Course Syllabus

Introduction to Chinese Economy

Course Description:


Expected Student Outcomes:

The principal objective of this course is to help the students:
1. Grasp the basic knowledge of Chinese economy.
2. Get a further understanding of the driving powers for the economic growth in China.

Students are expected to search and read the materials related to the lectures. The course assessments include one essay (about 2,000 words) on one of the topics related to what the lectures cover. Unless specifically permitted, students should not collude in performing these assignments. Fulfillment of the assignments should be comprehensive and written in proper English.

Course Requirements:

This course requires students to complete the following:
Participation: 20%
Presentation: 30%
Final Exam: 50%

About classroom participation:

While the grade cannot be based on attendance per se, students should plan to be in class and ready to discuss the readings/lectures. Students may be divided into several groups for discussions and presentations at the beginning of the term. Frequent checks on attendance by the lecturer are expected.

About in-class presentation:

Each group of students will conduct a 30-minute PPT presentation and also provide the questions for a 15-minute discussion on the topic provided. The presentation should be informative on one
of the topics about the China’s economy, and creativity is appreciated. Students must send their PPT to the course instructor for evaluation after the presentation, and use a minimum of 3 academic sources (students may use Wikipedia and other online sources as well, but they do not count toward the 3 academic sources). Please include the bibliographic references at the end of PPT presentation).

**Final Exam:**

A written essay about 2,000 words on any topic of China’s Economy will be submitted.

**Policies on late assignments:**

It will be marked down by 0.1 each day for a late turning in an assignment without making prior arrangements.

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

**Lecture 1:** The evolution of China’s economy: from planned economy to market economy  
**Lecture 2:** China's economic restructuring: from Rural to Urban  
**Lecture 3:** China's rural economic system reform  
**Lecture 4:** State-owned economic system reform in China  
**Lecture 5:** China's Individual Economy and Private Economy  
**Lecture 6:** Social Security in China  
**Lecture 7:** China's Market Economy and Government Intervention  
**Lecture 8:** China's Macroeconomic Operation and Regulation  
**Lecture 9:** China’s economy and its legal structure  
**Lecture 10:** Globalization and China’s Economy

**Notes:** Considering that there are many groups, students are welcomed to do the presentations through Lecture 6 to Lecture 10.