

China in World Affairs
IR 6677
Term IV, 2012-2013
Independent Study Format
Course Syllabus

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

An examination of China and its relations with the global community, the course will involve the student in the political, cultural, and social aspects of the state and its relations with other states.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES

Students will learn the core principles and methods of China's politics, economic development, and foreign relations. These are applied to sectoral issues and studies. Students will also focus on the interconnectedness of China with international political developments and issues. It is hoped that you will demonstrate improved analytical and communications skills, as well.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

1. Compare and contrast competing mainstream academic perspectives on Chinese politics and economic development.
2. Understand the basic methodology to study China's international relations, and how

- comparison is done.
3. Discuss specific characteristics of China's foreign policy.
 4. Explain the inter-relationships between China and the East Asian regional system and International issues.
 5. Consider possible futures for China's place in regional and international politics.

TEXTBOOKS

June Teufel Dreyer, *China's Political System: Modernization and Tradition*, 8th ed. (New York: Prentice-Hall, 2011). ISBN 0205005810, 978-0205005819

Richard McGregor, *The Party: The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers* (New York: Harper, 2010). 0061708771, 978-0-06-170877-0, 9780061708770

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy since the Cold War*, 2nd ed. (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2009). 074-2566951, 978-0-7425-6695-8

Carl E. Walter and Fraser J.T. Howie, *Red Capitalism: The Fragile Financial Foundation of China's Extraordinary Rise* (New York: Wiley Publishers, 2011). ISBN 0470825863, 978-0470825860

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

Student research paper, Student discussion papers, final examination, Student presentation

COURSE GRADES

GRADE SCALE

Final Examination	30%	A: 90-100
Book Review	10%	B: 80-89
Research Paper	25%	C: 70-79
Oral Presentation	10%	D: 60-69
Discussion papers	25%	F: 0-59

RESEARCH PAPERS

1. Students should write a graduate level paper of at least 15 pages, double-spaced, with appropriate citations and bibliography. This is an outside research paper, so do not rely on the course textbooks.

2. You are to write about a major aspect of China's politics, economic development or foreign policy, in terms of the concepts and theories that we discuss in the course.

Please select your topics as soon as possible, and inform me as soon as you can. This paper will be useful preparation for the comprehensive examination.

3. Your oral report to the class will be on the same topic as your research paper topic. This will be done via Skype. The class size will determine these.

BOOK REVIEW: This will be a written review of Richard McGregor's *The Party: The Secret World of China's Communist Rulers*. The literature review should be at least five pages in length, and completed during the time between our class meetings and submitted by April 24, 2013. This assignment should summarize the main themes in the chapters and provide analysis of the topic and critique of the book. I will provide feedback to your reviews by e-mail.

INCOMPLETES

A grade of "INC" will only be given in cases of medical emergency, job or military duty, or other significant personal event to be judged by the instructor. Students must submit a petition form, and sign a written commitment to the instructor for completion of course work. Upon satisfactory completion of course work, the instructor will submit a "Change of Grade" form to the office. If the course work is not completed in the following term, the student will receive a grade of "F" for the course.

ACADEMIC ETHICS

Details on ethical standards for research papers can be found in *Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association*. The current "Standards of Conduct" of the Troy University *Graduate Catalog* should also be consulted.

The following will not be tolerated in this course:

1. **Cheating** on examinations or assignments, in any form. This includes submitting another's work as your own, providing answers to others, or using any unauthorized aids during an examination.
2. **Plagiarism** on research papers, in any form. This includes failure to give credit to the sources of your work, copying of someone else's work, or using an author's exact words without quotations. Plagiarism of an assignment will result in a failing grade for the course.

For more on plagiarism, consult the Troy University Writing Center (www.troy.edu/campus/onlinegraduateprograms/writingresources.htm) and the Purdue University Online Writing Lab. The University of North Carolina has an excellent web site on writing issues.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Troy University supports Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which insure that post-secondary students with disabilities have equal access to all academic programs, physical access to all buildings, facilities and events, and are not discriminated against on the basis of disability. Eligible students, with appropriate documentation, will be provided equal opportunity to demonstrate their academic skills and potential through the provision of academic adaptations and reasonable accommodations. Further information, including appropriate contact information, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/ADAPolicy2003.htm>

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Students can access online resources through the Troy University web site at www.troy.edu or www.library.troy.edu. These resources include a variety of text data bases that give complete articles from many journals, magazines and newspapers. The MSIR Journal List, for instance, has over 90 publications, including *Foreign Affairs* and *World Politics*.

Access to all of the data bases is through “remote services,” the university’s remote patron authentication system, which involves a three-step process (log on, select a service, and select an individual data base). The main full text information services are EBSCOhost, FirstSearch, InfoTrac and ProQuest. Tutorials and overviews are available on the library home page.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Textbooks for the course

D = Dreyer

S = Sutter

W&H = Walter and Howie

	TOPICS	READINGS
Week 1	Pre-1949 Chinese System	D, Chap. 1-4
Week 2	Post-1949 Chinese system	W&H, Chap. 1-2, 8
Week 3	Chinese politics since 1978	D, Chap. 5-6, 9

		S, Chap. 2
Week 4	Chinese economic policy under “reform and opening”	W&H, Chap. 3-7 D, Chap. 7
Week 5	Chinese socio-economic issues	D, Chap. 8, 10-12
Week 6	China’s foreign policy	S, Chap. 1, 3-4, 6
Week 7	China’s foreign/security policies	S, Chap. 5, 7-12 D, Chap. 13-14
Week 8	Oral Presentation on Research papers	

Final Exam (take home) is on material up to Week 8. The Final Exam is due by the last Friday of Term IV.