

ECON5552: Economic Analysis of Public Policy in China

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Course Description

This is a comprehensive course designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the various public policies in modern China. The course covers a wide range of topics, including both economic and social public policies that are pivotal to China's current socio-economic landscape. Throughout the course, students are encouraged to use economic concepts and theories as analytical tools to critically evaluate and analyze these policies. The course aims to equip students with the ability to understand the complexities of public policy formulation and implementation in China and to assess their effectiveness and impact from an economic perspective.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- understand major public policies in China
- apply economic concepts and theories to the analysis of real-world public policy issues

Assessment

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

Required Readings

There is no required textbook for this course. Reading materials can be downloaded and printed from the *Blackboard*.

Supplementary Readings

- Arthur R. Kroeber (2020) *China's Economy: What Everyone Needs to Know*, 2nd edition, Oxford University Press.
- Barry Naughton (2018) *The Chinese Economy: Adaptation and Growth*, 2nd edition, The MIT Press.

Schedule and Topics

Week	Date	Topic
1	Jan 10	Introduction
2	Jan 17	Rural Economy
3	Jan 24	Industrial Economy
4	Jan 31	Regional Economic Policy
5	Feb 7	Fiscal and Tax Policy
6	Feb 14	<i>Chinese New Year Holiday</i>
7	Feb 21	Financial Reform
8	Feb 28	Midterm Exam and International Trade Policy
9	Mar 6	Foreign Direct Investment
10	Mar 13	Population Policy
11	Mar 20	Labor and Human Capital
12	Mar 27	Income, Inequality and Poverty
13	April 3	Housing, Healthcare and Social Security
14	April 10	Final Exam

Individual Essay

You are required to write an essay on a topic related to China's public policy. For example, what is the background of the policy? How did the policy evolve over time? Why is the policy important? What are the advantages and disadvantages of the policy? Do you have any suggestions to improve the policy?

The essay should be around 10 - 20 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 are required to submit a softcopy of the essay via VeriGuide. The deadline for submission is **April 20, 2024**.