The course examines China's post-1949 political and economic development. Special attention is given to the reform era from the late 1970s to the present. The course also addresses the impact of the reforms on society and on the country's relationship with the world.

Requirements:

1. Examinations: There will be a midterm and a take-home final examination. The midterm will be an in-class examination and will be on Monday, February 11. The midterm contains several short essay questions, from which you will select two, and some identifications. The take-home final will have several larger essay questions, two of which you will answer. Questions will be distributed to you on Monday, March 4. Each essay answer should be about three to four pages. Answers to essay questions must be supported by drawing upon both readings and lectures. The due day for the take-home final is Monday, March 18, at 5 p.m.

2. Class Presentation: Each student is required to make one class presentation on one of the assigned readings. The presentation should be about 5-10 minutes and should summarize the major arguments of the reading.

3. Book Review: Each student is required to write a book review on Nanchu's Red Sorrow. The review should be analytical in nature. The review should be four to five pages in length and is due on Monday, February 25.

Required Books: The following books are available for purchase at the OSU Book Store.


Final Grade:
Class Participation = 10%
Midterm = 20%
Class presentation = 10%
Book Review = 20%
Final = 40%
Total 100%

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations, who have any emergency medical information the instructor should know, or who need special arrangements in the event of evacuation, should make an appointment with the instructor as early as possible, no later than the first week of the term. In order to arrange alternative testing the student should make the request at least one week in advance of the test. Students seeking accommodations should be registered with the office of Services for Students with Disabilities.

This syllabus is subject to change.

Week 1--Jan. 7-9 Course Introduction
The Communist Road to Power

* Dreyer, Chapters 1-4.

Week 2--Jan. 14-16 Economic Development and Chinese Politics Under Mao

* Dreyer, pp. 81-97 & pp. 135-44.
* (1/16 (W) in-class video viewing: "The Mao years: 1949-76")
* (Jan. 21 is a holiday)

Week 3--Jan. 23 Mao and the Cultural Revolution

* Dreyer, pp. 98-106.
* Nanchu, Red Sorrow, the entire book.

Week 4--Jan. 28-30 The Politics of Economic Reform

* Dreyer, pp. 145-162.
* (January 30 (W), in-class video viewing, "In Search of China.")

Week 5--Feb. 4-6 Dissent and Limited Political Reform: The Democracy Movement in 1989

* Monday, Feb. 11, Midterm Examination

Week 6--Feb. 13 Reforming the Chinese Legal System

* Dreyer, Chapter 8.
Week 7--Feb. 18-20 The Chinese Military and the Ethnic Minorities

* Dreyer, Chapters 9 & 13.

Week 8--Feb. 25-27 Quality of Life and Gender Issues

* Dreyer, Chapter 11.

Week 9--Mar. 4-6 Education and Chinese Society

* Dreyer, Chapter 10.
* Hessler, River Town, the entire book.

Week 10--Mar. 11-13 China and the World & Concluding Assessments

* Dreyer, Chapter 15.
* Monday, March 18, take-home final due.