

## **PLS410: Foreign Policy of China**

**Spring Term, 2010 (Monday & Wednesday, 10:30~11:45)**

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### **Course Description**

PLS410 will deal with historical and contemporary issues related to Chinese foreign policy. It especially focus on and discuss the following themes:

1. Chinese traditional worldview and foreign policy and relations before the 1840s
2. The transformation of Chinese foreign policy during the “Century of Humiliation”
3. The PRC foreign policy from 1949 until the early 1990s
4. Current issues in the PRC foreign policy

**\*Ideally, students enrolled in this course have ever taken HIS280/290 Modern History of China or equivalent courses at AIU or their home institutes. Otherwise, they need to talk with the instructor before being formally enrolled in this course.**

### **Course Objectives**

1. To grasp the historical developments and transformations of China’s foreign policy from the dynastic period until recent years.
2. To deepen her/his understanding of various factors which have shaped and changed China’s foreign policy.
3. To be able to analyze and discuss various historical and contemporary issues related to China’s foreign policy.

### **Classroom Activities**

1. This is a lecture/discussion course.
2. Students are expected to attend every meeting.
3. Students come to class on time
4. Students are required to make presentations on her/his term papers.
5. Students are also expected to raise questions and participate in class discussion actively.
6. Videos may be shown to help student’s understanding of the course.

### **Prerequisites**

None

### **Evaluation**

1. (Cumulative) Final Examination (40%): A Study guide will be provided approximately one week before each exam.

2. Chapter Review (written 30% + oral 10% = 40%): Students will pick up one chapter from the textbook to review. Instructions will be given later.
  3. Class Participation (20%): Students are expected to speak out actively. Silence would never contribute to your participation grade.
- \*Some chances to earn extra points may be given.

### **Course Materials**

TBA.

### **Course Schedule (TENTATIVE)**

Week 1(Apr. 12 & 14)

- I. Course Introduction
- II. What is Foreign Policy?; What Makes Foreign Policy?; Who Makes Foreign Policy?

Week 2(Apr. 19 & 21)

- III. Traditional Chinese Worldview and Diplomatic Institution
- IV. Traditional Chinese Foreign Policy: Case Study 1

Week 3 (Apr. 26 & 28):

- V. Traditional Chinese Foreign Policy: Case Study 2
- VI. Western Impact & Chinese Foreign Policy 1

Week 4 (May. 7)

- VII. Western Impact & Chinese Foreign Policy 2

Week 5 (May. 10 & 12)

- VIII. Chinese Foreign Policy during the RC Period (1910s-20s)
- IX. Chinese Foreign Policy during the PR Period (1930s)

Week 6 (May. 17 & 19)

- X. Chinese Foreign Policy during the RC Period (1940s)
- XI. PRC's Foreign Policy (1949-early 1950s)

Week 7 (May. 24 & 26)

- XII. PRC's Foreign Policy (mid 1950s – early 1960s)
- XIII. PRC's Foreign Policy during the Great Cultural Revolution

Week 8 (May 31 & Jun. 2)

- XIV. PRC's Foreign Policy (1976-1980s)
- XV. CR: Introduction

Week 9 (Jun.7 & 9)

- XVI. CR: Beijing's Incentive Structure
- XVII. CR: "International Status" in Chinese Foreign Policy

Week 10 (Jun. 14 & 16)

XXVIII. CR: National Image Building and Chinese Foreign Policy

XIX. CR: Nationalism and Chinese Foreign Policy

Week 11 (Jun. 21 & 23)

XX. CR: Chinese Foreign Policy in the Age of Globalization

XXI. CR: China's Multilateral Diplomacy in the New Millennium

Week 12 (Jun. 28 & 30)

XXII. CR: China's US Policies

XXIII. CR: Beijing's Policy toward Taiwan during the Reform Era

Week 13 (Jul. 5 & 7)

XXIV. CR: Democracy and Human Rights in Chinese Foreign Policy

XXV. CR: Terrorism and Chinese Foreign Policy

Week 14 (Jul. 12 & 14)

XXVI. China's Policy toward Japan

XXVII. In-Class Discussion

Week 15 (Jul. 21)

XXVIII. Review

**Final Examination (Jul. 26, 10:390-11:45)**



## Course Schedule (Subject to Change)

Week 1 (Apr. 13 & 15)

- I. Course Introduction
- II. What is Foreign Policy?

