

PSCI 3102A
Politics and Development of China
Tuesday 11:35-2:25
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Description:

This Course is an introduction to the domestic politics of the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Students will be introduced to the political system imposed by the Chinese communists as well as the political economy of reform and the transition to a market economy which has been taking place over the past two decades. We will look to the political basis of economic success, and the reasons for stalled political reform. In addition comparisons will be drawn to the political system that evolved on the Island of Taiwan under the rivals of the Chinese communists, the Kuomintang Nationalists. Here we will discuss the politics of Taiwan's remarkable transition from economic success to the institutionalization of democracy and free elections. Finally we will look at the system of government which has been established for Hong Kong under the Sino-British Joint Declaration and look at the viability of Hong Kong as a liberal enclave on the coast of the Chinese Mainland under the sovereign authority of the People's Republic of China. Lecture outlines and assignments will be posted on the course website on Carleton's Web CT. However, outlines are not a good substitute for lecture attendance.

Texts:

There are two textbooks for this course: **William A. Joseph ed. *Politics in China: an Introduction* (Oxford: 2010); and Joseph Fewsmith *China Today, China Tomorrow* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2010) They are available for purchase in the bookstore.** Additional readings may be put on Reserve. Readings marked with a * are on reserve in the Library.

Useful Websites and good journal sources for China.

The most authoritative academic journals on China are *The China Quarterly* and *The China Journal*; both are available online on campus.

Official Chinese government sources about China (in English) can be found at www.xinhuanet.com.cn ; www.chinaview.cn ; <http://english.peopledaily.com.cn/>

English language sources on Taiwan can be found at www.taipeitimes.com ;

Official government source is www.gio.gov.tw ; The best news source on Hongkong is the South China Morning Post, [www. SCMP.com](http://www.SCMP.com) ; The Hongkong government site is www.gov.hk

Assignments:

Students are responsible for weekly readings and for keeping up with news about China in the media. The first review paper will be a short review based on a set of movies and books which I will hand out to the class by the end of September. The research paper must be on an approved topic in Chinese domestic policy. Assignment sheets for this will be available by October 16. **Papers on foreign policy will not be acceptable.** **This fall will see the convocation of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, which will inaugurate the succession of the next generation of Party and State leaders. Students should pay close attention to the events at this congress and the final research essay may be devoted to an analysis of this event and its significance.**

Grading:

First paper: 20%

Second paper: 40%

Final exam: 40%

There are two assigned papers and a final examination in this course. The first paper will be a short review essay of no more than 10 pp. (2000-2500 words) worth 20%. **(Due October 16)** Assignment sheets with the topic of the review and the list of available books and movies to be reviewed will be made available by September 25. The second paper will be a research paper of 16-18 pp. (4000-4500 words) worth 40% of the final grade. **(Due November 27)** There will be a final examination (to be scheduled during the formal exam period during December) worth 40% of the grade. This will be a three hour exam in essay form. Review questions that include those on the final exam will be handed out on the last class.

Late Assignments

All students receive a no questions asked 24 hour reprieve for all assignments. This is not an extension. Following the grace period. Assignments will lose a half grade for each day missed. Thus, an A becomes an A-; A- -- B+; etc.

Readings:

This list consists of readings in the text and on reserve. From time to time additional readings will be made available online on WebCT

1. September 11, 2012

The Cultural and Geographic background to Politics in East Asia

Joseph Chapter 1&2 pp. 3-62

September 18 CLASS CANCELLED DUE TO ROSH HASHANAH HOLIDAY

2. (3) September 25

Revolutionary Movements: Mao Tse-tung (Mao Zedong) "The Chinese Revolution and the Chinese Communist Party" *Selected Works II:305-338**

Joseph Chapter 3, 4, 5, pp. 62-164

The Structure and Organization of the Chinese Communist Party and Regime; Franz Schurmann, *Ideology and Organization In Communist China* 17-172; *
Fewsmith Ch 10 181-192

4. October 2

Central Government Institutions

Joseph chapter 6 165-191

Fewsmith: Introduction, Ch 8 149-164

5. October 9 The Central and the Local

Fewsmith Chapters 11 193-222

Joseph chapters 8&9

6. October 16 FIRST PAPER Due

Participation and mass politics Fewsmith, Chapter 1, 2, 3,

7. October 23, 2012

Economic Policy Making Fewsmith chapters 4, 5, 6,; Joseph chapter 7.

8. October 30 Energy and Environment

Fewsmith Chapters 12, 13; Joseph Chapter 11

9. November 6

Social Policy

Joseph chapters 12&13

10. November 13

Ethnic relations and National Minorities in China

Joseph chapters 14, 15.

11. November 20

Hong Kong- Joseph, chapter 16, ; Fewsmith Chapter 7

12. November 27

Taiwan, Joseph, chapter 17

PAPERS DUE

Resources for further research.

The primary academic journal on China is *The China Quarterly* which is available in our library. Students may also wish to consult the September issue of *Current History* which gives a timely update of Chinese affairs. In addition *Issues and Studies; Pacific Affairs; Asian Survey; The Journal of Asian Studies* and the *Journal of Northeast Asian Studies* contain many reputable academic articles on China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. *Journal of East Asia* Other useful sources are the *Asian Wall Street Journal Weekly* and the official Chinese viewpoint is reflected in *the Beijing Review*. For the Taiwan equivalent see *the Taipei Review*. Of course there are now all sorts of useful websites for more contemporary up to date news. Web sources include, The China Daily online published in Beijing [http:// www.chinadaily.com.cn](http://www.chinadaily.com.cn); The People's Daily, www.people.com.cn; The Taipei Times www.taipeitimes.com; you might also wish to consult such sources as *The China Leadership Monitor* www.clm.Hoover.Stanford.edu; There is also a wealth of sources to be found on the Website of the US China Security Review Committee <http://www.uscc.gov> These resources should be checked against what is written in academic journals to gain some perspective on the issues discussed.

Academic Accommodations

For students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Registered PMC students are required to contact the centre (613-520-6608) every term to ensure that the instructor receives your request for accommodation. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs **at least two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations**. If you require accommodation for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodation to PMC by **(November 9th, 2012 for December examinations and March 8th, 2013 for April examinations)**.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;

- using another's data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course's instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

Oral Examination: At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

Grading: Assignments and exams will be graded with a percentage grade. To convert this to a letter grade or to the university 12-point system, please refer to the following table.

Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5
80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

Grades: Final grades are derived from the completion of course assignments. Failure to write the final exam will result in the grade ABS. Deferred final exams are available **ONLY** if the student is in good standing in the course.

Approval of final grades: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Connect Email Accounts: All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via Connect. Important course and University information is also distributed via the Connect email system. It is the student's responsibility to monitor their Connect account.

Carleton Political Science Society: The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. Holding social events, debates, and panel discussions, CPSS aims to involve all political science students in the after-hours academic life at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger University community. Members can benefit through numerous opportunities which will complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, please email carletonpss@gmail.com, visit our website at poliscisociety.com, or come to our office in Loeb D688.

Official Course Outline: The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.