

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Perspectives on China

Course Number and Section:

CHINESE

1650F 550

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to contemporary China from the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949. Perspectives on China invites students to read articles and watch visual material that presents contemporary Chinese culture and society from a number of perspectives. This class invites students to gain understanding of China as an idea, as an important subject for foreign policy, and as a multifaceted society and culture. By the end of the course, students will gain an understanding of the society and culture of contemporary China and acquire research and study skills to perform at a university level.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Think critically using multiple modes of inquiry.
1. Analyze disciplinary content to identify contexts, learn fresh perspectives, and debate and discuss problems in the field.
3. Understand and apply the methods of close reading, note taking, analysis, and synthesis.
4. Recognize and debate ethical issues and academic integrity in a variety of settings.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in oral discourse and written communication.
6. Develop essential research and study skills such as time management.
7. Understand the academic expectations pertaining to studentship at Huron and to higher learning at a research university.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Available through the libraries.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Throughout the semester	30

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Response paper	Oct. 14	20
Paper Proposal	Oct. 28	10
Final Group Project & Presentation	Dec. 2 & 4	40

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