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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 during 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 major powers. 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. All forms of dishonesty, whether by act or omission including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism and knowingly furnishing false information to the University are prohibited. Intentional disruption or obstruction of teaching, research or administrative proceedings is prohibited. University sanctions may extend to suspension and dismissal.

2. Students who have a physical, medical, learning or psychiatric disability, either temporary or permanent, may be eligible for reasonable accommodations at the University as per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. In order to receive such accommodations, students must identify themselves at the Office of Disability Support Services (DSS), provide appropriate documentation and collaborate with the development of an accommodation plan. The DSS phone number is 973-313-6003. For further information, please go to website at http://studentaffairs.shu.edu/health/DisabilitySupportServices.html.

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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<td>3. Delivery</td>
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Readings


Recommended books:

Johnston A. Iain and Ross Roberts, eds., *New Directions in the Study of China’s Foreign Policy* (Stanford, California, Stanford University Press, 2006).


Part 1: Introduction: Theoretical and Chinese security policy

Week 1 (4/Sep/2014)

Introduction
Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

Chapt. 2. Traditions of Centrality, Authority, and Management in Modern China’s Foreign Relations
William C. Kirby

Recommended:


**Week 2 (11/Sep/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

Chapt.3. Perception and ideology in Chinese Foreign Policy

Steven I. Levine

**Recommended:**


Symposium on Rethinking the Lost Chance in China, *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 21, No. 1 (Winter 1997)


**Week 3 (18/Sep/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

Chapt.4. The Foreign Policy Implications of China’s Economic Development Strategy

Barry Naughton
Recommended:


**Week 4 (25/Sep/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

Chapt.5. Elite Politics and the Development of China's Foreign Relations

Carol Lee Hamrin

Recommended:


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

**Week 5 (2/Oct/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

Chapt.6. China and the International Strategic System

William T. Tow

Recommended:


**Week 6 (9/Oct/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign theory and practice*

Chapt. 7. International Science and Technology and Chinese Foreign Policy, Wendy Frieman

**Recommended:**


October 13-14 Fall Break

**Week 7 (16/Oct/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign Policy: theory and practice*

Chapt. 8. Patterns of Interaction in Sino-American Relations
David Shambaugh

**Recommended:**


Week 8 (23/Oct/2014):

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

*Chapt. 9.* Nationalism and Internationalism: Sino-Soviet Relations
Steven M. Goldstein

**Recommended:**

**Part 3: Introduce new research: China’s policy toward major powers**

Week 9 (30/Oct/2014)

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

*Chapt. 10.* China and Europe: The Significance of a Secondary Relationship
Michael B. Yahuda

**Recommended:**

Week 10 (6/Nov/2014)

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

*Chapt. 11.* China and Africa: Consensus and Camouflage
Philip Snow

**Recommended:**

3. Widows and War: Trend Analysis and Beijing’s Use of Force
Thomas J. Christensen
**Week 11 (13/Nov/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

Chapt. 12. Myth and Reality in China’s Relations with the Middle East
Lillian Craig Harris

**Recommended:**
The Great Wall and the Empty Fortress: China’s Search for Security

1. China’s Place in the World

**Week 12 (20/Nov/2014)**

Thomas W. Robinson and David Shambaugh, eds., *Chinese foreign policy: theory and practice*

Chapt. 13. China as an Asian Power
Harold C. Hinton

**Recommended:**
The Great Wall and the Empty Fortress: China’s Search for Security

4. The American Puzzle

**Part 4: Course summary and final examination**

**Week 13 (4/Dec/2014)**

Course summary

**Week 14 (11/Dec/2014)**

Last class

**Week 15 (18/Dec/2014)**

Final Exam