



China Field Study

Summer Course

2006/7 Course Programme

POLS 359: CRN 14704 / INTP 359 CRN 14705

24 POINTS [3/3]

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Prerequisites: 44 pts from POLS/INTP 200-299 and permission from the course coordinators

Restrictions: INTP 359 and POLS 359 against each other

Limitations: 30

Timetable/Location: Full time 3 weeks in Beijing, China, in late November and early December 2006; and Tuesday and Thursday 2-4 in Wellington in the last two weeks of Trimester 3.

The course will be offered full time for 3 weeks from 20th November based in Beijing, China and for 2 weeks from 29 January 2007 based in Wellington at VUW. The final date for the submission of the research essays is 8 February 2007.

Course Content

A study of Chinese politics with special emphasis on how government and politics function in practice in China, this summer course has two components:

Part I: Students will have this part of the course at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL), Beijing, China. Lectures, given in English by staff from CUPL, will introduce students to the politics and government of China. Topics include the structure and functions of the central government, the Chinese Communist Party, the National People's Congress, the Supreme Court, the public administration system, the military, municipal government, the neighbourhood system, the electoral system, civil society, China's foreign policy and issues of international relations and regional security.

Lectures will take place in the morning. In the afternoon, students are organised to visit and have discussions with people at sites such as the National People's Congress, the Supreme Court, the Foreign Ministry, the National Union of Women, the National Communist Youth League, branches of local government and the Communist Party, as well as at other politically significant sites such as the Great Wall, the Imperial Palace, Tiananmen Square, etc.

Part II: *Extended Seminar and Research Essay*. Two weeks at VUW before the summer trimester ends. An in-class test will be given at the beginning of the extended seminar on the material covered in the lectures and visits at CUPL in Beijing. In addition, students will be asked to give a presentation on a topic covered during at CUPL. Finally, students will write up a 4000 word essay which is on a topic developed during and arising from Part I; the essay is to be submitted at the end of the course (in February).

At the end of the course, students will be issued a CUPL certificate of study for the course.

Assessment: 100% internal assessment: in-class test 20%; seminar presentation 20%; research essay 60%

Set Texts: Tony Saich, 2005. *Governance and Politics of China*, Palgrave.

Course costs: The cost of this course includes a special fee of \$3,500, plus the normal course fee for a 300-level course at Victoria University of Wellington. The special fee covers return airfare to Beijing, room and board at CUPL, course costs charged by CUPL and other costs for on-site visits in Beijing. Students will need to have enough of their own funding for spending money, and any additional travel they may wish to do.

There is an initial \$500 deposit, to be paid on the day of enrolment. The remainder of the special fee (**\$3,000**) is due by 1 October 2006. If the balance of the special fee is *not* paid in full by this date, it may be necessary to cancel a student's provisional place in the course, with the loss of the \$500 deposit.

Application and Selection Process: This course is double listed as POLS 359 and INTP 359. Students may apply for either one of them. (There is no difference between the two whatsoever). Application forms will be available from the course coordinators and applications will be due by **15 August 2006**. Personal motivation and commitment are factors in admission to the course as judged by an additional pre-enrolment application form.

About 20-30 students can be accepted for this course in any year. Selection for entry into this course will be judged on the following criteria:

- Enrolment as a 300-level POLS/INTP major, normally in the final year of the degree; or Enrolment as a POLS/INTP 400-level student. In special cases students with particular interests in aspects of Asian studies.
- Relevance to a student's overall course of study.
- Academic ability. ***Please attach a copy of your Academic Transcript. This does not have to be formal; just a list of your grades will do.***
- Personal motivation, as set forth in your statement with the application form.

Enrolment Procedure: Students are asked NOT to formally enrol through the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences for this course until their acceptance into the course by the course coordinators has been confirmed. Accepted Students are required to enrol and pay the \$500 deposit on 13 September, 2006. Your deposit will not be returned to you if you would decide to withdraw from the course after the enrolment.