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PSC 328.01: Politics of China

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Political Science 328  
Politics of China  

Autumn 1994

Office Hours:  09:00-11:00 MWF, LA 349

Textbooks:  
Lucian Pye, CHINA: AN INTRODUCTION (4th ed)  
June Dreyer, CHINA’S POLITICAL SYSTEM

Course Requirements:  
The study of government and politics in China requires an approach different from that taken with most countries. It is difficult, and not always rewarding, to focus on description of institutions and processes. Hence, the orientation of this course is toward analysis and interpretation of China’s 20th century political experience with particular emphasis upon the transformation of China from a classical monarchy to a modern state.

There will be two one-hour exams. The first will be on September 28 and the second on November 2. Each exam counts for 20% of the final grade. A comprehensive final exam is scheduled for December 17 at 8:00 AM. The final counts for 40% of the final grade. Exams will consist mainly of essay type questions but there will also be some short identification questions. NO EARLY FINALS WILL BE GIVEN!

Additional written work consists of a research paper which should be at least 15 pages long. This paper may deal with any aspect of Chinese politics and public policy since 1900. The mechanics of the paper must follow the Turabian manual of style (fifth edition). Papers which fail to conform to Turabian will be returned for correction. This paper is due no later than December 9. The paper counts for 20% of the final grade. LATE PAPERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON INCLUDING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPUTERS AND WORD PROCESSORS. THEREFORE IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNMENT BEFORE THE DEADLINE. EARLY PAPERS ARE WELCOME!

In order to make the experience of this course as congenial as possible for all concerned, you are asked to observe the following rules. Do not come to class late or depart early. Do not use class time to read the Kaimin, write letters, chat with your neighbors or engage in other activities not related to the course.
TOPIC OUTLINE

I. Foundations of Chinese Politics
   Introduction
   Ideology of the Middle Kingdom
   The Imperial System
   Impact of the West

II. The Chinese Communist Revolution
   A Ship with no Rudder
   The Impact of World War II
   The Communists Seize Power

III. Chinese Communism
   Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought
   The PRC - Phase 1
   The GPCR and After
   The Future of Maoism
   The Four Modernizations

IV. China Enters the 21st Century
   The PRC - Phase 2
   Economics
   The Legal System
   Defense

READING ASSIGNMENT

Pye, Ch. 1-2
Dreyer, Ch. 1
Pye, Ch. 3
Dreyer, Ch. 2
Pye, Ch. 4-5
Pye, Ch. 6
Pye, Ch. 7
Dreyer, Ch. 3
Pye, Ch. 8
Pye, Ch. 9-10
Dreyer, Ch. 4
Pye, Ch. 11
Pye, Ch. 12-13
Dreyer, Ch. 5
Pye, Ch. 14
Pye, Ch. 15
Pye, Ch. 16
Pye, Ch. 17
Dreyer, Ch. 6
Dreyer, Ch. 7
Dreyer, Ch. 8
Dreyer, Ch. 9
Chinese Education                        Dreyer, Ch. 10
Public Policy                            Dreyer, Ch. 11
Politics and the Press                   Dreyer, Ch. 12
Social Issues                           Dreyer, Ch. 13
Global Politics                         Pye, Ch. 18
                                      Dreyer, Ch. 14

Note: September 29 is the last day to drop classes or change grading option.