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Political Science 328  
Politics of China

Autumn 1996  
Office Hours: 10:00-11:00 MWF  
or by appointment  
Office: LA 349

Text: June Dreyer, China's Political System 2nd ed

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 distinctive stages of transformation from a classical monarchy to a modern state.

There will be two one-hour exams. The first will be on October 4 and the second on November 8. Each exam counts for 20% of the final grade. A two-hour comprehensive final exam is scheduled for December 19 from 8:00-10:00. The final exam counts for 40% of the final grade. NO EARLY FINALS WILL BE GIVEN! Exams will consist mainly of essay type questions but there will also be some short identification questions.

Additional work consists of a short paper (8 to 10 pages) and a presentation which address some aspect of contemporary Chinese politics (contemporary means post-World War II.) The presentation should be approximately 10 minutes long. The material of the presentation is a summary of the paper. The paper includes a bibliography of ten items pertinent to the topic. 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. The presentations will take place during the last two weeks of the semester. All papers are due December 1. The presentation and/paper together count 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

READING ASSIGNMENT

I. Foundations of Chinese Politics

Introduction Dreyer, Ch. 1  
The Imperial System Dreyer, Ch. 2  
Impact of the West

II. The Chinese Revolution: Part I

The Republican Era Dreyer, Ch. 3  
Civil War Dreyer, Ch. 4

III. The Chinese Revolution: Part II

Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought  
The Maoist Era Dreyer, Ch. 5  
The Post-Mao Era Dreyer, Ch. 6

First Exam -- October 4

IV. The Institutional Context

Market Socialism Dreyer, Ch. 7  
The Legal System Dreyer, Ch. 8  
The Military Dreyer, Ch. 9  
Education Dreyer, Ch. 10

Second Exam-- November 8

V. Policy Matters

Quality of Life Issues Dreyer, Ch. 11  
Intellectual Freedom Dreyer, Ch. 12  
Social Relations Dreyer, Ch. 13

VI. Foreign Relations

China and Its Neighbors

Dreyer, Ch. 14

China and the US

Final Exam-- December 19 (8:00-10:00)

Note: October 14 is the last day to drop classes or change grading option.