

**SOC356 Sociology of China**  
**CRN: 97151**  
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**Online**

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**Introduction:**

Welcome to SOC 356 Sociology of China. This is a 10-week long online course, which runs from June 6<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup> 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	160 pts (20 pts *8)	40%
Short Assignments	100 pts (50 pts *2)	25%
Final Paper	140	35%
Extra Credits	20	5%
Total points available	420	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 Lualima online discussion board): There are 8 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 two homework assignments throughout the semester. It is worth 25% of your grade.

## Term Paper:

- Identify a current topic or issue and develop a research question(s) (**due week 5**). No grade will be entered for this one. Instructor will provide feedback for the topic by the end of week 6.
- The paper shall address a question raised by the textbook, weekly discussions, or documentary posted on Lualima.
- Complete a term paper around 8 - 10 pages long, double spaced (**due week 10**). The 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 5 points (5%) for their final grade.

### Grading Policy:

Letter Grade	Point Value	Percentage Reference
A+	392 and above	98% and above
A	372 - 391	93- 97.9%
A-	360 - 371	90- 92.9%
B+	348 - 359	87- 89.9%
B	332 - 348	83- 86.9%
B-	320 - 331	80- 82.9%
C+	308 - 319	77- 79.9%
C	292 - 307	73- 76.9%
C-	280 - 291	70- 72.9%
D+	268 - 279	67-69.9%
D	240 - 267	60- 66.9%
F	Less than 240	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction</li> <li>- China: a geographic preface</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-introduction by adding your bio to the class introduction</li> <li>• No DQ for this week</li> </ul>	- Read chapter 1, 2
2	The historic context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 1 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> </ul>	- Read chapter 3

3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chinese politics</li> <li>- China's economy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 2 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read chapter 4,</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- China beyond the heartland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 3 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read chapter 5</li> <li>- <i>Read chapter 6 (optional)</i></li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International relations</li> <li>- Population growth and urbanization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 4 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> <li>• <b><u>Research topic due Sunday night 11:59pm</u></b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Read chapter 7 (optional)</i></li> <li>- Read chapter 8</li> </ul>
6	Family, kinship, marriage, and sexuality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 5 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> <li>• <b>Assignment 1 due Sunday night 11:59pm</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapter 9</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women and development</li> <li>Religion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 6 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapter 10</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Literature and popular culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 7 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapter 11</li> <li>- <i>Chapter 13 (optional)</i></li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trends and prospects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DQ 8 posts due Sunday nights by 11:59pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapter 12, 14</li> </ul>

10	- <u>Final paper</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Assignment 2 due Sunday night 11:59pm</b></li> <li>• <b><u>Final term paper due Sunday night 11:59pm</u></b></li> </ul>	
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### **Academic Honesty:**

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

- a. Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty.
- b. Furnishing false information to any UH official, faculty member, or office.
- c. 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.

