China's Foreign Relations

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**Course Description**

This course provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the international relations of the People’s Republic of China. It will explore a number of important events, including China’s foreign relations since the Cold War as well as contemporary diplomatic, security and economic issues. In particular, this course will provide students some current research in Chinese foreign policy from multiple theoretical perspectives and methodologies.

This course is divided into four parts. It first examines Chinese security policy, including Chinese use of force, policy toward conflicts of interests affecting war and peace, and China’s strategy as a rising power. The second part covers China’s behavior as an actor in multilateral institutions and China’s response to emerging global trends. These topics are relatively new for the field, reflecting the fact that since the late 1980s, China has advanced more rapidly into international institutional life than any other major state moving from a similar position of isolation. Part III will introduce new research on domestic-foreign linkages, considering the impact of trends in public opinion and of Chinese identity on China’s policy toward countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. The final part will be student presentations of their research papers.

**Course Requirements:**

First exam 20%
Final research paper 50%
Presentation and class attendance: 30%

**Grading Scale**

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**Course Information and Policies**
Remarks

1. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Civil Rights Restoration Act, students at Seton Hall University who have a disability may be eligible for accommodations in this course. Should a student require such accommodation, he or she must self-identify at the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS), Room 67, Duffy Hall, provide documentation of said disability, and work with DSS to develop a plan for accommodations. The contact person is Ms. Diane Delorenzo at (973) 313-6003.

2. Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty will be reported to the administration, and may result in a lowered or failing grade for the course and up to possible dismissal from the School of Diplomacy. See university and school standards for academic conduct here:

   http://www.shu.edu/offices/student-life/community-standards/community-standards.cfm

   http://www.shu.edu/academics/diplomacy/academic-conduct.cfm.

Late Assignments and Make-up Policy

All assignments and exams should/must be completed by the date indicated in the syllabus. If for some substantial reason you cannot turn in your assignment or take an exam/quiz at the scheduled time you must/should contact the instructor directly prior to the due date, or test date. Make-up exams will not be given unless exceptional circumstances prevail. The decision whether to grant a make-up is solely at the instructor’s discretion. No one will be allowed to take a make-up for more than one examination. I will generally expect you to take exams early if you are going to miss the regular date.

Group Presentation Overall Grading

The oral presentation project will comprise 30% of your final grade in this course. The oral presentation project is designed for students to capitalize on their creativity while creating a presentation with usable content.

The actual presentation will be graded out of 30% points. 10% is for individual presentation and 20% is for team presentation. Everyone in the group must present some portion of the material, or points will be taken off.

Oral Presentation Evaluation

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**Readings**


**Recommended books:**


**Stay Current.** Stay abreast of current developments through the Asia sections of the Washington Post, New York Times, and other media sources. For the latest developments in China, reading material will be assigned from major news outlets in China that have
English editions, including the People’s Daily, Xinhua news and the central news agency. Also, scan the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Council web sites.

Part 1: Introduction: Theoretical and Chinese security policy

Week 1 (02/Sept/2015)

Introduction

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chat.1. Strategy and Continuity in contemporary Chinese Foreign Policy

Recommended:


Week 2 (09/Sept/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.2. Chinese leadership Priorities: Implications for Chinese Foreign Relations

Recommended:


European Council on Foreign Relations, Special Issue "Explaining China's Foreign Policy Reset" (April, 2015)
Week 3 (09/Sept/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.5. Chinese National Security Policies

Recommended:


Week 4 (16/Sept/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 7. Relations with Taiwan

Recommended:


Part 2: China’s behavior as an actor in multilateral institutions

Week 5 (23/Sept /2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*
Chapt.4. China's Role in the World Economy & International Governance

Recommended:


Week 6 (30/Sept/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War

Chapt.3. Changing Patterns in Decision Making & Int'l Outlook

Recommended:


Yang Jiemian (Shanghai Institutes for Int'l Studies) China's "New Diplomacy" under the Xi Jinping Administration, April, 2015
download from www.worldscientific.com

Week 7 (07/Oct/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War
Chapt.6. Relations with the United States

Recommended:


Week 8 (14/Oct/2015):

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.11. Relations with Russia and Europe

Recommended:


Part 3: Introduce new research: China’s policy toward Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America

Week 9 (21/Oct/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt.8. Relations with Japan and Korea

Recommended:


Week 10 (28/Oct/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 10. Relations with Southern Asia and Central Asia

For the latest developments in China, reading material will be assigned from major news outlets in China that have English editions, including the People’s Daily, Xinhua news and the central news agency. Also, scan the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and State Council web sites

**Recommended:**


Week 11 (04/Nov/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 9. Relations with Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, & the Pacific Islands

**Recommended:**


Week 12 (11/Nov/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War*

Chapt. 12. Relations with the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America

Recommended:

Yun Sun, "Africa in China's Foreign Policy," April, 2014, Brookings

Week 13 (18/Apr/2011)

Robert G. Sutter, Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War

Chapt. 12. Relations with the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America


Week 15 (2/Dec/2015)

Robert G. Sutter, Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy Since the Cold War

Chapt. 12. Relations with the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America

Recommended:

Sam Chester, "China's Relations with the Middle East: A Bibliography, 1950-2012," School of Advanced International Affairs, Johns Hopkins University

Week 16 (9/Dec/2015)

Class Review session

Week 17 (16/Dec/2015)

Final Examination