

SOC375-1: Taiwan Society Today (2004/2008 Curriculum)

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Course Objectives

The objectives of the course are:

1. to understand basic characteristics of Taiwan society
2. to be familiar with kinds of information sources to study today's Taiwan Society

Course Description

Taiwan is a small but highly significant nation because of its political significance to peace and stability in East Asia and role in the global economy. Student will learn the basic characteristics of Taiwan society through discussing such topics as:

- (1) Taiwan in 2009
- (2) Politics
- (3) The issue of national identity
- (4) Cultural diversity in a multi-ethnic society
- (5) Education as a channel of political socialization
- (6) The Cross-straits Relations (China-Taiwan Relations)

Classroom Activities

The Instructor and students read articles on Taiwan society. The instructor explains important concepts and raise questions for students to answer. The instructor also introduces kinds of information sources to understand today's Taiwan society such as newspapers, magazines and websites, so that students can make an individual or group presentation at the late stage of the course.

Prerequisite

None

Evaluation

Individual or Group Presentation 30%

Final Exam 70%

Course Materials

Materials will be distributed by the instructor.

Course Schedule

Apr.	13	T	Introduction
	15	R	Overview: Watching a DVD on the History of Taiwan
	20	T	Overview Watching a DVD on the History of Taiwan
	22	R	Taiwan in 2009
	27	T	Taiwan in 2009
	29	R	National Holiday
May	4	T	National Holiday
	6	R	Taiwan in 2009
	11	T	Issue of National Identity
	13	R	Issue of National Identity
	18	T	Issue of National Identity
	20	R	Issue of National Identity
	25	T	Cultural Diversity in a Multi-ethnic Society
	27	R	Cultural Diversity in a Multi-ethnic Society
Jun.	1	T	Cultural Diversity in a Multi-ethnic Society
	3	R	Cultural Diversity in a Multi-ethnic Society
	8	T	Education and Political Socialization
	10	R	Education and Political Socialization
	15	T	Education and Political Socialization
	17	R	Education and Political Socialization
	22	T	Cross-straits Relations
	24	R	Cross-straits Relations
	29	T	Cross-straits Relations
Jul.	1	R	Pop Culture
	6	T	Pop Culture
	8	R	Pop Culture
	13	T	Students' Presentation (1)
	15	R	Students' Presentation (2)
	20	T	Students' Presentation (3)
	22	R	Students' Presentation (4)
	27	T	Final Exam