

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **The Political & Socio-Economic Foundations of Modern China**

Course Number and Section:

CHINESE

2601A 550

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Course Description:

This course will explore the political, economic, and social foundations of modern China through an examination of its modernizing experiences in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. It will introduce students to questions arising from China's socialist and post-socialist development to investigate how China engages with the world, such as modernization, social development, democratization, urbanization, laborers, environmental problem, gender, etc. The course will be taught in English.

Learning Outcomes:

- Gain an overview of the economic, social, and political development of modern China;
- Acquire knowledge of the political structure of modern China
- Deepen the understanding of the relationship between China and the world
- Develop the skills of critical thinking and problematic consciousness

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Readings will be posted on the OWL site.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance and Active Participation	12/08/2025	10
4 quizzes		20
Presentations and Follow-up Paper	12/08/2025	20
Midterm Test	10/20/2025	20
Final		30

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