

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 350
Course Title Contemporary China and the Chinese World
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Social Science major elective course
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** Second Trimester / Every other academic year

7. **Course Description**

Contemporary society, politics, economics and culture in the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. International relations in Chinese perspective.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- (i) To provide an overview of political, economic and social developments in contemporary China.
- (ii) To examine current trends and issues in Chinese politics and society.
- (iii) To familiarize students with relevant political and academic debates.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction / Post - WWII context	4	Dr. Copeland
2	Mao; political consolidation and control	4	
3	Economics and society : the Great Leap	4	
4	Cultural Revolution	4	
5	PLA as a business conglomerate	4	
6	Review and mid - term evaluation	4	
7	Deng, economic reform and political reaction	4	
8	Film and criticism : Zhang Yimou and Chen Kaige	4	
9	Literature and criticism	4	
10	One country; two systems and the Taiwan problem	4	
11	Contemporary political economy and future prospects	4	
	Total	44	

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lectures, discussions, student term papers, student oral presentations, and independent study projects.

11. Teaching Media

Text materials, handouts, and film resources.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

Evaluation will be undertaken using test scores, presentations and participation in order to establish a standard alphabetical ranking.

13. Course evaluation

A mid - term examination will be used to assess 30% of the total grade. Class participation and papers will be used to assess an additional 30% with the remaining 40% being derived from a final examination.

14. Reference (s)

Barme, G., *Shades of Mao : The Posthumous Cult of the Great Leader*, New York, M.E. Sharpe; and *In the Red*, New York. M.E. Sharpe.

15. Instructor (s)

Dr. Matthew Copeland

16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Matthew Copeland