

SOC356 Sociology of China
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Online

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Introduction:

Welcome to SOC 356 Sociology of China. This is a 15-week long online course, which runs from January 23rd to May 12th in 2016.

The course will focus on the market reform era from Deng Xiaoping's governance. In post-Mao era, China has changed from a centralized socialist economy to a global market economy. China has undergone a fundamental socio-economic transformation. This course reviews social changes and movements in China after 1978. Over more than half of a century of development, China has experimented with multiple strategies with different results. The course will provide students with a review and analysis of the social, political, cultural and economic development in contemporary China.

Course Goals:

The analytic approach used in this class is mainly sociological. The main course goal is to help students to gain a good understanding of the social changes in contemporary China. Upon successful completion of the course:

1. Student will achieve a better understanding of the conditions and problems in contemporary China's society.
2. Students will be able to compare the different views and positions on social and political issues in contemporary China.
3. Students will be able to critically think about the social changes and movements in China after 1978.
4. Student will improve writing skills to express the knowledge learned.

Required Texts:

Robert E. Gamet, ed. (2012). *Understanding Contemporary China* (Fourth Edition). Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc.

Grading:

Your grade for the course will be based on the following:

		Points	Percentage
Weekly Online Discussion		260 pts (20 pts *13)	46%
Three Assignments		150 pts (50 pts *3)	27%
Term Paper	Research Topic	30 pts	27%
	Final paper	120 pts	
Extra Credits		30 pts	5%
Total points available		590	105%

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is not directly calculated toward your overall grade as this is an online course.

Participation Policy:

Your participation will decide your final grade. Online course gives students flexibility to manage their own schedule. Please avoid missing a discussion, assignment, or an exam. All of these are only available for certain period of time.

Late Submission/Make-up Exam Policy:

If you are unable to or late in submitting an assignment, or paper, contact me as soon as you can before the assignment/paper/exam due date (email is the quickest way to reach me).

Requirements:

Weekly Discussion (participation in Laulima online Forum): There are 13 Discussion Questions (DQs) in this course, one for each week of the course starting the second week. There will be no DQ in the first and final weeks. Since we are not meeting face to face in class, the discussion forum is our main mode of interactions in this course. Each DQ is available Monday, 12:00am through Sunday, 11:59 pm HST of the week. Each week, I will post discussion questions pertaining to the chapter readings for the week. Every student is then required to post their response to the discussion forum **by Sunday midnight, 11:59 PM HST**. Each response should be at least 200–300 words long. The weekly discussion is worth 40% of your total grade.

Assignments: There will be three homework assignments throughout the semester. It is worth 27% of your grade.

Term Paper:

- Identify a current topic or issue and develop a research question(s) (**due week 8**). Use one paragraph to address your topic. Instructor will provide feedback for the topic by the end of week 6. The research topic is worth 30 points.
- The paper shall address a question raised by the textbook, weekly discussions, or documentary posted on Laulima.
- Complete a term paper around 7~8 pages long, double spaced (**due week 15**). The term paper is worth 120 points. The whole term paper is worth 35% of your grade.

Extra credits: There will be extra credit opportunities announced by the instructor online. Each student can earn up to extra 30 points (5%) for their final grade.

Grading Policy:

Letter Grade	Point Value	Percentage Reference
A	521 and above	93% and above
A-	504 - 520	90- 92.9%
B+	487 - 503	87- 89.9%
B	465 - 486	83- 86.9%
B-	448 - 464	80- 82.9%
C+	431 - 447	77- 79.9%
C	409 - 430	73- 76.9%
C-	392 - 408	70- 72.9%
D+	375- 391	67-69.9%
D	336 - 374	60- 66.9%
F	Less than 336	less than 60%

Writing Assistance:

The Writing Center is located at Kuykendall Hall 415. The Writing Center offers free assistance from experienced writers to all UHM students, faculty, and staff with all types of writing. Schedule an appointment with a writing consultant. Students are highly encouraged to make full use of this resource for their writing assignments.

Class Schedule

Week	Topic	Assignment and assessments due	To read
1	- Introduction, brief overview of contemporary China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-introduction by adding your bio to the class introduction No DQ for this week 	- Posted materials on Laulima
2	- Families, Kinship and Relatedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DQ 1 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read chapter 1

3	- Marriage, Intimacy and Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 2 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read chapter 2
4	- Citizenship, Household Registration and Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 3 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read chapter 3
5	- Community Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 4 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm • Assignment 1 due Sunday night 11:59pm 	- Read chapter 4
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 5 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 5
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion, Ritual and Religiosity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 6 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 6
8	- Ethnicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 7 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm • <u>Paper topic due Sunday night 11:59pm</u> 	- Read Chapter 7
9	- Education and the Cultivation of Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 8 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm • Assignment 2 due Sunday night 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 8
10	- Modernity, Youth Identities and Popular Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 9 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 9

11	- Social Class and Stratification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 10 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 10
12	- Regional, Rural-Urban and Within-community Inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 11 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm • Assignment 3 due Sunday night 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 11
13	- The “Women Question” and Gender Inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 12 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 12
14	- Collective Action and Social Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DQ 13 posts due Friday and Sunday nights by 11:59pm 	- Read Chapter 13
15	- <u>Final paper</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Final term paper due Sunday night 11:59pm</u> 	

Academic Honesty:

Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to the following:

- Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty.
- Furnishing false information to any UH official, faculty member, or office.
- Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any UH document, record, or form of identification.

The term “cheating” includes, but is not limited to: (1) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, or examinations; (2) use of sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; (3) the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the UH faculty, staff or student (4) engaging in any behavior specifically prohibited by a faculty member in the course syllabus or class discussion.

The term “plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

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KŌKUA Program:

The KŌKUA Program helps students with any disability-related academic needs. If you feel you need reasonable accommodations because of the impact of a disability, please (1) contact the KŌKUA Program at 956-7511 or 956-7612 in room 013 of the QLCSS; (2) speak with the instructor privately to discuss your specific needs. We will be happy to work with you and the KŌKUA Program to meet your access needs related to your documented disability.

