

ECONOMICS OF CHINA
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General Information:

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Registration:

You are responsible for ensuring you are registered in the correct courses. If you are not registered in this course, the Department will not release any of your marks until your registration is corrected. You may check your timetable by using the Login on the Student Services website at <https://student.uwo.ca>. If you notice a problem, please contact your home Faculty Academic Counsellor immediately.

Prerequisite Note:

The prerequisites for this course are **Economics 1021A/B and Economics 1022A/B**, or **Economics 2001A/B**. The antirequisite is Economics 3311F/G.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites, and that you have not taken any anti-requisite courses. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as a basis for appeal. If you are found to be ineligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. This decision cannot be appealed.

If you find that you do not have the course prerequisites, it is in your best interest to drop the course well before the end of the add/drop period. Your prompt attention to this matter will not only help protect your academic record but will ensure that spaces become available for students who require the course in question for graduation.

Course Objectives:

The aim of the course is to teach about the economy of the People's Republic of China, with emphasis on the recent reform period (1980s to the present). It will critically examine China's remarkable economic performance and place this performance in historical and comparative

context. The course investigates topics related to China's economic structure, institutions, public policy, and current events.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Students will learn the main features of China's economy and economic development.
- Students will gain experience using economic models and methods through their application in the analysis of China's economy.
- Students will gain skills in independent learning and research, specifically, how to interpret Chinese data and statistics; how to read and evaluate reports and research about China.

Textbook and Reading Assignments:

The course **Reading List** will be posted on OWL. Reading assignments are an essential part of the course and will include chapters from the textbook as well as other items. Students are required to complete all the required readings on the **Reading List** and are encouraged to read the recommended and optional readings.

The textbook is *The Chinese Economy* (SECOND EDITION) by Barry Naughton. Copies are available at the UWO bookstore.

Grading and Course Requirements:

Course requirements include (1) short quizzes, (2) a midterm exam, and (3) a final exam. The course mark will be calculated as follows:

- 25% short quizzes (the quiz with the lowest mark will be dropped)
- 35% midterm exam
- 40% final exam

(1) **Short quizzes:** During the term I will give 4 or 5 short quizzes. The quiz with the lowest mark will be dropped. The quizzes will be 15-20 minutes long and consist of multiple choice and short answer questions. The purpose of the quizzes is to facilitate class discussion and learning on selected topics. A week or two before each quiz, I will hand out a list of readings and discussion questions. On the day of the quiz, the class will take a quiz related to the readings, discussion questions, and sometimes other course material, after which we will have a class discussion on the selected topic. The timing of the quizzes/discussions will depend on how quickly we progress through the course material.

(2) **Midterm exam:** The midterm exam will be based on the lectures and readings up until the date of the exam. It will contain a mixture of multiple choice, short answer and perhaps essay questions. It is tentatively scheduled for October 21. It will be held during class.

(3) **Final exam:** The final exam will be based on the lectures and readings and cover the entire term, but emphasizing material covered after the midterm. It will contain a mixture of multiple choice, short answer, and perhaps essay questions. Date/place TBA.

All quizzes and exams are closed book. Dictionaries are not allowed during quizzes and exams. Use of any sort of electronic device (cell phones, iPods, iPads, laptops, calculators, smart watches, etc.) is also not allowed. Possession of printed materials, notes, or electronic devices during a quiz or exam will be treated as a scholastic offence.

There will be no make ups for the quizzes and midterm exam. A missed quiz or midterm exam will receive a mark of zero. These policies will apply except in extraordinary circumstances that receive approved accommodation in accordance with Department and University policies (see **Policy on Tests, Final Exams and on Missed Academic Responsibilities** below). In such cases, the marks will be reweighted.

Important Dates

Mon., Sept. 9	First class meeting
Mon., Oct. 14	Thanksgiving—no class
Mon., Oct. 21	Midterm exam (tentative)
Mon & Wed, Nov. 4, 6	Fall Reading Week—no class
Wed., Dec. 4	Last class
TBA	Final exam

Course Outline (*tentative*)

- I. Introduction (1 week)
- II. China's Economic Performance (2-3 weeks)
- III. Initial Conditions (1 week)
- IV. China's Development Strategy (2 weeks)
- V. Population and the Economy (1 week)
- VI. Ownership (2 weeks)
- VII. Income Distribution and Poverty (1 week)
- VIII. Foreign Economic Relations (1-2 weeks)

Copyright:

Lectures and course materials, including power point presentations, outlines, and similar materials, are protected by copyright. Students may take notes and make copies of course materials for their own educational purposes. Students may not record lectures, reproduce (or allow others to reproduce), post or distribute lecture notes, wiki material, and other course materials publicly and/or for commercial purposes without written consent.

