

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Perspectives on China

Course Number and Section:

CHINESE

1650G 550

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Course Description:

This course introduces perspectives on and representations of China in Western scholarship. It will introduce texts across different disciplines to examine China not simply as an essentialist and self-sufficient geopolitical entity but as a subject of inquiry by focusing on how China has been imagined, represented, and understood through different lenses. We will treat China as a political, historical, and cultural construct shaped through history, literature, and politics against the background of globalization to understand the internal and external dynamics that have underlined its formation.

Learning Outcomes:

Acquire a general understanding of basic concepts in China studies

Understand China as a cultural and political construct that is interwoven with the global circulation of ideas

Develop the skills of critical thinking and problematic consciousness

As an entry-level course, this course will train students in essential skills of research, such as identifying the thesis statement, distilling information, and analysis. It will lay the foundation for students to develop their research skills for their future projects.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

N/A

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
class participation	04/02/25	30
3 Review Essays	03/05/25	30
presentation	04/02/25	10
final paper	04/02/25	30

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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