The course examines the historical evolution of the U.S.-China relationship. Special attention is given to the close economic ties that have developed between the two countries in recent decades as well as the tensions and conflicts associated with a wide range of issues, including trade and investment, security, political reform, human rights, and .

**Requirements**

1. **Midterm:** The midterm will be an in-class examination and will be on **Monday, May 3.** The midterm will contain two essay questions.
2. **Leading Class Discussion:** Each student is required to lead one class discussion on one of the assigned readings. The discussion should be about 20 minutes.
3. **Research Paper:** Each student is required to write a research paper on a subject concerning U.S.-China relations. Each student should discuss the proposed research topic with the instructor prior to beginning work on the paper. The paper should be 10 pages in length; for graduate students, it should be 15 pages. The paper will be due on **Monday, June 2, 2004 by 5 p.m.**
4. **Class Attendance:** Students are required to attend classes regularly and to participate actively in class discussion. Missing more than three classes will result in a reduction in the final grade.

**Textbooks:**


**Final Course Grade:**

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Course Outline:

All books are on reserve at the Valley Library

Week 1. March 29 & 31: Introduction & U.S.-China Relations: The Age of Imperial Expansion
Cohen, Prologue; Chapter 1.

Week 2. April 5 & 7: U.S.-China Relations: The United States as an Asian Power
Cohen, Chapters 2-6.
April 12 & 14: U.S.-China Relations under Mao
Cohen, Chapter 7.
(April 14, in-class video viewing: Sentimental Imperialists.)
April 19 & 21: U.S.-China Relations during the Golden Years (1984-88)
Cohen, Chapter 8.

Week 3. Kennedy, Chapters 1-3; 6-7.
April 26 & 28: Tiananmen and Political Reform
Cohen, Chapter 9.

Week 4. Kennedy, Chapters 8-10.
(May 3, in-class midterm)

Week 5. May 5: Clinton's New China Strategy and Worries over China
Kennedy, Chapters 11-13; 14-15; 17 & 19.
May 10 & 12: Human Rights
Kennedy, Chapters 5 & 18.
Recommended feature film: The Red Corner, 122 minutes.
Kennedy, Chapters 20-22.

Week 6. Goldstein, the entire book.
Recommended documentary film: Cry of the Snow Lion, 104 minutes.
Recommended feature film: Seven Years in, 139 minutes.
May 24 & 26: and the U.S.-China Relationship
Kennedy, Chapters 4 &16.

Week 7. Romberg, the entire book.
(May 26, in-class video viewing: Dangerous Straits, 60 minutes.)
(May 31 is a holiday)

Week 10. June 2: Conclusion
Class presentation of your research paper (3 to 5 minutes).