Please Note

Department Policies for 2019-2020

Remember that the University expects all students to take responsibility for their own Academic Programs. Students should also check their registration to ensure they are enrolled in the correct courses.

1. Guidelines and policies for the Faculty of Social Science and the Department of Economics are posted online in the current Western Academic Calendar at:
<http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca>.
2. Students must familiarize themselves with the “Rules of Conduct for Examinations”
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/administration.pdf.
3. **Cheating as an academic offence:** Students are responsible for understanding what it means to “cheat”. The Department of Economics treats cheating incidents very seriously and will investigate any suspect behavior. Students found guilty will incur penalties that could include a failing grade or being barred from future registration in other Economics courses or programs. The University may impose further penalties such as a notation on an official academic transcript, suspension or expulsion.
4. **Plagiarism:** Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. When taking an idea/passage from another author, it must be acknowledged with quotation marks where appropriate and referenced with footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is an academic offence (see Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Western Calendar at http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

Western University uses software to check for plagiarism and students may be required to electronically submit their work. Those found guilty will be penalized as noted in point 3.

5. It is a Department of Economics policy that **NO** assignments be dated, stamped or accepted by staff. Students must submit assignments in class or to the instructor during office hours.
6. When appealing a mark, students should refer to the Student Academic Appeals section in the current Western Academic Calendar at:
http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14
Please note the relevant deadlines.

The Department will not consider an appeal unless an attempt has been made to settle the matter with the instructor first. Students who remain dissatisfied with the outcome may proceed with a written appeal (e-mails are not acceptable) to the Undergraduate Director in Economics, stating the reasons for their appeal. A checklist is provided at:
http://economics.uwo.ca/undergraduate/program_counselling/responsibilities_policies.html#appeals.

7. Systematic adjustments of a class grade distribution (either up or down) can occur in Economics courses. The fact that grades have been adjusted is **not** grounds for an appeal.
8. Note the following add and drop deadlines:

Deadline to <u>add</u> a first term half course:	Wednesday September 13, 2019
Deadline to <u>drop</u> a first term half course:	Tuesday November 12, 2019
9. Faculty of Social Science policy states that oversleeping or misreading an exam schedule is NOT grounds for a makeup. This rule applies to midterm and final exams in the Department of Economics.

Policy on Tests, Final Exams and on Missed Academic Responsibilities

Students who proceed to write a test or examination must be prepared to accept the mark. Rewriting tests or examinations, or retroactive reweighting of marks, is **not** permitted. Students must book travel arrangements AFTER final exam dates have been posted; travel is not an acceptable excuse for absence from a final exam.

Students who are temporarily unable to meet academic requirements due to extenuating circumstances can follow Western University procedures to request academic consideration through the following routes:

- a) Submit a Self-Reported Absence form if the conditions for submission are met (e.g., only for exams or assessments worth 30% or less of the course mark; not applicable to final exams; maximum 2 self-reported absences per academic year; see [link](#) for full list of conditions and info).

If the conditions for submission of a Self-Reported Absence form are not met, then:

- b) For medical absences, submit a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner along with a request for academic consideration to Academic Counselling in the student's home Faculty (see [link](#) for full info) ; or
- c) For non-medical absences (e.g., religious or compassionate), submit appropriate documentation to Academic Counselling in the student's home Faculty (see [link](#) for full info).

It is strongly recommended that students notify their instructors as soon as possible. University policy is that students **must** communicate with their instructors no later than **24 hours** after the end of the period covered by either the self-reported absence or SMC, or immediately upon their return following a documented absence. Failure to follow University policy and procedures may result in denial of academic accommodation and a grade of zero. Students should also set up an appointment to meet with their instructor as soon as possible. If the instructor is not available, send an email message, copying the Undergraduate Coordinator at econugrd@uwo.ca.

Note: Academic consideration is not normally intended for long-term, recurring absences, an existing disability, or high levels of stress related to academic performance. In such cases, students should consult their academic counsellor. See [link](#) for full information. In all cases, if the documentation submitted to request academic consideration is not acceptable, students will receive a grade of zero for the missed test, exam, or assignment.

For full information about Western University's policies and procedures for student absences and requests for academic consideration, please visit this [link](#).

Policies Regarding Academic Accommodation

The Faculty of Social Science's policies regarding academic accommodation is found at http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/having_problems/index.html.

"Academic Rights and Responsibilities" are also outlined in the Western Calendar at <http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>. Claiming that "you didn't know what to do" is not an acceptable excuse for not following the stated procedures.

Policy Regarding Class Attendance

If the instructor deems a student's class attendance as unsatisfactory, that student may be prohibited from writing the final examination. If there is intent to make use of this University policy, the student will be notified in writing.

Statement on Mental Health and Support Services

Students under emotional/mental distress should visit http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/ for more information and a complete list of resources on how to obtain help.