COURSE DETAIL

CHINA TODAY
Country Hong Kong
Host Institution Chinese University of Hong Kong
Program(s) Chinese University of Hong Kong
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Asian Studies
UCEAP Course Number 34
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title CHINA TODAY
UCEAP Transcript Title CHINA TODAY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description
This course addresses a host of issues that are salient in understanding China and its position in the contemporary world. It is primarily informed by an anthropological perspective that is particularly good at making sense of macro-level issues through studying day-to-day details and processes in a small locale. The course also draws from disciplines other than anthropology—for example, history—and some of the finest journalist writings on China. The overall intention is to provide a well-rounded and nuanced understanding of China today. This course starts with examining China's revolution-packed modern history and the making of the powerful Communist Party. The course covers classical anthropological topics on family, kinship, religion, education, ethnicity, identity, and morality. While anthropological holistic and comparative perspective reflect on Chinese culture with alternative views, this course also addresses how these cultural and social institutions interact with global processes such as modernization and late capitalist development. The class does so by introducing emerging social concerns including unofficial culture, the popularization of religion, environmental challenges, sexuality and LGBTQ identities, and mental health and the pursuit of happiness.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Anthropology

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