Week 2 (April. 20 & 22)

- III. Traditional Chinese Foreign Policy 1: worldview & foreign relations in theory
  - IV. Traditional Chinese Foreign Policy 2: Case Study 1
- Reading: some chapters from The Chinese World Order.

Week 3 (Apr. 22 & 24):

- V. Traditional Chinese Foreign Policy: Case Study 2
  - VI. Western Impact & Chinese Foreign Policy
- Reading: some chapters from The Chinese World Order and The Dragon and Foreign Devils

Week 4 (May. 7 & 8)

- VII. ROC Foreign Policy 1: 1910s-20s
  - VIII. POC Foreign Policy 2: 1930s-1940s
- Reading: some chapters from The Dragon and Foreign Devils.

Week 5 (May. 11 & 13)

- IX. PRC Foreign Policy 1: **“Western Theory and Chinese Practice”**(The Dynamics)
  - X. PRC Foreign Policy 2: **“The Foreign Affairs Structure”**(The Dynamics)
- Reading: some chapters from Warren Cohen, The Dynamics of Foreign Policy Decisionmaking in China (hereafter referred as The Dynamics).

Week 6 (May. 18 & 20)

- XI. PRC Foreign Policy 3: **“The Organization of A Bureaucracy and Sectoral Mechanism and Processes”**, **“The Case of the MFA”** (The Dynamics)
  - XII. PRC Foreign Policy 4: **“The Main Actors: The Central Leadership”** (The Dynamic)
- Reading: some chapters from The Dynamics and The Dragon and Foreign Devils.

Week 7 (May. 25 & 27)

- XIII. PRC Foreign Policy 5: **“The Main Actors: Institutions and Individuals”** (The Dynamics)
  - XIV. PRC Foreign Policy 6: **“Changing Dynamics in Foreign-Policy Decisionmaking”** (The Dynamics)
- Reading: some chapters from The Dragon and Foreign Devils.

Week 8 (Jun. 1 & 3)

XV. PRC Foreign Policy 8: **“Beijing’s Incentive Structure”** (China Rising (hereafter referred as CR))

XVI. PRC Foreign Policy 9: **“International Status” in Chinese Foreign Policy** (CR)

Week 9 (Jun. 8 & 10)

XVII. PRC Foreign Policy 10: **“National Image Building and Chinese Foreign Policy”**(CR)

XVIII. PRC Foreign Policy 11: **“Nationalism and Chinese Foreign Policy”** (CR)

Week 10 (Jun. 15 & 17)

XIX. PRC Foreign Policy 12: **“Chinese Foreign Policy in the Age of Globalization”** (CR)

XX. PRC Foreign Policy 13: **“China’s Multilateral Diplomacy in the New Millennium”**(CR)

Week 11 (Jun. 22 & Jul. 24)

XXI. PRC Foreign Policy 14: **“China’s US Policies”** (CR)

XXII. PRC Foreign Policy 15: **“China and Russia”**(Power Shift)

Week 12 (Jun. 29 & Jul. 1)

XXIII. PRC Foreign Policy 15: **“Beijing’s Policy toward Taiwan during the Reform Era”** (CR)

XXIV. PRC Foreign Policy 16: **“Democracy and Human Rights in Chinese Foreign Policy”** (RC)

Week 14 (Jul. 6 & 8)

XXV. PRC Foreign Policy 17: **“Terrorism and Chinese Foreign Policy”** (RC)

XXIV. PRC Foreign Policy 18 : **“China-Japan Relations”** (Power Shift)

Week 15 (Jul. 13 & 15)

XXVI. PRC Foreign Policy 19: “Return to the Middle Kingdom?” (Power Shift)

XXVII. PRC Foreign Policy 20: China and the Global Economic Crisis

**\*Final Study Guide (Jul. 15)**

Week 15 (Jul. 22)

XXVIII. Conclusion & Review

**Final Examination (Jul. 27, 10:30-11:45)**