

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **THE POLITICAL AND 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 with respect to its capitalist modernization, democratization, urbanization, shaping of national identity and gender, etc. The course will be taught in English.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Gain an overview of the economic, social, and political development of modern China
2. Acquire a general understanding of contemporary Chinese studies
3. Deepen the understanding of the relationship between China and the world
4. 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		10%
4 quizzes		20%
Presentations and Follow-up Paper		20%
Midterm Test		20%
Final Exam		30%

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