

Chinese Economy and Society

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| General Information | <p>Lecturer: Mao Zhongming Credit Points: 4 Total Hours: 45 Mode of Presentation: Lectures and Tutorials Students: Sino-U.S. project students Prerequisite: Chinese Culture Course Text: Prepared by teacher Examination Method: Term paper on topic of student's choice</p> |
| Course Objectives | <p>The course is an introduction to Chinese economy and society. We will review the history of Chinese economy and go through some important aspects of Chinese culture. The focus of the course is China's economic reform, opening and development since 1979. Some key questions to be addressed in the course include: What are the basic features of China? How is the Chinese economy structured? How has this structure changed over time? How did the CCP change the structure of the economy when it came to power in 1949? What is the current relationship between the private and public sectors, and how has this changed since 1979? What about township/village enterprises? The course investigates the transformation of the Chinese economy, especially since 1979, and analyzes the political and economic reasons behind the transformation and the politics of the transformation. The course is organized into lectures, discussions, and field trips. The aim is to help students to gain a comprehensive understanding of Chinese economy and its transformation.</p> |
| Course Assessment | <p>Grading Policy: In-class discussion participation and presentation, 40%; Final exam, 60%.</p> |
| Course Syllabus and Outline | <p>Part 1: Overview</p> <p>Week 1: Introduction</p> <p>Week 2: General Background</p> <p>Week 3: Field Trip</p> <p>Week 4: Political and Economic Reforms</p> <p>Week 5: The State and Development Strategies</p> <p>Week 6: Economic Growth and Development</p> <p>Part 2: Issues</p> <p>Week 6: Free Economic Zones</p> |

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| | <p>Week 7: Field Trip</p> <p>Week 8: Regional Economics</p> <p>Week 9: Financial Issues</p> <p>Week 10: Field Trip</p> <p>Week 11: Agricultural Issues</p> <p>Week 12: External Economic Relations</p> <p>Week 13: Social Welfare Issues</p> <p>Week 14: Conclusion</p> <p>Week15: Final exam</p> |
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