

PO222-30 Politics of Contemporary China

20/21

Department

Politics & International Studies

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

30

Module duration

20 weeks

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

Home to nearly a quarter of the world's population with one of the fastest growing and largest economies in the world, China's rise to Great Power status is one of the most important issues in our time. But while the focus on China's international interactions might point to China's increasing power and strength, an analysis of domestic politics reveals a ruling communist party facing continued challenges in justifying its continued monopoly of power, and dealing with the economic and social dislocations that rapid economic development has brought. This module examines the complex political, economic and social transformations in China from the times of Mao Zedong to the present. It starts by embedding the study of the contemporary in a knowledge of China's recent history, with a focus on the consequences of China's revolutionary past for the current political order.

Module aims

Provide students with a thorough overview of how government and politics are organised and function in the People's Republic of China

Introduce students to the complex and distinct nature of Chinese politics, along with their historical and theoretical basis

Locate the theoretical debates on the nature of the Chinese political system within the contexts of both contemporary Chinese politics and modern Chinese history

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

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Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- To be familiar with the main foundations of the Chinese political structure
- To understand the functioning of power in the Chinese party-state
- To have an awareness of the major policy debates in Chinese politics
- To be familiar with a wide range of literature on Chinese politics
- To be able to critically analyse complex ideas, both orally and in writing, with relation to Chinese politics
- To develop IT and research skills through the use of the library and electronic resources
- To develop the ability to work both as a group and independently

Indicative reading list

TBC

Subject specific skills

TBC

Transferable skills

- Communication skills
 - Lateral thinking skills
 - Skills in the distillation and application of complex information and ideas
 - Critical thinking
 - Analytical skills
 - Independent research skills
 - Problem solving
 - Time management
 - Information Technology
 - Skills in academic practice
 - Awareness of, and sensitivity to, diversity
 - Decision making
 - Educational self-awareness skills
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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	22 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Seminars	22 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	256 hours (85%)
Total	300 hours

Private study description

TBA

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group B1

	Weighting	Study time
Online Examination	100%	

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Assessment group C1

	Weighting	Study time
3000 word essay	50%	
Online Examination	50%	
1.5 hour examination (Summer)		

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Feedback on assessment

TBC

[Past exam papers for PO222](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 2 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
 - Year 2 of L100 Economics
- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
 - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
 - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
 - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
- Year 2 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics
- UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
 - Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of UPOA-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)
- Year 2 of UPOA-M162 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods

This module is Option list A for:

- UPOA-M168 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese
 - Year 2 of M168 Politics and International Studies with Chinese
 - Year 3 of M168 Politics and International Studies with Chinese
- Year 2 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
 - Year 2 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
 - Year 3 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French

- UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
 - Year 2 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
 - Year 3 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
- UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
 - Year 2 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
 - Year 3 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
 - Year 2 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian
 - Year 3 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian

This module is Option list C for:

- UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
 - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
 - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
 - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics

This module is Option list E for:

- UPHA-V7MW Undergraduate Politics, Philosophy and Law
 - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law
 - Year 2 of V7MW Politics, Philosophy and Law