

Fall: 5 courses

Spring: 6 courses

Fall Semester Courses 2018

Contemporary Chinese Politics

Course Number: SA.750.228

Analyzes the domestic politics of the People's Republic of China, with particular emphasis on the reform era. This introductory course covers political history, policy process and institutional issues, leadership, and the challenge of socioeconomic modernization. Focuses on recurrent and substantive policy issues in Chinese politics.

Fall 18, Thursday, 2-4:30 pm, Rome

Andrew Mertha

Chinese Foreign Policy

Course Number: SA. 750.702

Analyzes the evolution of the People's Republic of China's foreign policy. Deals with China's objectives, institutions, instruments of policy, changing alignments, and growing role in the international system. Directs considerable attention to specific policy issues and the policy process.

Fall 18, Tuesday, 6-8:30 pm, Rome

Carla Freeman

The Turbulent Triangle: Taiwan, China, and the United States

Course Number: SA.750.729

Analyzes the economic, political, military and international dimensions of the relationship across the Taiwan Strait and assesses prospects for continued stability or a return to confrontation in the era of Xi Jinping and Tsai Ing-wen. The course examines cross-strait relations as an issue for the United States and Japan. Examines Taiwan's economic and political development. Analyzes Taiwan's politics, political culture and national identity and their impact on cross-Strait relations. Studies Taiwan's unique international status and the diplomacy of a non-recognized government.

Fall 18, Tuesday, 2-4:30 pm, Rome

David Keegan

The Chinese People's Liberation Army and China's Search for Military Power and Security, 1949-Present

Course Number: SA.750.739

This course is designed to provide an overview of the development of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) from the establishment of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in 1949 to the present, and to enable students to analyze Chinese military capabilities, evaluate the ongoing modernization of the PLA, and assess the implications for regional and global security. The course will build a framework for analyzing Chinese military and security developments by focusing on a number of theoretical and practical issues.

Fall 18, Monday, 6-8:30 pm, Rome

Michael Chase

China's Political Economy in Transition

Course Number: SA.750.740

This course examines the political and institutional foundations sustaining China's economic reforms, as well as the consequences of its transition. How does China manage to push for market-oriented reforms without democratizing the authoritarian political system? How does China reconcile communist party ideology with its fast-growing private sector, and with elements of capitalism? How does the state balance the centralization and decentralization of economic policies? How did China's opening for foreign investment and trade influence domestic politics and vice versa? What are the social challenges for sustaining the "China model?" These important questions will be examined through a combination of conceptual frameworks and real world examples.

Fall 18, Monday 2-4:30 pm, BOB

Ling Chen

Spring Semester Courses 2019

U.S.-China Relations

Course Number: SA.750.717

This course examines U.S. policy toward China and specific U.S.-Chinese political, economic, cultural, and security relations, with emphasis on the post-1949 period. It gives special attention to the foreign policy process in each nation, recurrent policy issues and their implications for each nation's behavior, and relations with third parties.

Spring 19

Andrew Mertha

China and International Organizations: Perspectives on China and Global Governance

Course Number: 750.706

The objective of this course is to enable students to develop through reading, discussion, and original research an understanding of China's role within existing international organizations and innovations in aspects of global governance. This course is a research seminar that is structured so that students produce a substantial research paper based on original research. Students are asked to submit a brief description of their preparation for the course and their tentative research proposal to the instructor for review prior to enrollment.

Spring 19

Carla Freeman

China's Economy, Reforms, Performance, and Challenges

Course Number: SA.750.742

By some measures, China now has the world's largest economy. By any measure, China has contributed more to global economic growth over the past decade than any other country. Yet recent and ongoing developments have led to considerable pessimism regarding China's ability to transition to a high income economy. How can we explain China's rapid growth over the past four decades? Is this recent pessimism justified and, if so, what must China do to avoid getting stuck in a middle income trap? Focusing on these questions, this course aims to help students develop a deeper understanding of the Chinese economy.

Spring 19

David Bulman

China's Evolving Financial System

Course Number: SA.750.743

This course focuses on the post-1980 deepening and diversification of China's financial system, the establishing of regulatory institutions, and the integration with global finance. Topics covered include the spread of shadow banking, capital account opening, internationalization of the RMB, and cross-border lending for developmental and market integration purposes by China's development banks and through multilateral institutions.

Spring 19, Thursday, 2:4:30 pm, Rome

Shahid Yusuf

China's National Security Perspectives

Course Number: SA.750.735

Along with China's emergence as a great power, Communist Party leaders in Beijing face a wide range of traditional and non-traditional security challenges. This course examines Chinese perspectives on, and responses to, contemporary national security issues such as North Korea's nuclear program, proliferation more generally, Taiwan and cross-Strait relations, energy security and sea lane protection, space and cyberspace security, and U.S. "rebalancing" to the Asia-Pacific region. Also considered will be security-related budget issues, as well as the responses of others to its rise in such areas as export control policy.

Spring 19, Monday 6-8:30 pm

Michael Chase

Social Origins of Authoritarianism and Democracy in Greater China

Course Number: TBD

This course follows the spirits of Barrington Moore's *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* to compare the development of civil society, contentious politics, and elite conflicts in mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong/Macau since the end of WWII, with an emphasis on the social base, trajectories, and successes/failures of democratization attempts. The course will also cover the growing literature on the question of authoritarian resilience in mainland China, as well as its implications to the wider geopolitical dynamics of the Indo-Pacific.

Spring 19, Tuesday or Thursday

Ho-Fung Hung