15.
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ETA Blogs
This year many ETA students have decided to write blogs. You can find a list of them here:

Paul Bloodgood: Adventures in China
Hometown: Woodridge, IL
URL: http://ptbloodgood.wordpress.com

Surabhi Dholakia: Organic Chaos
Hometown: Indore, India
URL: http://surabhidholakia.blogspot.com/

Chelsey Frieders: The China Chapter
Hometown: Sandwich, Illinois
URL: http://www.thechinachapter.blogspot.com

Emilie Garnier: French Fries in Shanghai
Hometown: Union, KY
Blog URL: http://frenchfriesinshanghai.blogspot.com/

Patrick Harrington, Pharr14
Hometown: Whitefish Bay, WI
URL: http://pharr14.wordpress.com

Tahni Hresko, Wall of Wanderlust
Hometown: Huron, OH
URL: http://wallofwanderlust.blogspot.com/

Vihita Janarthanan, All The Little & Big Moments That Make Each Day Worthwhile
Hometown: Chennai, India & Jakarta, Indonesia
URL: http://preciousofall.blogspot.com

Ben Kahn, Panda-Monium: Life in the Most Populous City on Earth
Hometown:
URL: http://bkahn317.wordpress.com/

Emmett Kearney, Emmett in China
Hometown: San Diego, CA
URL: http://emmettinchina.blogspot.com

Joshua Solorzano-Potash, Rumble in Shanghai
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
URL: http://joshpotash.blogspot.com

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