



**The University of Western Ontario
HISTORY 4611G
International Relations of the
People's Republic of China
Winter 2020
Tues, 9:30-12:30, UC 1225**

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Course Description:

This course will examine the foreign relations of the People's Republic of China from its inception in 1949 through to the present Xi Jinping era. The focus of the course will be on China's political and security relations with global powers, including the Soviet Union/Russian Federation, Japan, India, Iran and the USA. The complexities of international relations will require further attention to spheres of mutual and conflicting influence, including Korea, Vietnam and Pakistan.

Prerequisite(s):

2.0 courses in History at the 2200 level or above.

Course Expectations and Outcomes

Living in this world means understanding that China is a part of it, and that China – its people, government, banks, armed forces – have a seat at the proverbial table. Students enrolled in this course will examine international relations from the Chinese perspective. They will be tasked with explaining how world events of the latter part of the 20th and the early 21st century were been shaped by Chinese influence, and how China adapted to international challenges.

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Course Materials:

John W. Garver, *China's Quest: The History of the Foreign Relations of the People's Republic of China*, Oxford University Press, 2018.

Methods of Evaluation:**Annotated Bibliography (10%)**

The annotated bibliography will be the first step in writing the capstone term paper for the course. Once the student determines the essay topic in consultation with the professor, they will compile a bibliography of ten to fifteen texts (books and academic articles) that relate to the same topic. Each entry is to be accompanied by a paragraph that briefly outlines the position of the author and describes how the text relates to the essay topic.

Essay Proposal (10%)

Building on the Annotated Bibliography, the essay proposal redefines the essay topic, establishes the research question and preliminary thesis, and briefly outlines the draft Research Essay (see below).

Research Essay (50%)

As the capstone assignment for the course, the Research Essay develops the Annotated Bibliography into a comprehensive historiographical discussion and develops the Essay Proposal into a fully articulated scholarly discussion of 25-30 pages in length.

Essay Presentation (10%)

The last class of the term will be treated as a symposium in which students deliver 15-minute presentations of their research papers. Students will be graded on both the content and delivery of their paper.

Professionalism (20%)

This is not a lecture course. Students are expected to arrive in class fully prepared, and to make ongoing contributions to the discussion. To reinforce the atmosphere of professionalism, equal

portions of the Professionalism grade will be assigned to attendance, preparation (judged on the basis of a short weekly quiz), and participation.

Additional Statements

Academic Offences:

Scholastic Offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitute a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Accessibility Options:

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website:

www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html

Medical Issues

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Please go to:

https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/medical_accommodations_link_for_OOR.pdf

to read about the University's policy on medical accommodation. In the event of illness, you should contact Academic Counselling as soon as possible. The Academic Counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not accommodation should be requested. They will subsequently contact the instructors in the relevant courses about the accommodation. Once the instructor has made a decision about whether to grant an accommodation, the student should contact his/her instructors to determine a new due date for tests, assignments, and exams.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical_accommodation.html

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate

and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offense (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

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The following rules pertain to the acknowledgements necessary in academic papers.

A. In using another writer's words, you must both place the words in quotation marks and acknowledge that the words are those of another writer.

You are plagiarizing if you use a sequence of words, a sentence or a paragraph taken from other writers without acknowledging them to be theirs. Acknowledgement is indicated either by (1) mentioning the author and work from which the words are borrowed in the text of your paper; or by (2) placing a footnote number at the end of the quotation in your text, and including a correspondingly numbered footnote at the bottom of the page (or in a separate reference section at the end of your essay). This footnote should indicate author, title of the work, place and date of Publication and page number. Method (2) given above is usually preferable for academic essays because it provides the reader with more information about your sources and leaves your text uncluttered with parenthetical and tangential references. In either case words taken from another author must be enclosed in quotation marks or set off from your text by single spacing and indentation in such a way that they cannot be mistaken for your own words. Note that you cannot avoid indicating quotation simply by changing a word or phrase in a sentence or paragraph which is not your own.

B. In adopting other writer's ideas, you must acknowledge that they are theirs.

You are plagiarizing if you adopt, summarize, or paraphrase other writers' trains of argument, ideas or sequences of ideas without acknowledging their authorship according to the method of acknowledgement given in 'A' above. Since the words are your own, they need not be enclosed in quotation marks. Be certain, however, that the words you use are entirely your own; where you must use words or phrases from your source; these should be enclosed in quotation marks, as in 'A' above.

Clearly, it is possible for you to formulate arguments or ideas independently of another writer who has expounded the same ideas, and whom you have not read. Where you got your ideas is the important consideration here. Do not be afraid to present an argument or idea without acknowledgement to another writer, if you have arrived at it entirely independently. Acknowledge it if you have derived it from a source outside your own thinking on the subject.

In short, use of acknowledgements and, when necessary, quotation marks is necessary to distinguish clearly between what is yours and what is not. Since the rules have been explained to you, if you fail to make this distinction, your instructor very likely will do so for you, and they will be forced to regard your omission as intentional literary theft. Plagiarism is a serious offence which may result in a student's receiving an 'F' in a course or, in extreme cases, in their suspension from the University.

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Accommodation for missed midterms with a Self Reported Absence:

Students with an approved absence from an in-class test will be required to write a makeup test on one of the two time slots available.

- Tests scheduled before February 14th – the makeup will take place Monday, February 24th at 9am.
- Tests scheduled between February 25th and March 25th – the makeup will take place Friday, March 27th at 1pm.

Students who fail to write a makeup test in one of these two time slots will receive a grade of zero.

Students should be aware that course professors may not be available to respond to questions during the makeup test slots.

Accommodation for missed assignment deadlines with a Self Reported Absence:

If a student reports a SRA for an assignment (i.e. an essay) the new due date will be 72 hours after the SRA has been completed. For example, if you complete a SRA on March 19th at 3pm, your new due date will be March 22nd at 3pm.

Support Services

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western, http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

Use of Electronic Devices

Electronic devices are not permitted in examinations.

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If you have any further questions or concerns please contact, Heidi Van Galen, Administrative Officer, Department of History, 519-661-2111 x84963 or e-mail vangalen@uwo.ca.