

# Governemnt and Politics of China

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**Course prefix:** INTA

**Course number:** 3230

**Section:** A

**CRN (you may add up to five):**  
93695

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**Instructor Last Name:** Wang

**Semester:** Fall

**Academic year:** 2025

**Course description:**

This course aims at examining the main aspects of Chinese politics—how the People’s Republic of China (PRC) is politically organized and governed. The emphasis will be a historical and comparative description of the governmental institutions, political culture, and political party—the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). We will also discuss and assess the CCP-PRC government’s policy-making in the areas of the economy, sociocultural affairs, disease-control, and foreign policy. The aim is to understand the internal sociopolitical structure and dynamics of the PRC as a rising world power, representing an

**Course learning outcomes:**

This course should direct students toward a broad Orienting Question:

How do I understand human experiences and connections?

Completion of this course should enable students to meet the following Learning Outcome:

Students will effectively analyze the complexity of human behavior, and how historical, economic, political, social, or geographic relationships develop, persist, or change.

Course content, activities, and exercises in this course should help students develop the following Career-Ready Competencies:

- Intercultural Competence
- Perspective-Taking
- Persuasion

**Required course materials:**

William A. Joseph ed., *Politics in China: An Introduction*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Oxford University Press. 2019 (Joseph)

Fei-Ling Wang, *The China Order: Centralia, World Empire, and the Nature of Chinese Power*, SUNY Press, 2017 (Wang I)

Fei-Ling Wang, *The China Record: An Assessment of the People's Republic*. SUNY Press, 2023 (Wang II)

**Grading policy:**

Requirement	Marks	(%)
Participation/Attendance	200	20
First test	300	30
Presentation	200	20
Second test	300	30
Total	1,000	100

**Attendance policy:**

Two unexcused absences will incur penalty.

**Academic honesty/integrity statement:**

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.

**Core IMPACTS statement(s) (if applicable):****This is a Core IMPACTS course that is part of the Social Sciences area**

Core IMPACTS refers to the core curriculum, which provides students with essential knowledge in foundational academic areas. This course will help students master course content, and support students' broad academic and career goals.