

City University of Hong Kong
Course Syllabus

offered by Department of Asian and International Studies
with effect from Semester A 2021/22

Part I Course Overview

Course Title:	China and the Developing World
Course Code:	AIS5048
Course Duration:	One semester
Credit Units:	3
Level:	P5
Medium of Instruction:	English
Medium of Assessment:	English
Prerequisites: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	N/A
Precursors: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	N/A
Equivalent Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	N/A
Exclusive Courses: <i>(Course Code and Title)</i>	N/A

Part II Course Details

1. Abstract

China and the Developing World reviews key debates on China's relations with the 'developing world'. The course will start with an introductory lecture reviewing China's international engagement since 1949 and framing some of the main themes in China's contemporary relations with Asia, Africa and Latin America. The subsequent lectures will revolve around a key question or topic that will be explored through a brief lecture, a discussion of the assigned readings, and a debate. Students are expected to read all the required materials before attending the class. The course is designed to encourage critical thinking, independent work and active participation in discussions and debates.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

(CILOs state what the student is expected to be able to do at the end of the course according to a given standard of performance.)

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)	Discovery-enriched curriculum related learning outcomes (please tick where appropriate)		
			A1	A2	A3
1.	Identify key debates about China's engagement with developing countries around the world		√	√	
2.	Use a comparative framework to understand China's international relations within wider socioeconomic and cultural contexts		√	√	
3.	Appraise the links between China's domestic challenges and the international activities of diverse Chinese entities.		√	√	
4	Explain China's foreign relations shape the world and how the engaging countries shape the outcome		√	√	√
		100%			

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to self-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

(TLAs designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs.)

TLA	Brief Description	CILO No.				Hours/week (if applicable)
		1	2	3	4	
1	Lectures: the instructor will introduce the subject matter and review key issues and cases	√	√	√	√	
2	Short assignment: students will comment and discuss them during class	√	√	√	√	
3	Presentation: students will use relevant materials to investigate a topic and present in class	√	√	√	√	
4	Take-home examination: students will be examined on the major literature and concepts discussed in lectures	√	√	√	√	

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities (ATs)

(ATs are designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs.)

Assessment Tasks/Activities	CILO No.				Weighting	Remarks
	1	2	3	4		
Short assignments	√	√	√	√	30%	
Presentation	√	√	√	√	20%	
Take-home examination	√	√	√	√	50%	
					100%	

5. Assessment Rubrics

(Grading of student achievements is based on student performance in assessment tasks/activities with the following rubrics.)

Assessment Task	Criterion	Excellent (A+, A, A-)	Good (B+, B, B-)	Fair (C+, C, C-)	Marginal (D)	Failure (F)
1. Short assignments (30%)	Short assignments are aimed at testing students' understanding of the weekly readings.	Excellent understanding of weekly readings	Good understanding of weekly readings	Adequate understanding of weekly readings	Limited understanding of weekly readings	Inadequate understanding of weekly readings
2. Presentation (20%)	Presentation requires capacity to persuade, critical thinking, and detailed research of a topic.	Excellent capacity to persuade, critical thinking, and detailed research of a topic.	Good capacity to persuade, critical thinking, and detailed research of a topic.	Adequate capacity to persuade, critical thinking, and detailed research of a topic.	Limited capacity to persuade, critical thinking, and detailed research of a topic.	Inadequate capacity to persuade, critical thinking, and detailed research of a topic.
3. Take-home examination (50%)	Ability to present an argument with sophisticated theoretical arguments and empirical evidence.	Excellent ability to defend an argument with sophisticated theoretical arguments and empirical evidence.	Good ability to defend an argument with sophisticated theoretical arguments and empirical evidence.	Adequate ability to defend an argument with sophisticated theoretical arguments and empirical evidence.	Limited ability to defend an argument with sophisticated theoretical arguments and empirical evidence.	Inadequate ability to defend an argument with sophisticated theoretical arguments and empirical evidence.

Part III Other Information (more details can be provided separately in the teaching plan)

1. Keyword Syllabus

(An indication of the key topics of the course.)

Chinese foreign policy, foreign direct investment, trade, finance, development cooperation, Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia, human rights, the 'Chinese model', non-intervention foreign policy, peaceful rise, migration, overseas special economic zones.

2. Reading List

2.1 Compulsory Readings

(Compulsory readings can include books, book chapters, or journal/magazine articles. There are also collections of e-books, e-journals available from the CityU Library.)

Nil

2.2 Additional Readings

(Additional references for students to learn to expand their knowledge about the subject.)

Nil

Recommended Reading

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