



## **CIEE Study Center, Shanghai, China**

**Course number:** EAST 3001 CSHA

**Course name:** China's Economic Reforms

**Term:** Spring, 2007

**Language of instruction:** English

**Course meeting times:** Thursday, 9:00—11:50 A.M., in addition to scheduled fieldtrips

**Course meeting place:** Humanities Building, Room 216, East China Normal University

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**Office hours:** By appointment

**Contact Hours:** Forty-five

**Recommended Credit:** Three

### **Course Description**

This course introduces students to both domestic and international Aspects of China's economy. It explores the political, social, and cultural forces that are shaping China's modernization and how the country's businesses interact with the world marketplace. The course also provides students with the knowledge of processes of reforms in different economic aspects in China and tries to help students to understand the characteristics of Chinese economy.

### **Learning Objectives**

In this course, students are expected to learn the macro and micro economic characteristics of Chinese economy, to understand the economic mechanism in the so called "Socialist Market Economy," and to gain a better understanding of the achievements and challenges that China is facing in its further economic reform and modernization. By the end of the semester, students are expected to analyze the Chinese economy using practical methods appropriate to China's actual current economic situation.

### **Course Prerequisites**

It is highly suggested that students have a foundation in microeconomics and macroeconomics.

### **Course Requirements**

#### **Reading**

Total required readings are 478 pages, and average 43 pages per week.

Each student should finish weekly reading assignments in advance of class. All required readings will be provided in a course reader, and will include all works listed in the below bibliography.

## **Writing assignments**

A research paper is due at the end of the semester analyzing a topic we discussed in class. The paper should be approximately 3,000 words and is due by the end of Week Nine.

All written assignments should be formatted with double line spacing and typed using a 12-point font and include proper footnotes and bibliography of works cited. The preferred citation style for footnotes and bibliography for all written assignments is the Chicago Documentary-Note Style (also called the Chicago Humanities Style). For more information about this style, please consult Kate Turabin, *A manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 6th edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996); or *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 15th edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003). Both books will be on reserve in the CIEE Study Center library. If you need assistance please ask your course instructor or the Resident Director.

## **Midterm exam**

There will be an in-class midterm exam. The exam will be mainly short answer essay questions and will take place in Week Six. Specific instructions about the exam will be announced before Week Four.

## **Oral presentation**

Each student will be asked at least once to make an oral presentation to talk on specific topic discussed in the class or his/her intended paper topic in the class. So the students should be prepared to make such presentation after Week Three.

## **Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to arrive prepared for each class, to have completed the readings assigned in advance, and to remain for the entire duration of each class. Since class preparation and active participation in class is very important to an effective learning community, this will represent 20% of the final grade. Students who miss more than one week of classes will receive a warning from the Resident Director, and students who miss more than two weeks of classes will receive a second written warning sent to the instructor of record and to the study abroad advisor at the student's home institution. Any student who due to unexcused absences misses more than **25%** of classes may receive a grade of **F** and lose credit for the course. Students who miss the first or second hour of class may request the instructor to sign a Tardy Arrival Form and be marked as present for the remaining class hour(s). Students who arrive after the first fifteen minutes of class five times in the semester may be counted as absent once.

## **Optional Area Studies Writing Workshop**

Five extra points will be awarded to any essay or presentation that successfully completes the optional Area Studies Writing Workshop process, including required draft/s, peer-review process, and attendance at the ASWW's 6 meetings. Students who do not want to select this optional workshop may instead choose to satisfy the contact hours associated with their area studies courses by attending the required number of Professional Lecture Series seminars and either 1) the CIEE weekend field trip or 2) all their area studies courses site visits.

## **Methods of Instruction**

Lectures together with student questions and answers will be the main method of instructions. There will also be group discussions following the introduction of important aspects of the course in class. There will also be a fieldtrip during the term.

## **Assessment and Final Grade**

Class Participation:	20%
Midterm Exam:	20%
Oral Presentation:	20%
Research Paper:	40%

Overdue work will be counted down 1% for every day after the original due date.

All coursework must be submitted directly to the instructor of record, unless the student has received other explicit, documented instructions to the contrary. Students are required to keep hard copies of all assignments (every major paper or take home examination) for up to one year after the completion of the program in addition to digital copies.

Neither individual instructors nor the Resident Director have final authority to extend deadlines past the end of the semester, make special arrangements for students to submit late work, or otherwise modify CIEE academic policies. The CIEE Chief Academic Officer is the only person authorized to approve exceptions to these policies.

### **Weekly Schedule**

#### **Week One:**

March 8: An Overview of Chinese Economy  
Required reading: Yeh, 11-54.

#### **Week Two:**

March 15: Rural Reform and Agricultural Development in China  
Reading requirements: Ash, 55-87; Chen, 15-31

#### **Week Three:**

March 22: China's Financial System Reform  
Reading requirements: Allen et al, 1-70

#### **Week Four:**

March 29: Financial System Opening and Capital Account Liberalization  
Reading requirements: Lardy (b), 1-25;  
**Begin oral presentations this week**

#### **Week Five:**

April 5: State-Owned Enterprise Reform  
Reading requirements: Gao and Chi, 37-80; Tenev and Zhang 1-30.

#### **Week Six:**

April 19: Private Enterprises Development in China  
**Midterm Exam**  
Reading requirements: International Financial Corporation, 1-34; Wang, 109-119.

#### **Week Seven:**

April 26: China' Foreign Trade Reform and Development  
Reading requirements: Lardy (a), 217-246

#### **Week Eight:**

May 9: **Field trip to Shanghai Foreign Exchange Trading Centre**  
May 10: China's Foreign Investment and Opening Policy  
Reading requirements: Kuen, 159-216

**Week Nine:**

May 17: Taxation Reform and Government Expenditure

**Research paper due**

Reading requirements: Background material 1-11; Yang, 1-9

**Week Ten:**

May 24: Disparity of income Distribution and Social Security Problem

Reading requirements: Shi et al, 40-50; Wu and Perloff, 1-24

**Week Eleven:**

May 31: Energy Security and Food Security

Reading requirements: Kambara, 217-246; He 93-104; Mao, 105-111

**Week Twelve:**

June 7: Oral presentations for those who have not yet presented

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