My Study Abroad Experience in China, by Yasmin Radbod: (2011)

好就不见！现在我在南京。我爱这个城市，象南京菜，南京的历史和文化，什么的… ("Long time no see! Right now I'm in Nanjing. I love this city; for example, I love Nanjing's cuisine, culture and history, and more.")

Right now I am studying abroad in Nanjing, China for one year. I've been here about two months now, and I have already had an experience of a lifetime. First, my classes are Monday through Thursday, 8:00AM to 12:00PM, all of which are intensive Chinese language classes. I also have a Chinese roommate, a Chinese tutor, and a tutor specifically for Chinese pronunciation practice. I am taking a class on contemporary Chinese culture and am completing a research project on contemporary views regarding the relationship between Tibet as an independent entity and the rest of China. As a side job I teach English to other college students who are preparing their English speaking and writing ability, and I teach a class on American culture. In my spare time, I often visit many of Nanjing's famous cultural and historical sites such as Xuanwu Lake (玄武湖) and the Confucius Temple (夫子庙). I was extremely fortunate and had the opportunity to visit Guilin (桂林) for an entire week, which was an amazing experience. I also have climbed Huangshan (黄山), an extremely famous mountain known throughout China. In fact, next week I am spending a week traveling throughout Sichuan with my entire study abroad program. I have truly enjoyed my time here exploring Nanjing, making cross-cultural friendships, learning Chinese, and studying Chinese culture and history. More to come!