

## **ECON 3310: ECONOMY OF CHINA**

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### **Course Description**

China today is in a process of remarkable economic and social transformation. This course is designed to enhance your understanding of that process by looking at both economic development and economic transition. We examine around twelve topics that together provide comprehensive coverage of the Chinese economy.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of the course, students

1. Will be able to understand the path and historical background of China's economic development.
2. Will be able to compare, contrast and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of China's economic reforms.
3. Will be able to apply the economic theories introduced in class to the analysis of economic phenomena related to China.

### **Measurement of Learning Outcomes**

1. Students' knowledge of China's economic development and reform will be measured by mid-term and final exams. (LO1, LO2)
2. Students' ability to apply the economic theories to China's economy will be measured by an individual research paper. (LO3)

## **Required Textbook**

There is no required textbook for this course.

## **Supplementary Readings**

Arthur R. Kroeber (2016) *China's Economy: What Everyone Needs to Know*, Oxford University Press.

Barry Naughton (2007) *The Chinese Economy: Transition and Growth*, The MIT Press.

## **Indicative Contents**

### Part I: Legacies and Setting

1. Overview of the Chinese Economy
2. Geographic Setting
3. Historical Background

### Part II: Development

4. Population
5. Labor and Social Security
6. Inequality and Poverty

### Part III: Reforms

7. Rural Reform
8. Urban Reform
9. Fiscal and Taxation Reform
10. Financial Reform

### Part IV: Integration into World Economy

11. International Trade
12. Inward and Outward Investment

## Assessment

Class attendance and discussion	10%
Mid-term exam	20%
Individual essay	30%
<u>Final exam</u>	<u>40%</u>
Total	100%

## Individual Essay

You are required to write an essay on a topic related to China's Economy.

The essay should be between 10 and 30 pages in length (including tables, figures, and references). To ensure consistency, the main text of the essay should comply with the following format:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: 12 point
- Margin: 1 inch all around
- Spacing: 0pt before, 0pt after, double line spacing

You need to submit a softcopy of the essay via VeriGuide. Late submission will have 20% of the mark deducted per 24 hour period or portion of a 24-hour period that it is late. An essay submitted more than 4 days (96 hours) after the due time will receive a zero mark.

## Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty is a serious offense which may result in suspension or expulsion from the university. All relevant university policies regarding academic integrity must be followed.